

19, 20 December 2015 * Genealogy Sunday



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Genealogy Sunday Web Site <http://www.sjmaronite.org>

“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, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson		
Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus		

Matthew 1:1-17 *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. ... Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah, fourteen generations.*

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This is the Sunday to listen to the tongue twisters. “Azor was the father of Zadok,” and so on. The writer of the Gospel wants to give names to show that Jesus was a descendant of David, to show that He is the one that was promised by God to restore us to the Father.

This list of names is not just about His ancestors; it is also about who will become His spiritual descendants. Because of the Incarnation our name can be in the Book of Life. Jesus descends to us so we can ascend to Him restored in a manner that glorifies the power of God.

It is still a radical belief that God has a Son named Jesus, both God and man. Every Eucharist is a testimony to the Incarnation, God taking on our

humanity. Every Eucharist is a proclamation that our sins are forgiven, and that in Him we have eternal life.

Jesus didn’t get in trouble for claiming to be a descendant of David, but when the significance of His complete identity began to be known; troubles began. King Herod, in his understanding, saw him as a threat to his kingship and had male children under the age of two destroyed.

In a spiritual manner Jesus will always be a threat to earthly “kings”. Power and greed can distort our understanding of others and ourselves. If we feel no power over our life and lack an understanding of our own dignity and worth we can choose to do horrible things. The opposite is also true; if we have an exaggerated sense of our power we can choose to take horrible actions toward those we perceive as a threat to this power.

There are two Gospels that have names listed; they are not identical because they are for a different group. The Jewish community that embraced the teachings of Jesus would be looking for different details than the Gentiles. This is important to understand, because it is the nature of anyone telling a story to surround the core message with details

that the listener is more able to comprehend and identify with.

Not so long ago we could just present a chapter and verse from the Bible and a Christian would accept it as God's word to us. Many were taught to believe the Scriptures is the Word of God, simply because it claims to be the Word of God, which is not actually a logical statement because anyone could put the same sentence in their writings for "proof". Today, unfortunately, there are many who simply ignore and know very little about what is in the Scriptures.

During the Season of Announcement we have several people experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit. Hearing the experiences of a number of people each relating their story strengthens our faith. They point to the promise and the promised One. Each telling how their lives are forever changed and convinced that God has visited them and God is with them. The Messiah has come to us.

During the Season of Announcement, the Holy Spirit is able to reveal the message to people who are just and open to the faith. It takes faith to believe the Bible used by Christians is the word of God and is a message of salvation.

The Church is human and also supernatural. The history of the Scriptures is the history of the Church's faith. Since the Resurrection of Christ there are many writings regarding Jesus. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church selected the writings that confirmed what Jesus commanded His Apostles to teach to all nations. This is what they believed and practiced. Members of the church can distort the teachings of the church and the Scriptures. Along with the promise made to Peter, the Lord continues to give the church Saints to call us back to a deeper and faithful understanding of His message.

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: **Fr. Bill Clark, Richard Elias, Sr., Jerry Fortin, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Rachel Tode.**

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

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Jan 9-10 Fuel Collection
Jan 24 Worldwide Charities

Liturgy: Genealogy Sunday

Entrance chant: Pg. 67 Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of the 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 19 4:00 p.m.**
† **Bertha Jensen**
By Janet Coury
† **Edward & Evelyn Griffin**
By Francis & Peggy Griffin
- Sun 20 10:00 a.m.**
† **Brent Maroon (40 Day Liturgy)**
By The Family
† **Fred & Evelyn Blaschke**
By Fefa Deeb

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

- Tue 22 9:00 a.m.**
† **Bertha Jensen(1st Anniv.)**
By The Family
- Wed 23 9:00 a.m.**
† **Laurette G. Brouillard**
By Gerard E. Brouillard
- Thu 24 4:00 p.m.**
† **For the Parish**
- Fri 25 10:00 a.m.**
† **For the Parish**
- Sat 26 4:00 p.m.**
† **Robert Sturtevant (40 Day Liturgy)**
By The Family
† **Joseph & Mary Smus**
By Paula, David, & Pat Smus
- Sun 27 10:00 a.m.**
† **Deacon Peter Joseph**
By Karla Sturtevant
† **Albert & Rose Bellamah**
By Paul & Stephen Maroon

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,510.00

God bless you for your generosity.
If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

December Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention

By Gerry Brouillard

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Bertha Jensen

By Fr. Larry

Altar Bread

For **For our Soldiers**

By Doris LaBranche

Altar Wine

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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.

Dec 19 Ann Giguere (Sat)
Dec 20 Larry & Paula Mitchell
Dec 27 Lowell & Mary Hawes
Jan 3 Larry & Lisa Gard
Jan 10 Pearley & Alice Lachance
Jan 16 Audrey Yotides (Sat)
Jan 17 Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Jan 24 Nancy Fairfield

December Food Pantry

Ravioli Toilet paper
Jiffy mixes Stews

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

READERS SCHEDULE

Genealogy Sunday

Romans 1:1-12	Matthew 1:1-17
December 19 Lenore Boles	
20 Joe Rowden	

Glorious Birth of Our Lord

Hebrews 1:1-12	Luke 2:1-20
December 24 Lenore Boles	
25 Joe Rowden	

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Christmas Liturgies

Thu	24	3:30	Christmas Cantata
		24	4:00 Christmas Eve Liturgy
Fri	25	10 a.m	Christmas Liturgy
Sun	27	3 p.m.	Slide show of Nepal, India and UAE. See further details in this Bulletin

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Wed	6	6 p.m	Parish Council
	11-22		Aboona away for Priest's Retreat
Sat	23	4:30-6 p.m.	Turkey Dinner \$8.00
Sun	24	11:30	Religious Education

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sun	7		Cana Sunday – M'jadara Dinner and Talent Show.
Mon	8		Ash Monday 12 noon, 6 pm Liturgies

APRIL 28, 29 Relics of St. Sharbel will be here at the parish.

Coffee Schedule

Dec	20	Jan Bourque & Pam Casavant
Dec	27	Sharon Crowe & Emily Fournier
Jan	3	Mary Hawes & Elaine Hoag
Jan	10	Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton
Jan	17	Mary Jo Hodgkin & Laya Joseph
Jan	24	Alice Lachance & Jane Lee
Jan	31	Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahan
Feb	7	April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

MYO Schedule: 1/17, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1

Our Sympathy

Our condolences go to **Mary Maroon**, of our parish who suffered the loss of her husband, **Charles Maroon**, this past week. Our prayers go out to his family and friends as they mourn their loss. May the angels carry his soul as well all the faithful departed into His Kingdom where there is no more pain and every tear is dried.

At the request of the family, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church Building Fund.