

25, 26 January 2014 * Third Sunday After Epiphany



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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: 3-5th 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.		

John 3:1-16

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?”

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Nicodemus was a sensible man; sincere questions need to be expressed. Sometimes good and necessary questions are asked with good intentions, and sometimes out of a confrontational attitude to cause trouble. The bottom line for us is our responses to what Jesus teaches about Himself, and calling us to do the will of His Heavenly Father.

If we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the Bread that came down from Heaven, then we should also believe that He is right about what is in Heaven and how do we get there.

To be born again, in the water and the spirit, is not just a personal emotional experience that we feel. Jesus never uses the word personal, or feel, to describe salvation, but whether we will to live according to the will of the Father through faith in what He teaches by Word and Example.

To say one is following the path of salvation through baptism, being born from above, or “born again” is saying

that we are seeking the supernatural gift of God's grace and not through the natural forces of nature, whether it be by profound wise sayings, or emotional encounters of one sort or another.

We are on the road of salvation through the teachings of what comes down from Heaven. Jesus believes He Himself is what came down from heaven, and by the graces and mercy He grants to those who believe in Him, they find salvation.

God's relationship to the world is one of Love; He does not see what He has created as competition with His love. It is obvious that we are to love and care for all creation; to hold it sacred, and protect it. To exist is a profound gift from God, even when circumstances are not always at their best. Love always has boundaries in which for it to survive and flourish. We can move away from love, those manners in which we move away from God's love are called sins. Some are so grave; they are called deadly, or mortal.

Baptism is not an optional way, it is the way in which Jesus says we are born to eternal life. It is true that we are alive before baptism in the same way that we are alive before we are physically born. But without a birth, on the physical level there is a death. On the Spiritual level, without a spiritual birth, there is not an eternal life filled with peace, joy and light.

Because God so loved the world, all creation is sacred, especially human life, because it is created in the image of God. We are conscious of the promises that God gives human life to be totally restored. All human life is worthy of redemption, and perfect eternal existence with Him.

Aboona Larry

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

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: 1/26 World Missions

Liturgy: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Entrance chant: Pg. 108, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. John Pg. 815

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 25 4:00 p.m.

† **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**
By John Sleiman

Sun 26 10:00 a.m.

† **Frederick Martin Blaschke (40 Day)**
By the Family

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

Mon 27 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 28 9:00 a.m.

† **Robert P. Brouillard**
By Gerard E. Brouillard

Wed 29 9:00 a.m.

SI Don & Marcia Kendra
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Thu 30 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale

Fri 31 10:00 a.m.

† **Bernie Thomas**
By Pat, Michell, Nicole, & Brock

Sat 1 4:00 p.m.

† **Elias Karam, wife Rosa Saad**
By John Sleiman

Sun 2 10:00 a.m.

† **Sam Deeb Family**
By Freda Nassar & Judie Lynn Nassar

TO PROTECT THE LITURGICAL BOOKS we are asking that you place them on the pew instead of using the book-rack because of the tight fit it makes them difficult to remove and return. Please handle them carefully and respectfully. If you have a child that might mishandle them, be sure to provide another item for them to be entertained with.

Calendars 2014 Are in!

Please feel free to take one calendar per family for now, until we are sure everyone has received one.

January Devotions

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Bernie Thomas

By The Bernie Thomas Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Kathleen Hawes

By Lowell & Mary Hawes

Altar Bread & Wine:

For Pat Joseph

By Deacon Peter Joseph

Super Bowl Breakfast

- sponsored by the MYO. Tickets will go on sale after masses, starting January 11.

Breakfast includes eggs, choice of bacon or sausage, pancakes, toast, coffee, and juice.

Adults - \$4.00 / children ages 5-10 and under - \$2.00 / under 5 - Free.

Chances for the pool will be available after final teams have been determined.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,957.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

READERS SCHEDULE

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Galatians 3:23-29 John 3:1-16

4 p.m. Jan 25 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 26 0

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Romans 7:5-7 John 4:5-7, 9-26

4 p.m. Feb 1 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 2 0

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sat 1 Bean Supper

Sun 2 Super Bowl Breakfast

Wed 5 Parish Council

Sun 9 Rosary Sodality

Sat 15 7- 10 Valentines Party 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

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

Muffins will be served the second Sunday of each month.

Jan 26: Lenore Boles & Sharon Crowe

Feb 2: MYO

Feb 9: Larry Mitchell & April Mitchell (Muffins)

Feb 16: Cindy Elias & Kelly Elias

Religious Education Schedule

2/2 – 3/2 – 4/6 - 5/4

MYO Schedule

1/26 Lenten Discussion, Super Bowl Breakfast preparation, 2/2 Super Bowl Breakfast, 3/2 M'jadra dinner, 4/13 Hosanna Sunday Celebration.

Food Pantry - January

Juice in plastic bottles

Condiments

Canned stews

Toilet tissue

Thank you for caring!

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.