8, 9 August 2015 * Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost



The Transfiguration

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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: 3-5th Lenore Boles, K-1st Rosanna Joseph, 2nd Jane Lee

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

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Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

In this Gospel story we are reminded that even though a person belongs to a different religion and culture, there can be some beliefs that are held in common. In this case both the Canaanite woman and Jesus, a Jew, believe that demons can torment a person, and that through Divine intervention a person can be healed from this type of torment.

A demon is an angel that rebelled against God. Because they are spiritual, that one decision to rebel

is a permanent decision. Demons do not repent or change their minds. When we say our thoughts torment us, this does not necessarily mean that it is a demon that is tormenting. It is very rare for a person to actually be tormented by a demon, but it certainly does happen.

Temptations are appealing, the further we are from God's love, the more we are apt to succumb to the evil one. Each one of us are inclined to be influenced by temptation. To be tempted is not a sin. We are held accountable when we do something that actually is against God, we know it is against God, and we freely choose to do it anyway.

The Canaanite woman is desperate to find help for her child. She sets aside whatever negative thoughts and attitudes she might have to seek help for her daughter. She is not in denial of her feelings and thoughts, she even expresses them, but she does not let them dictate what she will do for the benefit of her daughter. She responds in faith to what she has heard from the people who had good things to say about this Rabbi, and ignored the destructive things that may have been said by His enemies.

Jesus does not hide the fact that there are issues between each other. A straightforward bantering goes on between the two of them. The power of hostility is traded for the culture attitudes toward each other, which also are traded in for a miracle. Our flaws and attitudes are overcome by love. A love for a daughter by a mother, and a love for all people of every nation by a Savior is now witnessed to the whole world.

Also in the Gospel there is another example of the Disciples of Jesus not responding to a situation in the manner Jesus would. In seeking to be a disciple of Jesus, we should not be surprised that the first response to a person's needs is the right one. True discipleship is being open to having our viewpoint and response challenged by the example and teaching of Jesus.

In life, there are situations that do not seem fair, or futile to overcome the accepted practices of a culture even though they are not in harmony with the teachings of Christ. When in doubt, side with the acts of healing. Forgiveness leaves a person with a deeper understanding of God's love.

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: 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.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,482.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

From the Anaphora of St. James of Sarug

O Word of God, on the last day, when You shall come to judge the living and the dead, when hidden things shall be revealed and works shall be examined, do not turn Your face from us or say, "I do not know you," for we profess Your Holy name. In Your mercy, absolve sinners and hear the prayers of Your servants who call upon You. Your Church petitions You, and through You, Your Father, saying holy.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Aug. 8-9 Fuel Collection Liturgy: Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

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

Anaphora of Saint Mark Pg. 835

This week's Songs: The Song number and page

are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 8 4:00 p.m.

† Joseph Elias Nasr By Laya Joseph & Family

Sun 9 10:00 a.m.

† Deceased & Living members of the Maroon & Habouba Thomas Family

By Dan & Pam Casavant

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

Tue 11 9:00 a.m.

† Hilda Boles Cook By Barbara Atkins

Wed 12 9:00 a.m.

† Don & Marcia Kendra By Don & Marcia Kendra

Thu 13 9:00 a.m.

† Donna Noel
By John & Jeanne Thomas

Fri 14 9:00 a.m.

† Elaine Pooler By Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Sat 15 4:00 p.m.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

† Fr. Paul Coury
By The Parish

Sun 16 10:00 a.m.

† Adam Hikel By The Choir

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

August Food Pantry

Bisquick Variety soups
Cake mixes Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

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

August Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle Available St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread & Altar Wine

Available

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

A family or an individual takes home with them a devotional of prayers and an Icon to pray for a week for vocations. It is returned at the end of the week and the next individual or family takes it home.

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

Aug 9 Larry & Lisa Grard Aug 16 Nancy Fairfield

Aug 23 Lowell & Mary Hawes

Aug 30 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Sept 6 Pearley & Alice Lachance

READERS SCHEDULE

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 3:1-13 Mat 15:21-28

August 8 Lila Hallowell

Joe Rowden

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 3:1-11 Luke 8:1-15

August 15 Lenore Boles 16 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Wed 2 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

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

Sun 13 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am

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

Sun ? Religious Education Registration

Coffee Schedule

Larry and Gareth for the Summer

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to Laya Joseph, Salim Nasr, and Nassim Nasr, of this parish on the loss of their brother Joseph Elias Nasr who died recently in Lebanon.

We pray that the Lord God may grant him rest in His kingdom and consolation to his family and loved ones.

Mahrajan in Danbury

August 14 & 15 see Flyer for more details.

Mahrajan in New Hampshire

Mahrajan 2015, a Middle Eastern food festival, will be held on the grounds of Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Catholic Church at 140 Mitchell St., Manchester NH on Friday August 21 from 5-10 PM, Saturday August 22 from 12-10 PM, and Sunday August 23 from 12-5 PM. The event features a variety of Lebanese food, live music, dancing, religious gifts, church tours, and entertainment for children. George Maalouf and Ensemble along with DJ Kibar are providing the music. Admission is free. For more information, go to www.bestfestnh.com.