

8, 9 February 2014 * Sunday of the Priest



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“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”

Pope John XXIII

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m., * Sunday 10:00 a.m. * Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel
The Miraculous Medal and the St Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, Please call Fr. Larry.
- Confessions:** A Half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies, emergencies, and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** Call the Office
- Marriage:** Call the Office **6 months** before you finalize a date for your wedding and book your reception.

***Suggested donation** for the Sanctuary Candles, St. Jude Chapel \$20, St Joseph Church \$20, for the Altar Bread, \$25, and the Wine, \$25.
Suggested offering for Liturgies: \$10 for weekdays - \$15 for weekends.

Choir Director:	Fefa Deeb	Sacristans:	Yvonne Nemer, Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale
Teachers	DRE: 3-5 th Lenore Boles K-1st Rosanna Joseph 2nd Jane Lee		
Parish Council:	David Elias, Frank Griffin, David Lee, Rosanna Joseph, Kevin Michaud, Lowell Hawes, Aaron Rowden, Lisa Grard, Elizabeth Wilson & Sheila Bonenfant		
Ex-officio:	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

Luke 12:42-48

“Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

God’s world is not like ours. In His Kingdom creation is protected from evil. By Jesus coming into our

world He tells stories about what happens in our world because of our decisions. He allows us to exist, even when we choose to harm and destroy. Jesus tells a hypothetical story about faithfulness and acting in a wise, prudent and rational way. He certainly does not want us to form an image of a God who personally picks someone who will beat others so they will get beat later. However, in our world this happens constantly. It happens throughout the world. This gospel has a universal message for everyone; it was chosen for the Sunday of the Priests as a reminder that more is expected from a Catholic priest than any other profession; even clergy of other faiths. The more we proclaim the truth, the more the false (evil) one will attack. Evil always seeks the greatest harm possible.

Who is raising their children faithfully and prudently? Whose children have the values to be a prudent and faithful priest? We live in an environment in which makes it very easy to see God only as a passive spectator of our interests and a few selective quotes added on to give the illusion that we are still following Him.

In this story the manager is torn to pieces. In a different manner in portions of the world where the church fails to practice faithful and prudent behavior, the church is being torn to pieces. The tendency of projecting the sins of a few on the majority of a certain group is universal.

Even though this story is theoretical, the feelings are real. We all feel anger and torn up inside when we feel mistreated. We can feel this in the most private and public areas of our life.

Shame and power often overrides prudent decisions. The Church in many places is suffering from the effects of the sexual abuse scandal. Even though the same percentage of abusers is found in all institutions, because the Catholic Clergy are held to higher moral standards than others, we are treated with far more scrutiny and anger. As today's Gospel says, we will be beat more severely, especially by the media. As in the private and public life, repentance brings salvation.

What Jesus reveals to be true is not dependent on our ability to live it. When we live His message we make it easier for others to believe it. The more fertile we make the seed planted the more likely it will take root. Throughout the week, our knowledge, or lack of knowledge of the faith influences those around us in whether to also live it or deny it; to be indifferent or on fire with zeal. **Aboona**

If you know how to forgive, you prepare for yourself many graces from God.

~St. Faustina Kowalska

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Heal Your servants, who are sick,
O Lord, and send them help
And comfort from Your holy place.*

Those who seek our prayers: **Theresa Clark, Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, Kendra Maroon, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed

See someone new? Make them feel at home, and hopefully they will call it their home. There is no such thing as outsiders.

Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, no food or drinks in church, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: 2/9 School Subsidy

Liturgy: Sunday of the Priests

Entrance chant: Pg. 148, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Sixtus Pg. 856

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 8 4:00 p.m.

BD Sally Derosby

By James & Nancy Jurdak

Sun 9 10:00 a.m. FEAST OF ST MARON

† **Gerard Nadeau**

By the Nadeau Family

When the servers go to the side altar, those who will be carrying the gifts may go at this time.

Mon 10 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 11 9:00 a.m.

† **Lucille Maroon**

By Paul & Steven Maroon

Wed 12 9:00 a.m.

