

3, 4 October 2015 * Third Sunday after Holy Cross



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Holy Cross

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

St. John XXIII, Pope of Rome

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: Lenore Boles, **K-1st** Lenore Boles, **2nd** Jane Lee **3-5th** Shana Page,

Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, &

Aaron Rowden, **Ex-officio:** Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

Matthew 24:23-31

“If anyone says to you, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ or ‘There he is!’ — do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, ‘Look! He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look! He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.

For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. “Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see ‘the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven’ with power and great glory.

And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I find today’s Gospel has many far-reaching ramifications. On one hand there is always a religious group believing the world is going to end soon, and for all 2,000 years each time they were wrong. On the other hand every Liturgy mentions His return and the Bible gives us the signs to watch for and to be on guard.

There are a wide variety of calamities and disasters that regardless of beliefs we contemplate whether or not this is the end of the world. The point is, we need to be ready. Not obsessed with fear but being ready in the manner in which we want to be ready for any meaningful event that is significant to us. Life is getting ready for something, from being ready to be born to being ready to die.

Jesus has to respond to the preoccupation of others for when He will return, but when all is said and done, the real point is that we are following faithfully and are numbered among the elect.

Jesus makes it clear that there are false teachings, we can be lead astray, and He does return to take those who remained faithful. There is no permission to act spiritually neglectful and morally decadent ready to throw a type of party that would never be allowed if the parents were home.

We all play the role of a false Messiah when we demote Jesus to just a man who gave information on being nice. Jesus never asked us to accept Him just because He was nice and said a few nice things. He convinced His chosen that He was far more than that. He is the Son of God that came down from heaven to be the son of Man.

We are acutely aware that churches are being closed. In America churches are being closed because so many are abandoning the Apostolic Faith and in other countries, it is due to persecution. The false Messiah is the voice that says the weeds are just as nutritious as the wheat. Where is the fertile ground for vocations and growth?

A false Messiah – a spiritual leader teaching what is false can be remarkably entertaining and inspirational, with the charisma to energize crowds, but it still remains false. Sometimes what is true is not presented in a manner that inspires. In the life of faith no one takes the test for you. We must be able to tell what is true, not by the excitement and emotions, but by what brings peace and reconciliation.

This generation is so steeped in self-gratification that far too many, regardless of how addictive and destructive it is to our body, our spirit, or family, and our society we pick self-gratification over a personal relationship with Jesus. We have made mistakes, and gave messages that were only meant to please the ears of the listener rather the truth of the Gospel; because of this, it became an exit ramp from the faith rather than spreading the faith. What was believable for centuries is now ignored. What was never acceptable is now desired, and what was believed as necessary for salvation is judged as unnecessary.

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: **Yvonne Budd, Jerry Fortin, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Kevin Scully.**

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 Collections: Oct. 10-11 Fuel Collection
Oct. 17-18 Mission Sunday

Liturgy: Third Sunday after Holy Cross

Entrance chant: Pg. 608 Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of Saint Peter Pg. 774

This week's Songs: The Song number and page are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 3 4:00 p.m.**
† **Joseph & Mary Smus**
By Paula, David, & Pat Smus
- Sun 4 10:00 a.m.**
† **Caroline Nale**
By The Family

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

- Tue 6 9:00 a.m.**
† **Vernette Giroux**
By Lester & Ann Giguere
- Wed 7 9:00 a.m.**
† **Madeline Joseph**
By Al & Ruth Joseph
- Thu 8 9:00 a.m.**
† **Joseph Poulin**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Fri 9 9:00 a.m.**
† **Clarence Jensen (8th Annv.)**
By The Family
† **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**
By John Sleiman
- Sat 10 4:00 p.m.**
† **Dale Ferris**
By Dominick Rinaldi, Sr.
- Sun 11 10:00 a.m.**
† **Deceased Members of the Rosary Sodality**
By The Rosary Sodality

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

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

October Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Clarence Jensen
By The Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention
By Gerry Brouillard

Altar Bread

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph
By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine

For John & Margaret Joseph & Family
By Rosanna Joseph

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

We have two Vocation Icons, so I am hoping that some people on Saturday will sign up to take it home also. You can take it home more than once.

Oct	4	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Oct	11	Larry & Lisa Grard
Oct	18	Pearley & Alice Lachance
Oct	25	Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Nov	1	Nancy Fairfield
Nov	7	Ann Giguere
Nov	8	Larry & Paula Mitchell

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,048.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

READERS SCHEDULE

Third Sunday after Holy Cross

Philemon 3:17-4:1	Matthew 24:23-31
October 3	Lila Hallowell
4	Joe Rowden

Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

1 Thes 5:1-11	Matthew 24:45-51
October 10	Lenore Boles
11	Lauraine Mansur

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Sun	4	Religious Education 11:30 am
		Harvest Festival at Head of Falls 12-4
Wed	7	Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Sun	11	Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sun	1	Religious Education 11:30 am
Wed	4	Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Sun	8	Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am
Sat	14	Christmas Bazaar 9 - 2

Coffee Schedule

Oct	4	Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes
Oct	11	Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

October Food Pantry

Bisquick	Variety soups
Cake mixes	Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Thank you Everyone

Dear Fr. Larry & Parishioners,
Thank you so much for the memorable surprise Birthday Party given me by the Parish. I must say you all did great keeping a secret! I am deeply humbled by the great support, cards, gifts, and special notes & prayers you gave me. I thank you. We are an active & loving parish and I thank God for Blessing us. May God continue to keep us in His Loving care!
With much love,
Fefa

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Kelly Elias**, of this parish on the loss of her Mother **Carol Pickering Blier** who recently passed away.
We pray that the Lord God may grant her rest in His kingdom and consolation to her family and loved ones.