

# 29, 30 November, 2014 \* Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth



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Visitation to Elizabeth

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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.

<b>Choir Director:</b> Fefa Deeb	<b>Sacristans:</b> Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale	<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Paula Mitchell
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>DRE:</b> 3-5 <sup>th</sup> Lenore Boles, K-1 <sup>st</sup> Rosanna Joseph, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee	
<b>Parish Council:</b>	Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson	
<b>Ex-officio:</b>	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus	

**Luke 1:39-45** During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on all ages will call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant,

remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Holy Spirit brings joy into the hearts of those who believe. The Holy Spirit is a comforter in time of trouble and confusion, not through magic, but by removing fear and giving hope; just those two things can change a life forever.

The six weeks of Announcement are happy announcements because the word "yes" is there. There were dramatic changes in the people involved, and they were able to do extraordinary works because of it. The Holy Spirit is a living power that keeps announcing coming joy and strength. When we allow our spirit and heart to keep being transformed by the message God reveals to us, our life is transformed and lifted up with lasting joy.

Just feeling hope can turn a depressed person completely around. Sometimes we do not always notice when the Holy Spirit is at work. Most of the time it is through subtle steps of faith and trust.

Some are uncomfortable with the attention we show Mary. Sometimes it is because of a particular persons misinformation or excessive devotions to

her. From the moment Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary; Mary has a son, and Jesus has a mother. This is the choice of the Trinity. The miraculous child of Elizabeth leaped for joy because the Holy Spirit let them see Jesus by looking through the eyes of Mary. How blessed are all generations that we can do the same.

The Holy Spirit proclaims the greatness of the Lord with the voice of Mary who rejoices in her Savior. The Holy Spirit uses a humble virgin and lifts her. So why should there be a problem of venerating the works of the Holy Spirit? Why should anyone be surprised that a lot of blessings and joy are found in those who have a spiritual balanced love for Mary?

The more we give our lives to the working of the Holy Spirit, the more we are lifted up and resemble what we love most about God.

Veneration of Mary and the saints is to recognize the Holy Spirit's power in their lives and wanting it in our lives. This helps us focus on magnifying and proclaiming the glory of God. All can see the wondrous works of God, and with different degrees of understanding and belief see God in what He has created.

God calls us to serve Him. Some do this in extraordinary ways. Mary is one of those people. We in like manner use that same bridge of communication back to God, not as a replacement but as a part of how God acts in our life. It works both ways. In a concrete way, God uses special people to reach us, and we use these special people to reach Him.

During this Season of Announcement we are called to deepen our understanding and belief through what Heaven reveals to us: to raise us above the natural to receive the supernatural. **Aboona**

**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: **Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Deacon Peter Joseph, Bertha Jensen, Theresa Lee, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, Jay Petersen, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams.**

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

**December Food Pantry**

Raviloli                      Condiments  
Toilet paper                 Stews

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

**Liturgy Helps:**

**Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Dec 7 Maronite Patriarchal Charities  
Dec 14 Fuel (Pink Envelope)

**Liturgy: Visitation to Elizabeth**

Entrance chant: Pg.40, Creed: Pg. 748,  
Anaphora of the St. Sixtus Pg. 856  
Songs are on the back of the bulletin.

**Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 29 4:00 p.m.**

† **Luis Fris & Family**  
By Stephanie Simon

**Sun 30 10:00 a.m.**

† **Frederick Blaschke (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)**  
By Joe & Lyn Rowden

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

Mon 1 Father's day off for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 2 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Lucille & Louis Maroon**  
By Peter Maroon

Wed 3 **9:00 a.m.**

† **John "Jackie" Thomas**  
By the Family

Thu 4 **9:00 a.m.**

SI **Don & Marcia Kendra**  
By Don & Marcia Kendra

Fri 5 **9:00 a.m.**

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

† **Anthony Tripodoro**  
By Norma Kalil Osta

Sat 6 **4:00 p.m.**

† **Ron Stevens**  
By Herb Joseph, Sr.

Sun 7 **10:00 a.m.**

† **Marietta Thomas (Anniversary Liturgy)**  
By Dan & Pam Casavant

**Liturgy Codes:** †= Faithful Departed, SI=Special Intention, BD=Birthday, AV.=Anniversary, H=Health.

**Fund Raiser:** We are doing a Tourtiere (pronounced Too-chay) Pie sale during the month of December until we are sold out. Pies will be on sale after mass on Saturday and Sunday starting December 6-7, or may be ordered from Alice Lachance at 877-5408. Thank you for supporting yet another endeavor.

**Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:**

<b>Fuel Budget</b>	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$10.00
Collected before last week	\$506.00
Total yet to collect	\$(19,484.00)

**December Devotions - Sanctuary Candles**

**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**Available**

By

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**Available**

By

**Altar Bread:**

**Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

**Altar Wine:**

**John & Margaret Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$ 1,646.00

God bless you for your generosity.

Please don't forget to send in your contributions when you are unable to attend, our monthly bills still continue to arrive every month.

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

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

**READERS SCHEDULE**

**Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth**

Ephesians 1:1-14	Luke 1:39-45
4 p.m. 29	Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 30	Joe Rowden

**Birth of John the Baptist**

Galatians 4:21-5:1	Luke 1:57-66
4 p.m. 6	Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 7	Joe Rowden

**EVENTS FOR DECEMBER**

Thu 4	6 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri 5	"Touchay" pie making
S/S 6/7	Tourtiere pie sale after Liturgy
Sat 6	Baked Bean Supper 4:30-6:00 pm
Sun 7	Rosary Sodality Christmas Party
Thu 11	6 p.m. Choir Practice
S/S13/14	Tourtiere pie sale after Liturgy(until gone)
Sun 14	Children's Christmas Party
Thu 18	6 p.m. Choir Practice
S/S20/21	Tourtiere pie sale after Liturgy(until gone)
Sat 20	Cookie Sale after 4:00 pm Liturgy
Sun 21	Cookie Auction after 10:00 am Liturgy
Wed 24	3:30 Christmas Cantata
	24 4:00 Christmas Eve Liturgy
Thu 25	10 a.m Christmas Liturgy

**Coffee Schedule**

We will continue to serve muffins at the coffee hour - thanks to Larry Mitchell and Gareth Belton

Nov 30: Rosanna Joseph & Jane Lee

Dec 7: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

**Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015**

12/14 (Christmas Party) 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.

**Monthly Meeting of the Daughters of Isabella.**

December 2 at 5:30, Notre Dame Church Hall  
Christmas Party, December 3 at 5:30 at Mainely Brews

**Use of the Hall – Guidelines will be posted.**

We really have a beautiful hall and because it is used more often now, there needs to be more attention to its proper use and care. Sometimes there is a request to use the hall, and without guidelines, it is not always clear what is expected of the group after they are done using the hall. Guidelines will be made available in the hall.

When anyone asks to use the hall, it is expected they will take responsibility to be sure it is clean after each use. We do not have a staff to do this for you.

**Giving Tree**

This year it will be for the local Veterans Home.