† **Georgette Veilleux**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Thu 13 9:00 a.m.

† **Gerry Joseph**

By Wayne & Charlotte Thomas

Fri 14 10:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 15 4:00 p.m.

† **Armand Brouillard**

By Gerard E. Brouillard

Sun 16 10:00 a.m.

† **Deceased Parents**

By Pearley & Alice Lachance

Valentine Dance: We are holding a **Valentine Dance** in the Church Hall on Saturday, February 15 from 7-10 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person. The dance will feature a Middle Eastern band and also American music. Please feel free to bring your own snacks. Tickets are available from Sub-Deacon Steve Crate or at the door.

Also, on February 15, there will be a **Spaghetti & Bean Supper** to Support our **Wounded Warriors**, the S/Sgt. Travis Mills Foundation sponsored by area Knights of Columbus from 5-7 pm at the American Legion Post #5. Donations for the supper are: Adults \$8, Children, \$5.

Make a night of it. You can have supper at the Legion and then come to the Valentine Dance.

Old iPod or iPad? If you have one of these just laying around gathering dust, the church has a use for it.

M'jadra Dinner and Talent Show **Sunday, March 2nd at 5:30 PM**

A great Lenten meal and free entertainment.
\$5.00 for an Adult \$2.00 for children under 12
The Nale family has continued their mother's (Caroline) tradition of preparing the M'jadra.

Menu: Salad, yogurt, olives, Lebanese Bread, M'jadra (Lentils), Macaroni & Cheese, and Bahlewe (Baklava) for desert.

If you attended the Talent show last year, then you already know how much fun it is to participate in this yearly event. From the singing of the 12 days of "Lent" using Lebanese words for foods, Aboona playing his accordion, Deacon Peter's jokes, and the sharing of other talents by young and less young alike makes for an enjoyable time to be together.

Share with your community of faith your song or dance, or maybe as a musician or magician or entertainer. Come and be entertained and have a great meal too. See Marie Deeb to add your name to the list of distinguished entertainers.

February Devotions

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For **Bernie Thomas**
By The Bernie Thomas Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread and Wine:

For **Mary B Maroon**
By Paul & Steve Maroon

Act as if you were already happy,
and that will tend to make you happy.

~Dale Carnegie

***"The Catholic Church, East and West,
breaths as two lungs in the same body"***

Famous Church Bulletin Bloopers *

*** This title was missing last week.**

-The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

-The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Priests

1 Timothy 4:6-16 Luke 12:42-48

4 p.m. Feb 8 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 9 Joe Rowden

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Hebrews 12:18-24 Mathew 25:31-46

4 p.m. Feb 15 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 16 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sun 9 Rosary Sodality

Sat 15 7- 10 Valentines Dance in Hall

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Sat 1 Bean Supper

Sun 2 Cana Sunday - Mjadra Dinner

Wed 5 Parish Council

Fri 7 Fish Chowder Supper

Sun 9 Rosary Sodality

Sun 16 St. Patrick's Dinner (Corned Beef, Ham,)

22-23 Weekend Lenten Retreat (More info to come)

There is coffee and donuts served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Liturgy.

Muffins will be served the second Sunday of each month.

Feb 9: Larry Mitchell & April Mitchell (Muffins)

Feb 16: Cindy Elias & Kelly Elias

Religious Education Schedule

3/2 - 4/6 - 5/4

MYO Schedule

3/2 M'jadra dinner, 4/13 Hosanna Sunday Celebration.

Food Pantry - February

Canned ravioli Jelly

Cake mix Soup

Thank you for caring!

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,575.00

God bless you for your generosity.

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

HAVE A HEART SUPPER: Saturday, February 22, from 5:00 to 6:30 at Pleasant St. United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St., Wtvl. Delicious soups, breads, and desserts. Tickets Adults \$7, Children 4-8 \$4, 3 and under, free. Snow date will be on Sunday, February 23.

Think you might have a calling to be a Maronite Priest? There will be a Discernment Weekend April, 4-5 to explore the call to become a Maronite Priest at the Maronite Seminary in Washington, DC.