

25, 26 July 2015 * Tenth Sunday of Pentecost



St. Sharbel

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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
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Matthew 12:22-32

They brought to Jesus a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. All the crowds were amazed and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this fellow casts out the demons.” He knew what they were thinking and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against

the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

At some point in time, a person is going to wonder if they or someone they know has committed the sin against the Holy Spirit and now have no chance of receiving eternal life. The sin against the Holy Spirit isn’t a particular act, but a determined and committed course of action in deed and thought to reject every opportunity the Spirit of Holiness puts before us to turn our life around and we knowingly and intentionally reject this to our very last breath.

It might seem outdated to talk about demons and the need to cast them out. Even if we were to reject this idea of demons, we still would have to address the behaviors that in the past were associated with demons. Behaviors that are destructive and terrifying won’t stop simply by denying that evil or demons exist.

What we now call epilepsy, at one time was considered being possessed by some. Now that we understand that it is a medical problem, doesn’t mean that epilepsy will no longer exist, but our response can change. The first time I saw a seizure

it was unsettling and frightening. The next time less scary and more sympathy and empathy. Compassion has motivated research to look for ways to end the seizures.

We need to realize that even now we may not understand or know with certainty when behavior is from a physical, emotional, spiritual, or psychological problem. Whichever it might be, to do nothing because of fear or indifference is not a choice a follower of Jesus would make. He uses the language and understanding of the person He is speaking to and provides them with a new language.

His language is to replace fear with love. He knows how fear is used to control others to behave the way he desires them to behave.

Jesus is totally motivated by love, which is the essence of who God is. We are aware daily of diabolical evil, the mind is so distorted that there is an attraction to do evil. Evil is a delusion of what we think is good, and the evil we do is justified, because we think the outcome will be good.

Jesus, by every word He spoke and every response to every situation He encountered, no matter how we might interpret evil, Jesus chose to heal and forgive rather than obsess and act spiteful or used revenge. He does not let His house, His Kingdom be robbed of its value and what it can provide for the weary and troubled. We all need to watch guard to not let virus of evil take over our life.

The reason the sin against the Holy Spirit cannot be forgiven is because the person, who commits it, does not want to be forgiven. The person does not want to stop wishing and wanting to harm others. **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, Hope Murphy, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Kevin Scully.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

July 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

2nd Collections: Aug. 8-9 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

Entrance chant: Pg. 427(A), 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 25 4:00 p.m.**
† **Edward & Van Joseph**
By Joan Gottardi
- Sun 26 10:00 a.m.**
AV Aboona Larry
By Larry & Paula Mitchell

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

- Tue 28 9:00 a.m.**
† **John "Jackie" Thomas**
By Al & Ruth Joseph
- Wed 29 9:00 a.m.**
† **Deacon Peter Joseph**
By Anne Bernard & Family
- Thu 30 9:00 a.m.**
† **Richard Ayoob**
By Fefa Deeb
- Fri 31 9:00 a.m.**
† **Bertha Jensen**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Sat 1 4:00 p.m.**
† **John "Jackie" Thomas**
By Wayne & Charlotte Staub Thomas
- Sun 2 10:00 a.m.**
† **Evelyn Blaschke (1st Anniv.)**
By The Family

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,273.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

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

July Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Neil Avcollie
By Bodie Spencer

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Altar Bread & Altar Wine

Available

Do you have anything stored in the Maronite Center (School)? Please contact Larry Mitchell if you want it back. 313-0153. The School's removal will be some time later this summer.

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 **Saturday** will sign up to take it home also. You can take it home more than once.

July	26	Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Aug	2	Pearley & Alice Lachance
Aug	9	Larry & Lisa Grard
Aug	16	Nancy Fairfield
Aug	23	Lowell & Mary Hawes

READERS SCHEDULE

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Matthew 12:22-32
July 25	Lila Hallowell
26	Joe Rowden

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 2:17-22	Luke 19:1-10
August 1	Lenore Boles
2	Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Coffee Schedule

Larry and Gareth for the Summer

St. Sharbel, Maronite Monk, Feast Day July 23rd.

Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Beka-Kafra, where he was born, his influence has spread widely.

Joseph Zaroun Makluf was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name **Sharbel in honor of a second-century martyr**. He professed his final vows in 1853 and was ordained six years later.

Following the example of the fifth-century St. Maron, Sharbel lived as a hermit from 1875 until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Holy Eucharist, the Qurbano. When his superiors occasionally asked him to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, Sharbel did so gladly.

He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1965 and canonized him 12 years later. St. Sharbel is listed as an incorruptible; meaning that his body has not decayed and still emits a healing oil from his body.

Saint John Paul II often said that the Church has two lungs (East and West) and it must learn to breathe using both of them. Remembering saints like Sharbel helps the Church to appreciate both the diversity and unity present in the Catholic Church. Like all the saints, Sharbel points us to God and invites us to cooperate generously with God's grace, no matter what our situation in life may be. As our prayer life becomes deeper and more honest, we become more ready to make that generous response.

Quote:

When Sharbel was canonized in 1977, Archbishop Francis Zayek, head the U.S. Diocese of St. Maron, wrote a pamphlet entitled "A New Star of the East." Bishop Zayek wrote: "St. Sharbel is called the second St. Anthony of the Desert, the Perfume of Lebanon, the first Confessor of the East to be raised to the Altars according to the actual procedure of the Catholic Church, the honor of our Aramaic Antiochian Church, and the model of spiritual values and renewal. Sharbel is like a Cedar of Lebanon standing in eternal prayer, on top of a mountain." The bishop noted that Sharbel's canonization plus other beatification cases prove "that the Aramaic Maronite Antiochian Church is indeed a living branch of the Catholic Church and is intimately connected with the trunk, who is Christ, our Savior, the beginning and the end of all things."

Song Books are located in the pews.

LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

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Lighting of the Church: SB - Pg. 21 #135 or

LB -Pg.5 Jesus, Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: LB – Pg. 425

On a Sunday Jesus Rose

Entrance Chant: LB - Pg. 427 (A)

Glory: SB - Pg.01 # 02

Hymn: SB – Pg. 01 #04

Sa-laa too-kee

Creed Pg. 748

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Transfer of Gifts:

SB – Pg. 25 # 144 O Body of My Savior

Incense Hymn: SB – Pg. 3 #08

Anaphora: Saint Peter LB Page 774

Peace Hymn: SB Pg. 12 # 117

Gift of Peace

Anaphora Acclamations after Consecration:

when Sung: SB - Pg. 4 # 10

Communion: SB - Pg. 9 # 109

Be Not Afraid

After Communion:

Closing Song: SB Pg. 35 #166

Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.

*Nothing can be done
without hope or confidence.*

~Helen Keller



Christians in Lebanon are suffering.
Please pray for Lebanon!

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two lungs in the same body"***

St. John Paul II, Pope of Rome