

## 26, 27 September 2015 \* Second 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.

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

### **Matthew 24:1-14**

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

Jesus answered them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah!’ and they will lead many astray.

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name.”

“Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And

because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.”

### **Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

The Temple was destroyed as a place of worship for the Jews to make the yearly sacrifice. There is still a wall where prayers are offered. This area is a source of smoldering tension for Jews, Christians, and Muslims over who has ownership of these sites.

All through Christian history, there is the question of when will the world as we know it come to an end. There are always rumors of wars, kingdoms fighting, a religious sect claiming the signs are now, and be prepared for the end. Up until this very day, what is consistent is that all religious sects, or groups within the general larger body of Christians were wrong.

Trying to interpret Scripture independent of history and Tradition has fragmented Christianity into thousands of conflicting organizations. The Catholic and Orthodox Faith are the only Christian Communities that have an unbroken historical

tradition. This doesn't mean identical rituals and traditions, but the same faith within these rituals. Unfortunately, as in any book of directions; the directions might be correct in how to live, build together a church, it doesn't mean everyone follows them.

As Catholics we believe we have 100% of the teachings of Christ necessary to safely arrive in the Kingdom of God. An individual within the Catholic Church might only believe and live a small portion of these beliefs, but the teaching is there. It is easily observable that Christians of other gatherings, even without accepting all that the Catholic Faith teaches, can still believe more of what the Catholic Churches teach than what an individual member of the Catholic Church might believe.

This is why it is impossible and also wrong to try to figure out or declare who is saved and not saved. What is possible and right is to seek all that is available to know about Jesus Christ, and to live fully all that he calls us to live.

Jesus certainly is concerned about false teachings regarding Him. Our fears, our greed, our anger, our confusion and jealousies breed the spirit of blindness unable to see the deception and lies. As soon as we began to teach false things about one another, we began to head toward war, persecution, and fear. The words written and spoken become loveless and become a loathing self-righteousness.

Jesus struggled with His own Apostles over this, needing to correct them, for instance when they wanted the buildings to fall on their enemies. To choose evil or mislead through false claims to fight evil makes the world only more evil. **Aboona**

### **September Food Pantry**

Bisquick          Variety soups  
 Cake mixes      Personal care items

**Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.**

### **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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** Oct. 10-11 Fuel Collection  
 Oct. 17-18 Mission Sunday

**Liturgy: Second Sunday after Holy Cross**

Entrance chant: Pg. 608 Creed: Pg. 748,  
 Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles Pg. 754

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

### **Liturgy Intentions**

- Sat 26** 4:00 p.m.  
 † **Marie Aboussi**  
 By Louise B. Saliem
- Sun 27** **10:00 a.m.**  
 † **Marion Maroon**  
 By Dan & Katrina Plourde

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

- Tue 29** 9:00 a.m.  
 † **Theresa Belanger**  
 By Lester & Ann Giguere
- Wed 30** 9:00 a.m.  
 † **Walter Simcock**  
 By Al & Ruth Joseph
- Thu 1** 9:00 a.m.  
 † **Dominique Casavant**  
 By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Fri 2** 9:00 a.m.  
 † **Ida George**  
 By Al & Ruth Joseph
- 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

**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 Available

### St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle Available

### Altar Bread

### Altar Wine

**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.

Sep	26	Ann Giguere
Sep	27	Larry & Paula Mitchell
Oct	4	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Oct	11	Larry & Lisa Grard
Oct	18	Pearley & Alice Lachance
Oct	25	Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Nov	1	Nancy Fairfield

### Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,240.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

## READERS SCHEDULE

### Second Sunday after Holy Cross

1 Cor. 15:19-34	Matthew 24:1-14
September 26	Lenore Boles
27	Joe Rowden

### Third Sunday after Holy Cross

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

### EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Tue 29 6 pm Lebanese Youth Society meeting  
In the church hall.

### 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

Sept 27 Lenore Boles & Pam Casavant  
Oct 4 Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes  
Oct 11 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

**Religious Education Note:** As of this year Religious Education registration will be \$10. For over 20 years the fee has remained at \$5. The cost of the Religious Education books increased many years ago and has not been covered by the registration fee. We feel the registration fee should cover the cost of the books. If you are unable to afford the \$10.00 please talk to Lenore Boles. We will accept all students from Kindergarten - 5th grade.

### Lebanese Youth Organization General Meeting

There will be general meeting **Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the church hall** for all those whose family was a member of the Lebanese Youth Organization.