

# 11, 12 April 2015 \* New Sunday – Divine Mercy



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**New Sunday**

**“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”**

Pope John XXIII

- 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.

<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	

*“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”*

### **John 20:24-31**

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Conclusion: Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of [his] disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

**Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

There are different levels of belief. When one declares that they do not believe in anything divine, we call them an atheist. When a person believes in the possibility that there are divine beings, they are considered an agnostic. Belief in a divine being takes on a very wide spectrum of beliefs, some very contradictory and varied.

Thomas was a believer. He probably believed deeply in God and was following Jesus out of a deep desire to know and serve Him. What he was struggling with was the core truth in what makes believing in Jesus as the Son of God unique from the endless opinions of “what kind of god”. Could he believe that Jesus, who he knew was crucified and buried, was truly alive?

The world is full of people “seeing ghosts”. He was not interested in nice spiritual stories to find comfort. Thomas wanted to find out if this flesh and blood man, Jesus, was alive and the Son of God. He had his own criteria for proof that Jesus was alive. He wanted to touch the wounds of the One who healed the wounded.

We can benefit from reflecting on our relationship with Jesus and refocus on who He is as the Son of

God calling us to an ever deepening change in our life as we gain greater knowledge and conformity to His will. If we are not reading the Scriptures prayerfully and spending time in prayer and worship, it is very likely that we are shaping God into who we are rather than us being molded by His hand.

There is a difference between feeling and touching the wounds of Jesus. Thomas touched the wounds of Jesus, and did not let it end there. Through the proclamation of Thomas, we know that he felt all the significance of those wounds. None of us are probably going to ever be able to physically touch His wounds, but we can all feel His wounds in some spiritual manner. This is by having empathy for the pain our Savior endured for our sake. Jesus, being fully human was willing to feel all our pain, and being also fully Divine, can lift us up to eternal life.

Let us not be willing to live with just a scattering of some beliefs, but become a mature fully believing Christian by embracing all that Jesus wishes to give to us. The Sacrificial offering that takes place each time we celebrate the Eucharist is the highest and most complete form in which He tells us in how to remember Him. We should never separate the faith and beliefs He asks of us from the deeds that come from having this faith and belief. **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: **Richard Ayoob, Dianne Fjeldheim, Jerry Fortin, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Dr. Ronnie Marrache, Mary Morneau, Hope Murphy, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin.**

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

**April Devotions**

**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**For All our Soldiers**

By Doris Labranche

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**For All our Soldiers**

By Doris Labranche

**Altar Bread and Altar Wine:**

**For All our Soldiers**

By Doris Labranche

**Liturgy Helps:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** April 12 Fuel. May 3 Shrine

**Liturgy: Sunday of the Resurrection**

Entrance chant: Pg. 387, Creed: Pg. 748,  
Anaphora St. John, Pg. 815

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

**Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 11 4:00 p.m.**

† **Gerard Nadeau**

By The Nadeau Family

**Sun 12 10:00 a.m.**

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By John Thomas

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

Tue 14 9:00 a.m.

† **John Turbyne**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Wed 15 9:00 a.m.

† **Bertha Jensen**

By Rodney & Lee Jensen

Thu 16 9:00 a.m.

**SI Don & Marcia Kendra**

By Don & Marcia Kendra

Fri 17 9:00 a.m.

† **Jean Marie Cummingham**

By John T. Sleiman

Sat 18 4:00 p.m.

† **John Nimon**

By Geraldine Nimon

Sun 19 10:00 a.m.

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By Frank & Maria Bouchard

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

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$2,868.00

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:**

<b>Fuel Budget</b>	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$875.00
Collected previously	\$12,440.00
Total yet to collect	\$(6,685.00)

## April Food Pantry

Variety soups                      Ravioli  
Jelly                                      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.

**Thank you!** .... for the Easter Cards, and gifts. They are most appreciated. May the Spirit of Easter remain in your heart and the hope in the Resurrection sustain you throughout your life.

