

## 2, 3 May 2015 \* Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection



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**Sundays of the Resurrection**

**“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.

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| <b>Choir Director:</b> Fefa Deeb | <b>Sacristans:</b> Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale  | <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Paula Mitchell |
| <b>Teachers</b>                  | <b>DRE:</b> 3-5 <sup>th</sup> Lenore Boles, K-1 <sup>st</sup> Rosanna Joseph, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee                    |   |
| <b>Parish Council:</b>           | Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson |   |
| <b>Ex-officio:</b>               | Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus             |   |

## Lamb of God. اَمْنٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ

### John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The relationship between Peter and Jesus is based on Love. Even though Jesus’ love for Peter is unconditional, Peter thinks his love for Jesus is unconditional, but it proves not to be true. I know this phrase “unconditional” love is used a lot, but I am not so sure we understand what that means in a realistic and practical way.

Peter speaks and acts before thinking. He is not always accurate in what he believes about himself. This is true for all of us. Sometimes we don’t believe we have the talent or courage we need to handle certain situations, but we do. Sometimes we think we would never “do something” but we have. Sometimes we want the position and title, but are blind to the fact we cannot carry out those responsibilities. We can confuse what we want for an identity, with what we are willing to do match our actions with the recognition we crave.

Peter, felt hurt, and Jesus knew Peter needed to say these things, feel the hurt, and be in touch with his failures to make the right decisions to become what

he is called to become. All healing has to do with a response to the wound that stops the cause and source of the wound it actions that prevent it from continuing.

He acted tough, and yet behaved out of fear. We all have some of Peter's traits. If we thought Christianity is these traits, many would reject or become indifferent toward being a Christian. Actually many have quit practicing as a Christian because they are continuously bombarded by what is wrong with "us" rather than what is right about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit does get involved in the sinners' life. Peter did make mistakes about his personal decisions, but when proclaiming Jesus through the Holy Spirit, he did proclaim Jesus the Messiah. He proclaimed Jesus the Holy Word of God who spoke truth, taught truth, and lived the way, the truth, and the life.

When others were rejecting that He was the Bread that came down from heaven, and that one must feed on this Bread.. He proclaimed he believed Jesus. When others turned away from Jesus, because He said, "unless you eat my flesh, and drink my Blood you will not have eternal life." Jesus said I will follow you, these are the words of eternal life.

Peter is asked to feed the Sheep of Jesus. Out of love for Jesus promises to feed the sheep. Sheep will eat, with or without Peter, but they won't be eating everything Jesus wants them to be eating without Peter saying yes.

In some ways Christianity is being picked apart. The fullness of faith is being picked to a few niceties. Peter was asked to feed the sheep, a full menu of all that is true and necessary to be healthy.

Pope Francis, as the successor of Peter, is preaching with courage that the sheep need nutritious food. The world needs Christ, the world needs peace; we can feed on hate or love. The Eucharist is the ultimate symbol of sacrificial love.

There is always a spiritual hunger within us, and that hunger can very well lead to destructive distortions within a religion and culture. We see this played out throughout the world. The latest pew findings show that people are leaving Christianity and are "eating" elsewhere. If this continues, by 2050 there will be more following Islam than Christianity.

### **Aboona**

### **May Food Pantry**

Family sized items- soups, ravioli, etc. Bisquick Juices in plastic Containers Cake mixes

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.

### **Liturgy Helps:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** May 3 Shrine May 10 Fuel

### **Liturgy: Sunday of the Resurrection**

Entrance chant: Pg. 317, Creed: Pg. 748, Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles Pg. 754

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

### **Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 2 4:00 p.m.**

† **Abed Daou**

By John T. Sleiman

**Sun 3 10:00 a.m.**

† **Selma (Joseph) Thompson**

By Lea Williams

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

**Tue 5 9:00 a.m.**

† **Bertha Jensen**

By Ray & Pat Jensen

**Wed 6 9:00 a.m.**

† **Brent Williams**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

**Thu 7 9:00 a.m.**

† **Donald Roderick**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

**Fri 8 9:00 a.m.**

† **Muriel Vear**

By Thomas & Mathieu Family

**Sat 9 4:00 p.m.**

† **For the Mothers of the Parish**

Living & Deceased

† **Sam & Nimera Maroon**

By Paul & Stephen Maroon

**Sun 10 10:00 a.m.**

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† **Jacqueline Karter**

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: **Richard Ayoob, Dianne Fjeldheim, Jerry Fortin, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Hope Murphy, 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 \$1,705.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

**The 2014 Financial Report is at the two entrances of the Church. Please help your self.**

### **Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:**

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| <b>Fuel Budget</b>   | \$20,000.00  |
| Collected last week  | \$95.00      |
| Collected previously | \$14,060.00  |
| Total yet to collect | \$(5,845.00) |

### **May Devotions**

#### **St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**For Bertha Jensen**

By Fr. Larry

#### **St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**For Special Intention**

By Doris Labranche

### **Altar Bread and Altar Wine:**

**For All our Soldiers**

By Doris Labranche

### **Questions regarding the Maronite Traditions**

Over the years I was asked a variety of questions, regarding the Liturgy, here are some samples.

**Why do we bow instead of genuflect when passing the Tabernacle?** Throughout the world bowing is the most common form of showing respect. To bow down or to prostrate before the Lord is found in the Scriptures as signs of reverence toward the Lord. One should make a bow when they walk pass the Altar and the Tabernacle. For instance here at St. Joseph people coming in from the Appleton Street entrance bow and make the sign of the cross when they come through the double inside doors and can see the Altar and Tabernacle, and then they walk down the side isle, if they are going to go down the center isle, they bow when they reach the center isle. For those who come in from Front street they bow before entering their pew. One should make a bow when they are ready to step forward to receive Holy Communion also.

In the European territories the nobility demanded a genuflection from the commoner to show submission to the royalty. The Western Church adopted this rubric rather than the bow.

### **A little religious humor**

- God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should we?
- Some minds are like concrete  
Thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

## **READERS SCHEDULE**

### **Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection**

Ephesians 2:1-10      John 21:15-19

4 p.m. May      2      Lila Hollowell

10 a.m.      3      Joe Rowden

### **Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection**

Romans 10:1-13      Luke 24:36-48

May      9      Lenore Boles

10      Mary Jo Hodgkin

## **EVENTS FOR MAY**

Sun      3      May Crowning – Rosary Sodality Banquet

Wed      6      Parish Council Meeting 6:00

Sun      10      Mothers' Day

Sun      17      First Holy Communion

## **Coffee Schedule**

May 3      Mary Nader & Theresa Nemer

May 10      Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

May 17      April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

May 24      Shana Page & Marie McMahon

May 31      Jeanne Thomas & Susan Webber

## **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.

May 3      Lowell & Mary Hawes

May 10      The Hodgkin Family