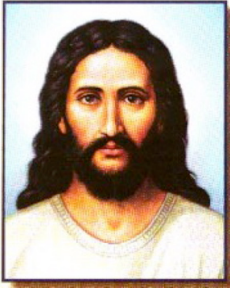


## 5, 6 September 2015 \* Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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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
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### Luke 18:9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: **“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”**

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

It is easy to forget that at the time that Jesus is telling these stories, to belong to the Pharisee group was honorable and admirable. They were well educated at a time when few people could read or write. They could quote the scriptures expertly and many followed their teachings and interpretation of the Scriptures, they were even considered progressive

by some in the fact they did believe in life after death. They were considered highly moral compared to the surrounding culture.

Today we equate being a Pharisee with being judgmental and self-righteous because of these Gospel stories. Even though this religious community no longer exists, the mentality is ageless and universal. There is always a group within a group that sees itself as superior to the rest of the members. They may do a lot of good works, and know the rules perfectly, but without humility and compassion.

I think in every community there are some members that tend to “say it as it is”. They might even be right, but they say it with ridicule and harshness rather than with mercy and compassion. The Pharisee was aware that what he did was admirable and was encouraged by the Scriptures. He failed to be justified before God, was because he valued others in relationship to himself, rather than actually knowing the mind of God. He thought God would be impressed with his judgments and reason for not having compassion or empathy for a sinner.

This man’s “say it as it is” did not bring healing to anyone. It didn’t provide him with salvation, and put

him right with God. It put "him right" with some people, but not most. To "say it as it is" with Jesus, reflecting Jesus, proclaiming the character and mission of Jesus would sound quite different than the words of the Pharisee. This Pharisee certainly had good qualities, and there are several instances of what he did that were admirable. He did believe and did many of the things that are asked of a believer. What was lacking is that he did not mirror Jesus.

We have to be careful to not reject good and wholesome qualities that are also in the plan of God just because some other qualities are missing. Jesus Himself told His Disciples to fast. In fact there were some types of evil that can only be overcome through fasting and prayer.

To give ten percent was God's command. According to one's means, we are called to give sacrificially and through this we learn the wisdom of self-control. Not only through their finance do they have virtuous priorities, but also with their talents and time. Without having God first in our life, as the object of our worship, it is not long before our self-centered decisions leave us emotionally and physically exhausted. We will shape a culture and life that is out of control.

In this man's concern for the sins he listed, hopefully he came to experience and believe that Jesus transforms the sinner into the virtuous. In our neglect of truly embracing Jesus, we leave unjustified, and offer no solution to what we judge as the sins and failing of those around us.

The tax collector found salvation because he realized that the way he was living was wrong. We do not know what sins he repented of, since the sins that the Pharisee listed were not necessarily the sins of the tax collector.

He did not present a list of reasons to justify his wrongdoing. He was sorry, and prayed for the grace to stop. It is the power of the Holy Spirit when this Spirit of holiness comes into our heart that transforms our mind to be open to live according to the will of the Father.

Demonizing others is no solution to the ills of the world. Bringing the Light of the Gospel to the darkness in our life and the lives of others is the message He continually teaches. Using the wrong medicine to treat a person's illness does not heal them. The most difficult challenge of today is convincing the self-righteous and the sinner to embrace the solution Jesus provides. **Aboona**

### **September Food Pantry**

Bisquick            Variety soups  
Cake mixes        Personal care items

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

### **Liturgy Helps:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** Sept. 12-13 Fuel Collection

**Liturgy: Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

Entrance chant: Pg. 427(A), Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. John the Apostle Pg. 815

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

### **Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 5 4:00 p.m.**  
† **Roy, Elaine & John Joseph**  
By Jeanne Joseph Cook

**Sun 6 10:00 a.m.**  
† **Ferris Family**  
By Joe Ferris

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

**There will be no Weekday Liturgy this week.**  
**There will be a Communion Service on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.**

Wed 9 9:00 a.m. **(Communion Service)**  
Thu 10 9:00 a.m. **(Communion Service)**  
Fri 11 9:00 a.m. **(Communion Service)**  
**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

**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 Brouliard

### 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 6	Pearley & Alice Lachance
Sept 13	Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Sep 20	Nancy Fairfield
Sep 27	Larry & Paula Mitchell
Oct 4	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Oct 11	Larry & Lisa Gard

### Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,752.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

## READERS SCHEDULE

### Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Romans 8:18-27

Luke 18:27

September 5 Lila Hallowell

6 Joe Rowden

### Feast of the Holy Cross

1 Cor. 1:18-25

John 12:20-32

September 12 Lenore Boles

13 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

We were able to have new doors installed through the generosity of an anonymous donor. We now have to repair the external entrances. 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 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the church hall** for all those whose family was a member of the Lebanese Youth Organization.