**Fr. Larry**

*Lord Jesus,*

*make us worthy to celebrate*

*with spiritual hymns your appearance*

*to Thomas and your apostles.*

*You desired to strengthen the faith of your holy*

*Church by inviting Thomas*

*to put his hand in your pure side.*

*Strengthen our faith, like his, in the mystery of  
your glorious resurrection.*

*Fill us with your hope and love,*

*so that we may raise glory to you, to your Father,*

*and to your living Holy Spirit, now and for ever.*

## SUMMER COMFORT

*I am the Lord,*

*You must not treat me*

*as common and ordinary,*

*Revere me and hallow me,*

*for I, the Lord,*

*made you holy to myself.*

Leviticus 22:31-32 TLB Translation

Please wear clothing reflecting the holiness of the Lord you have come to worship, the sacredness of the gathering, your witness of Christian modesty, offer no confusion to who is your Lord to those around you and as to where you are heading on Sunday mornings.

**Aboona**

## READERS SCHEDULE

### New Sunday – Divine Mercy Sunday

2 Corinthians 5:11-21                      John 20:26-31

4 p.m. April                      11      Lenore Boles

10 a.m.                                      12      Joe Rowden

### Third Sunday of the Resurrection

2 Timothy 2:8-13                                      Luke 24:13-35

4 p.m. April                      18      Lila Hallowell

10 a.m.                                      19      Mary Jo Hodgkin

### EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sun    12    Rosary Sodality Meeting

          12    Religious Education

Sun    26    5 p.m to 6:30 p.m. Lebanese Supper

### EVENTS FOR MAY

Sun    3    May Crowning

Wed    6    6:30 Parish Council Meeting

Sun    10    Mothers' Day

Sun    17    First Holy Communion

### Coffee Schedule

Apr 12                      Mary Hawes, Mary Jo Hodgkin

### 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.

Apr 12    Pearley & Alice Lachance

Apr 19    Nancy Fairfield

Apr 26    Larry & Paula Mitchell

May 3    Lowell & Mary Hawes

### DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

## Song Books are located in the pews.

**LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book**

**Liturgy of the Word: New Sunday – Divine Mercy**

**Entrance Hymn: SB - Pg. 47 # 402**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise**

**Entrance Chant: LB - Pg. 387**

**Glory: SB - Pg.01 # 01 Arabic - Glory**

**Hymn: SB – Pg. 02 # 05 I will Lift**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist – After the (748) Creed**

**Transfer of Gifts:**

**LB – Pg. 750**

**Incense Hymn: SB – Pg. 3 #08**

**Peace Hymn:**

**SB Pg. 40 # 176– Tooba Lisa - Peace**

**Holy, Holy: SB Pg. 03 # 09 (Aabic)**

**Anaphora Acclamations after Consecration:**

**when Sung: SB - Pg. 4 # 10**

**Communion: Joyful Song & Alleluia He is Risen**

**After Communion:**

**Closing Song: Christ is Risen**

### Questions regarding the Maronite Traditions

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

**What is that white cloth hanging on the cross mean?**

On the Sunday of the Resurrection, the priest opens the tomb. Inside is the white burial shroud that was used to wrap Jesus in after he died on the cross and was placed in the tomb. This shroud is put on the cross to show our belief that Jesus left the shroud behind because He no longer needed it, for He is now alive. The white shroud represents our belief in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, who has won victory over death.

### Maronite Charity Appeal

You will soon receive information regarding the Maronite Charity Appeal. This year we are asked to raise \$4,000 for the needs of the Maronite Church. This money goes for the education of Seminarians, support of the retired priests, and other charities of the Maronite Church. Ordinarily this is done during Lent, but due to the collection for fuel, we delayed this Appeal.

### Maronite Center

After over 4 years of not finding a renter for the school and 3 years without using heat in the building, we have to seriously consider the need to tear down the building and use that space for parking. There are many ideas for using the building, but so far none of these ideas have become a reality. We are soon going to have to start the process of how to go about the process of its removal.

## Christian One-Liners

- Quit griping about your church; If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- People are funny; they want the front of the bus, Middle of the road, And back of the church.
- Opportunity may knock once, But temptation bangs on the front door forever.
- We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or Judges.

### Century 21 – Surette Real Estate

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***“The Catholic Church, East and West,  
breaths as two lungs in the same body”***