

21, 22 March 2015 * The Healing of the Blind Man



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The Paralytic

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“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.

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Mark 10:46-52.

They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have pity on me.” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage; get up, he is calling you.” He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.” Jesus told him, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

If you saw the movie “Slum Dog Millionaire” you will have seen a part where these men were exploiting children; one of the ways was to intentionally make a boy blind in order to be more successful at begging and bring in more money for themselves. In much of

the world still many people have to beg to survive. There is still many who are blind for a variety of reasons, and they need to beg to survive.

Advances in medicine have made it possible for many people who are blind, if they could have received treatment, would be able to see. So many in the world have not heard the message of Jesus in a manner that moved them to see how through their actions they can help the world see and experience the true light. Can we hear Jesus say, “Call him?” Are we hearing Jesus asking us to call others to Jesus the healer?

We do not always notice or comprehend another person’s confusing behavior as a sign they are looking for God’s love and attention. Many times rebuking someone means that they are disturbing us. When something really bothers us, we can approach with an attitude of rejection, denial, prejudice, anything but as an opportunity of bringing someone closer to God.

Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak. Maybe there are things that we need to throw aside and act with courage. How often do we use our spiritual blindness as excuses for why we give up on listening to Him,

and focus on our own critical and judgmental voice of inner rejection of oneself and others.

A person, who always covers up their real self, cannot find himself. Opening oneself with total trust and confidence in the Lord is a healing process. Bartimaeus did call out, was willing to be vulnerable, and now he can see. It takes courage! It takes faith! There are some things that need to be thrown to the side but you must keep calling out and you will see! To trust Jesus is a wise choice.

Faith is seeking what we still cannot see, with trust we believe that God will do what is necessary for us to reach the journey's end to inherit all that He has promised to give those who follow Him.

Have you ever noticed when you watch a movie again, you are able to notice events that you didn't see the first time? Walking with faith enables us to see more deeply into the purpose and joy of life. We see better after we forgive and let go of hurts. Is it easy? No, but the journey is worth it. Sometimes we are the one that keeps our eyes tightly closed because of fear or judgments.

Anger, bitterness, resentment; all of these things rob us of the light of peace. Jesus is always saying don't be afraid, have courage. Just that alone allows us to begin to see more intensely, and more clearly. So often it is our own decisions that keep us from seeing the beauty of life because we are not open to the blessing in which God has planned for you and I. We blind ourselves with our imperfections and ignore God's healing power. **Aboona**

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all faithful from the ages of 18 to 65.

Fasting from all food and drink (except water and medicine) is to be observed from midnight until noon on **Great Friday (April 3rd) of the Crucifixion**. Optional would be the traditional abstinence from meat on Wednesdays.

Those who are unable to fast because of health must perform other penances and acts of charity.

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: **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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: April 3 For the Holy Land

Liturgy: Healing of the Blind Man

Entrance chant: Pg. 247, Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of St. Sixtus Pg.856

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 21 4:00 p.m.

† **Gerry Joseph**

By Lea Williams

Sun 22 10:00 a.m.

† **Evelyn Blaschke**

By Sue & Gordon Webber

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

Mon 23 Father's day off for prayer,
reflection, and relaxation

Tues 24 12:00 Noon

† **John "Jackie" Thomas**

By The Family

Wed 25 12:00 Noon

† **Fr. Paul Coury**

* Thu 26 9:00 a.m.

† **Deacon Peter Joseph**

By George & Jean Deeb

Fri 27 12:00 Noon

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 28 4:00 p.m.

† **Paul & Marlene Peters**

By Eric Peters

Sun 29 10:00 a.m.

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By John & Jeanne Thomas

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

Weekday Liturgy Schedule During Lent

Weekday Liturgy will be at 12 noon throughout the season of Lent. I strongly encourage you to make weekday Liturgy during the Lenten Season if it is possible.

