18, 19 July 2015 * Ninth Sunday of Pentecost



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Pentecost

"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

Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Dear Parishioners and Friends: (from a previous reflection)

Wouldn't it be great to hear someone read the Scriptures and then say? "What I have read is fulfilled?" Well, the vast majority of the time what we do hear in the Scriptures is fulfilled. God did send His beloved Son into the world so that we would find eternal life. God declares the method of rescue; now it is up to us to put faith in that message and follow the plan.

Today, Jesus reveals the part of the message that reveals some of the reasons He was sent to us then, and is still with us now. Bring good news to the poor. What would be good for someone who is poor to hear? The possibilities are endless.

For those shackled by addictions and emotional behaviors that bring hurt and pain to themselves and those around them; to be released from that bondage certainly is good news. To feel hope and confidence that the storms of life will make you stronger.

For those with physical ailments, recovery is indeed a divine hope. For all of us, in some way God has a message of transformation and a fulfilling direction that brings into our life a power that fills a type of emptiness that only God knows the right remedy for each individual.

Being in Church on the Sabbath, is an act of faith and consent to believing the "report" about Him. If we believe that the world as we know it needs transformation and healing, then our next step is to search out ways to make the message of Jesus known and accepted.

The Holy Spirit comes upon the Bread and the Wine in order for it to be transformed into His Body and Blood. We are transformed when our faith is fed through our altar call to come forward to receive Him into our lives.

God created a beautiful and wonderful world for us to enjoy and find inspiration and meaning. We cannot let these be a substitute though for the author of creation. Only through the Sacrifice of Calvary, which is renewed on the Altar, do we see the glimpse of the eternal blessing and the Thanksgiving that He personally asks from each of us.

As wonderful as creation is, it cannot finally end the evil that eats away at our own attempts to form a just and compassionate society. It is God's grace and mercy flowing through His teachings that offers the lasting hope and restful peace for those who put their faith in Him.

Aboona

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Real 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.

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

SUMMER COMFORT

Dress with modesty for a sacred and special place.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

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

Entrance chant: Pg. 493(B), 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 18 4:00 p.m.

† Deceased Members of Lebanon Youth Society

By the Lebanon Youth Society

Sun 19 10:00 a.m.

† Larry Bishop of K of C Council 11303 By The Knights of Columbus

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

Tue 21 9:00 a.m.

† No Liturgy

Wed 22 9:00 a.m.

† Deacon Peter Joseph
By Neal & Martha Patterson & Family

Thu 23 9:00 a.m.

† David T. Stauble
By Alice, Ron & Josie Stauble

Fri 24 9:00 a.m.

† Adam Hikel By Dan & Pam Casavant

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

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$3,217.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

July Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Neil Avcollie
By Bodie Spencer

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread

Available

Altar Wine

Available

It's a Lovely Day

It's a lovely day for smiling At anyone who's near It's a lovely day for saying Something nice to someone dear

It's a lovely day for chatting With someone close at hand It's a lovely day for doing All those things that you have planned

It's a lovely day for dreaming And for remembering, too Those very special memories Other days have brought to you

So no matter how you spend it Or what it brings your way-The little things that life can hold Make this a lovely day

READERS SCHEDULE

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Luke 4:14-21

July 18 Lenore Boles 19 Joe Rowden

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Matthew 12:22-32

July 25 Lila Hallowell 26 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR JULY

Mon 20 9th Anniversary for Fr. Larry being here

Tues 21 Aboona Returns

Coffee Schedule

Larry and Gareth for the 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 **Saturda**y will sign up to take it home also. You can take it home more than once.

(Icon schedule will continue when Aboona returns from vacation.)

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.

I am sure there is sadness in reaching this point after more than 12 years of trying. Those who tried to make a go of making the school a source of income or least not a source of more expenses were unable to accomplish this. There are many ideas but none turned out to be feasible due to the cost of bringing the building up to code and the costs of heating and maintaining the building.