

4,5 January 2014 * Sunday of the Finding in the Temple



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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-1 st Rosanna Joseph 2 nd Jane Lee		
Parish Council:	David Elias, Frank Griffin, David Lee, Gerald Joseph, Rosanna Joseph, Kevin Michaud, Lowell Hawes, Aaron Rowden, Lisa Gard & Elizabeth Wilson		
Ex-officio:	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

Luke 2:141-52

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And

Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

A part of us might wonder why Mary and Joseph didn't understand what Jesus was up to; after all for the past twelve years they were with each other every day. They both were familiar with the supernatural, they had spiritual dreams, heard the voice of God, angels, and the Holy Spirit guiding them and giving them direction. Even still they didn't understand everything. We do not have the mind of God, we have His image, but we are not infinite in our knowledge and understanding.

There is no need for us to be filled with anxiety and shame in our searching and seeking understanding. As is sometimes said, there is no stupid question; stupidity comes in when we ignore the answer. Jesus does have the answer, not, always as one-line verse answer either. Sometimes the answers He gives takes three days of searching and looking, praying and petitioning. Sometimes it takes a whole lifetime for some questions to be answered.

We think we just figured out a few things and out of the blue something concerning our faith and God

overwhelms us and leaves us feeling lost and wondering what is going on in the mind of God. Like Mary and Joseph, we might not notice that we are no longer traveling with Jesus, until we feel something missing in our lives.

Like them we need to retrace our steps and discover where He is, what He is doing. There are those who cannot find Jesus because they refuse to enter the places where He teaches and explains. Jesus is in His Father's House, His words are read and a reflection is heard day after day.

God is everywhere, and what we see and experience daily is a gift from Him through His creation. As wonderful as this is, Mary and Joseph did not look to creation for a substitute for the presence of their son, but looked until they found Him and pondered the purpose of His Incarnation. Found in His Father's house, teaching the word. Anxiety became heartfelt pondering of the mystery of salvation.

God never requests something from us that doesn't have a powerful reason and blessing attached to it. We might not see or feel it right away, but the day will come when all that is good becomes fulfilled, and what is evil is destroyed. We walk by a loving faith that changes our self and all those around us.

Aboona

Calendars 2014 Are in!

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

Thank You!!!!

In Alphabetical Order

Choir – You did an outstanding job this year in making the Christmas Pre-Liturgy Program and the Liturgy such an inspiration. Your many hours of hard work came through.

Christmas Liturgy Projection – For making it possible for all the Congregation to follow along and inspiringly participate in a manner that otherwise would not be possible.

Deacon, Subdeacon, Servers, and Readers – Thank you for your ministry throughout the year and especially on the “High Holy Days”.

Sacristans – Thank you for all the work you do throughout the year for keeping the church looking good and especially the time given to make our beautiful church look even more beautiful.

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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: 112 School Subsidy, 26 World Missions

Liturgy: Finding in the Temple

Entrance chant: Pg. 88, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Mark Pg. 834

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 4 4:00 p.m.

† **Marietta Thomas**

By Dan & Thomas Casavant

Sun 5 10:00 a.m.

† **Donald, Teresa & Doug 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 6 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 7 9:00 a.m.

† **Malcolm Spencer**

By Badia Spencer

Wed 8 9:00 a.m.

† **Madame Jeanette Marie Sleiman**

By John T. Sleiman

Thu 9 9:00 a.m.

† **Frederick Martin Blaschke**

By Sue Webber

Fri 10 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 11 4:00 p.m.

† **Bob Derosby**

By James & Nancy Jurdak

Sun 12 10:00 a.m.

† **Donald, Teresa & Doug Day**

By The Family

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, Gerry Joseph, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, Kendra Maroon, Hope Murphy, Gerard Nadua, Anita Perreault, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin.**

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.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,993.00

God bless you for your generosity.
If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

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

Thank you – With Correction

Thank you everyone for the Christmas Cards, care packages, and gifts. They are deeply appreciated. May God bless you and keep you, and may **2014** be one of many blessings.

**Aboona Larry, Deacon Peter,
& Subdeacon Steve**

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.

READERS SCHEDULE

Finding the Lord in the Temple

Hebrews 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52

4 p.m. Jan 4 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 5 Kevin Michaud

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Corinthians 10:1-11 John 1:29-34

4 p.m. Jan 11 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 12 Kevin Michaud

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Sat 4 Bean Supper

Sun 5 Religious Education

Wed 8 Parish Council & Pizza

Sun 12 Rosary Sodality Meeting

Sat 18 Turkey Dinner after Liturgy

Mon 13 Maronite Priest Retreat

Fri 24 Fr. Larry Returns

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sat 1 Bean Supper

Sun 2 Super Bowl Breakfast

Wed 5 Parish Council

Sun 9 Rosary Sodality

Sat 15 Valentines Party in Hall

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Sun 2 Cana Sunday - Mjadra Dinner

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. 5: Jane Lee & Jody Veilleux

Jan. 12: Larry Mitchell & April Mitchell (Muffins)

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.

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.