

12, 13 September 2015 * Exaltation of the 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		

John 12:20-32:

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, **“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder.

Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, **“This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the**

ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I find it interesting that Jesus says He is troubled. This is not a feeling of hopelessness and being discouraged. He is not thinking about giving up and that maybe it wasn't such a good idea to be sent into the world to bring us salvation. We need to know that He was not a “god” pretending to be human, but He truly was a Creator willing to be a part of creation as a human.

If we asked Him whether or not something ever bothered Him, we can know that the answer is yes. His relationship with us is not of indifference with no feeling or concern. He was troubled because He was dealing with some people who were only thinking of themselves. This is a human trait and it is a good trait to think of oneself but not if it is at the expense and detriment of others.

Jesus addressed the problem of our tendency to think of ourselves and others in a distorted way. This is why Jesus can say we must hate ourselves and at the same time tell us we must love ourselves with our heart and soul. If we love what is false about us, then we cannot truly love ourselves.

Jesus can say we must "hate" our-selves to be His servant this is because every single one of us has a trait that can lead us away from Him. In all addictions, if the person cannot face the reality of the harm of this trait "hate" and self-loathing is the final end, no matter how exciting and seemingly the journey was toward abandoning the true path of life. They cannot comprehend God's infinite love. They cannot see the path of freedom. They can't say no to what harms, and yes to what heals.

That is why denial in any area of ones life is so crippling and the person cannot recognize such destructive behavior as being destructive.

Faith is necessary for salvation because even if we cannot clearly see how distructive sin is; faith in the message of Jesus provides the source of power and grace to act even when we do not see clearly because of our own distorted images of what will provide us with sence of wholeness. The Divine Light reveals the true path to follow that leads to eternal life. When you have the Light, even in trouble, we can walk out of it through our faith and sometimes, strenghtened the faith of others. **Aboona**

September Food Pantry

Bisquick Variety soups
Cake mixes Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Rosary Sodality – The Rosary Sodality will hold it's first monthly meeting this Sunday after the Liturgy. We would like to extend an invitation to all women of the Parish to join and/or return to the Rosary Sodality. You will be very welcomed. We will recite the Rosary every second Sunday of the month at 9:30 am in the church, before Liturgy. Everyone is welcome to join us in reciting the Rosary. In October we will have a procession and a welcome for the new members that have joined us in the last year.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Sept. 12-13 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Entrance chant: Pg. 608 Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Mark Pg. 835

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 12 4:00 p.m.

† **Deacon Peter Joseph**
By Geraldine Nimon

Sun 13 10:00 a.m.

† **Evelyn Blaschke (1 year Anniversary)**
By The Family

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

Tue 15 Not Liturgy

Wed 16 9:00 a.m.

SI Don & Marcia Kendra
By Don & Marcia Kendra

Thu 17 9:00 a.m.

† **Donna Noel**
By Dan & Pam Casavant

Fri 18 9:00 a.m.

† **Water & Marge Hood**
By Lester & Ann Giguere

Sat 19 4:00 p.m.

† **Neil Avcollie (40 day Liturgy)**
By Bodie Spencer

Sun 20 10:00 a.m.

† **Mary Theresa Abilimah Maroon**
By Paul & Stephen Maroon

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

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.

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

September Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Bernie Thomas

By Michelle Cothran

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention

By Gerry Broulliard

Altar Bread & Altar Wine - Available

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.

Sept 13 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Sep 20 Nancy Fairfield

Sep 27 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Oct 4 Lowell & Mary Hawes

Oct 11 Larry & Lisa Grard

Oct 18 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,946.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

READERS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Holy Cross

1 Cor. 1:18-25

John 12:20-32

September 12 Lenore Boles

13 Joe Rowden

1st Sunday after Holy Cross

2 Tim 2:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

September 19 Lila Hallowell

20 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sat 12 K of C Chicken BBQ 5:00-6:30 \$8.00

Sun 13 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am

Sat 19 Flu Shot Clinic 10 – 2 pm @ church hall

Sun 20 Religious Education Registration

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

Coffee Schedule

Larry and Gareth for the Summer

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.

Entrances to the Church

The steps on Appleton Street are deteriorating rather quickly due to two harsh winters, with another forecasted for this winter.

Before this can take place we have to find out the water, mold and high humidity buildups in the hall entrances under the entrances.

We are in the process of getting bids for these projects, and we will need donations to cover the cost for these major projects.

Lebanese Youth Organization

General Meeting

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

Deepest Sympathy to Family and Friends

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **John Mitchell**, on the loss of his beloved wife, **Prinella** who passed away this weekend.

May God grant her rest in His kingdom and consolation to her family and loved ones.