March Food Pantry

Stews

Condiments

Jiffy Mixes

Toilet Paper

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,756.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:

Fuel Budget	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$3,669.00
Collected previously	\$7,507.00
Total yet to collect	\$(8,824.00)

March Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Christopher Langlais

By Rosanna Joseph & Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For All our Soldiers

By Doris Labranche

Altar Bread:

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph & Janis McGhee

Altar Wine:

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph & Janis McGhee

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

***Real friendship is shown in times of trouble;
prosperity is full of friends.***

~Euripides

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

2 Corinthians 10:1-7 Mark 10:46-52

4 p.m. Mar 21 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 22 Joe Rowden

Hosanna (Palm) Sunday "Sha'neenee"

Philippians 1:1-13 John 12:12-22

4 p.m. Mar 28 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 29 Mary Jo Hodgkin

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Sat & Sun 21-22 Anointing of the Sick

At the end of Liturgy

Thu 26 6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Fri 27 4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder

27 6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions

Sun 29 Hosanna Sunday

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Holy Week Schedule

Thu 2 7 p.m. Washing of the feet

Fri 3 12 Noon Signing of the Chalice
7 p.m. Burial of Our Lord and Savior

Sat 4 10 a.m. Service of Light

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Sat 4 Sundown, time yet to be determined

Sun 5 10 a.m. Sunday of the Resurrection

Sun 26 Lebanese Supper

Coffee Schedule

Mar 22 Jan Bourque, Emily Fournier

Mar 29 Palm Sunday

Apr 5 Laya Joseph, Rosanna Joseph

Apr 12 Mary Hawes, Mary Jo Hodgkin

Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015

4/8, 5/3 May Crowning.

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Sandra Paulette**, of this parish on the loss of her brother **George Buker**.

We pray that the Lord God may grant him rest in His kingdom and consolation to his family.

Fund Raiser

Please recycle your empty egg cartons and bring them to Emily Fournier. Her chickens are laying again and pretty soon eggs will be for sale after Sunday Liturgy. All proceeds go directly to the church.

Church Benefit Dance and Silent Auction:

Thank you everyone for all the help and support for "Dance and Auction. It was a very enjoyable time!

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.

Mar 22 Larry & Lisa Grard

Mar 29 Gregory & Marianne Gillespie

Apr 5 Joe & Lyn Rowden

Apr 12 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Apr 19 Nancy Fairfield

Apr 26 Larry & Paula Mitchell

May 3 Lowell & Mary Hawes

Song Books are located in pews.

LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Liturgy of the Word: Healing of the Blind Man

Entrance Hymn: SLB - Pg. 246

By the Road, As Christ Walked Along

Entrance Chant: LB - Pg. 247

Glory: SB - Pg.01 # 03 Glory for Lent – Psalm 51

Hymn: SB – Pg. 305 Qamat Maryam (Purple Sheet)

Liturgy of the Eucharist – After the (748) Creed

Transfer of Gifts:

SB – Pg. 15 # 124 Here I am Lord

Incense Hymn: SB – Pg. 3 #08

Peace Hymn:

SB – Pg. 31 #155 Open Our Eyes Lord

Anaphora Acclamations after Consecration:

when Sung: SB - Pg. 4 # 10

Communion: Holy Ground

Closing Song: From the Depths

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 receive Holy Communion by Intinction?

Intinction is having the Sanctifying Body dipped into the forgiving Blood and placed on the tongue of the person receiving the Holy Eucharist.

St. Paul complained in one of his letters of how unruly and disgraceful some were acting when some ate and drank too much at the meal that preceded the prayers of the Eucharist.

It was no longer practical, as more and more people became Christians, to celebrate the Eucharist identically as it was at the Last Supper. To handle larger numbers as they gathered to worship in the way asked by Jesus Himself, decisions needed to be made to make it possible for large numbers to receive in a reverent and consistent way for all Christians. As Paul writes, some people even got drunk because of the wine available before hand, and for the poor, there might be nothing left for them.

A very logical and practical solution was to use Intinction, this eliminated the disparity between the rich and the poor when they celebrated the Eucharist, the amount of wine necessary and available, and to foster the reverence to keep the

worship sacred and focused on prayer. This also reduced the time spent on the mechanics and details of getting ready to distribute, and how to “clean up” afterwards rather than the actual Liturgy.

When the authentic Traditions of the Eastern Churches are followed, everything is used to direct the worshiper to focus on the power of the Resurrection. Leavened bread is used to represent the risen Savior, the Body and Blood are joined back together after they were separated during His passion and death. “The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given to you for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.”

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breaths as two lungs in the same body”***