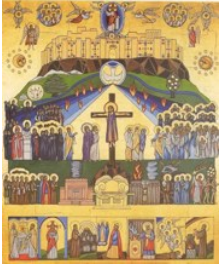


1, 2 November, 2014 * Consecration Sunday



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

Matt. 16:13-20 When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Today’s Gospel is the most quoted verses to explain the role of Peter and the ministry of the Pope as the successor to the ministry and call of Peter. The role of the Pope is to make sure the teachings of Jesus are handed down through history accurately and when there is division and confusion over what to

believe, to keep unity through safeguarding the correct belief that was held by the Apostles. From the very beginning there were false beliefs, some were misunderstandings, some were grave in the error, insisting that Jesus was not the Son of God, was not crucified, and not brought back from the dead.

There were many opinions on the true identity of Jesus and there still is. Through the Holy Spirit, Simon was able to give the deepest and most profound answer, **“You are the Messiah, Son of the Living God.”** Jesus changed Simon’s name at this point to Peter, which means rock. Fundamentalists, using the Greek, say it means “little pebble”. In Aramaic or Syriac, the language that Jesus spoke to Peter, it is the word for rock. The reason the Greek word for pebble is used is because rock, in Greek, is feminine. When the Gospel was written in Greek, they had to use the masculine form to refer to a man.

Jesus didn’t speak to His apostles in Greek, but in Hebrew and Aramaic. He said Rock (Kepho). Jesus entrusted to Peter “the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you declare loosed on

earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Jesus had also said the jaws of death shall not prevail against it (the church).

These promises of protection took on deeper meanings as the church grew, developed, and spread throughout the world. The role of Peter has taken on many shapes and positions. Not every Pope holding the keys was of respectable character, just as every baptized Christian, is not always of a respectable character.

We, the church of Peter, have the character of Peter, a man who, one day, expressed the deepest of faith and trust, and the next day, was rebuked for listening to Satan; one day kissing the feet of Jesus in humility, the next day acting proud and haughty. These were his personal traits reflecting His humanity. Our weaknesses do not nullify what we believe to be true. Peter even personally denied he knew Jesus. Peter’s redeeming quality is that after hearing the rooster crow, he wept, repented, and was brave enough and through faith, to pray in the upper room to receive the Holy Spirit.

Jesus does work through flawed humans, but in the case of Peter, when the answer to the confusion of what to believe, the Holy Spirit does make it known through Peter. **Yes, Jesus did give His Body to eat**, and it is Real Food. Yes, He did give His Blood to Drink, and it is really His Blood. Yes, He is the Messiah, the Son of God. Receiving the Holy Eucharist is our Divine connection to Christ for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.

Peter was human, and Peter died a martyr’s death. Death is gnawing at the churches’ door, but it will not prevail against us. Repentance is our salvation just like Peter’s. **Trust The Lord! He will not fail you!**

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, 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.

November Food Pantry

Family sized items – soups, ravioli, etc.

Cake mixes Jelly Bisquick

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Nov. 9 School Subsidy Envelope will be used toward fuel from now on.

Liturgy: Consecration of the Church

Entrance chant: Pg. 9, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles Pg. 754–

Songs are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 1 4:00 p.m.

† **Marietta Thomas**

By John Thomas

Sun 2 10:00 a.m.

† **Kathleen Rose Hooglund**

(40 Day Liturgy)

By Janet George & Eric Hooglund

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

Mon 3 Father’s day off for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

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

† **Danny Deroch**

By Janet George

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

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By John Thomas

Thu 6 **9:00 a.m.**

SI **Don & Marcia Kendra**

Fri 7 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 8 **4:00 p.m.**

† **Annie & James Shepherd**

By Janet George

Sun 9 **10:00 a.m.**

† **Deceased Member of the Knights of Columbus 11303**

By the Kinghts

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

RAFFLE TICKETS The Raffle Tickets have gone out. It is vital to the success of the Bazaar that you either sell or purchase them. We have great prizes and depend on the money that is raised from this part of the Bazaar fundraiser. **Please, support this fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the church.**

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

November Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

Available

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread:

Available

Altar Wine:

Available

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,370.00

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.

Please support our Fund Raisers

As already stated, to meet our yearly expenses we must do more than we did in the past. We are committed to not "dying out" like many organizations and churches are facing. We are going to increase the number of Fundraisers, create an Endowment Fund, and with prayer and hope, increase membership and contributions. We have the ability and resources to do this; we just need to be willing to do this as a community of **keeping** the Faith.

READERS SCHEDULE

Consecration of the Church

Hebrews 9:1-12	Matthew 16:13-20
4 p.m. 1 Lila Hollowell	
10 a.m. 2 Joe Rowden	

Renewal of the Church

Hebrews 9:11-15	John 10:32-42
4 p.m. 8 Lenore Boles	
10 a.m. 9 Mary Jo Hodgkin	

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sat	1	Baked Bean Supper 4:30-6:00 pm
Sun	2	Religious Education
Wed	5	Make Fataya (Meat Pies) 5:00 pm
Thu	6	Set Up 6:00 pm
Fri	7	Roll Cabbage 10:00 am
Sat	8	Bazaar 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Sun	9	Rosary Sodality Meeting
Sa&Su	9	NAM Awareness Weekend
Wed	12	Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Thu	13	6 p.m. Choir Practice
Thu	20	6 p.m. Choir Practice

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Thu	4	6 p.m. Choir Practise
Sat	6	Baked Bean Supper 4:30-6:00 pm
Thu	11	6 p.m. Choir Practise
Sun	14	Christmas Party
Thu	18	6 p.m. Choir Practise
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	2	Cindy Elias & Nancy Elias
Nov	9	Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015

11/2, 12/14 (Christmas Party) 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.

Daughters of Isabella will meet on Tuesday Nov. 4 at 6:00 pm at Notre Dame Church Hall on Silver Street. New members are welcome.

November 8th Bazaar - White Elephant Sale

Any items (no clothing needed) should be left at the school. Let Larry Mitchell or Aboona know that you are bringing them, and they can be left on the landing if you are not available to unlock the Maronite Center for you.

CRAFT TABLE: If you are crafty and would like to help now would be a good time to start knitting those mittens or dish cloths, making Christmas ornaments or anything else that we will be able to sell on our Craft table. We are relying on you to make this year's Bazaar a success.