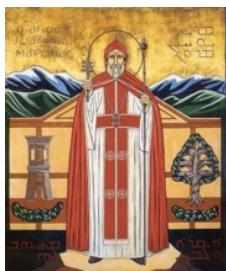


## 7, 8 February, 2015 \* Sunday of the Faithful Departed



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**St. Maron, our Patron**

**“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	

### **Luke 16:19-31**

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied,

‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

### **Dear Parishioners and Friends, Cross over before its too late.**

One of the concepts I find quite interesting in today’s Gospel is that those who did not choose to live by faith are aware of those who did, and want the peace and comfort they see others have. It seems they might be “in the same place” but are separated by the way they separated themselves through deeds of self-centeredness and lack of empathy for those who suffered. The rich man did nothing in his life to ensure eternal peace and consolation.

One of the theological understandings in Syriac and Maronite Theology regarding the after-life is that all go to the same place before the general resurrection at the end of the world as we know it. God did not create an evil place, but we separate ourselves from God’s peace through our choice of how we use our senses. Hell is what we have left after rejecting what God provides to protect us. We

cannot provide for ourselves a peaceful eternity. Only God's plan of salvation offers this possibility. Through the Church's Biblical teaching, we discover Baptism robes us in His glory, and by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, it offers the protection necessary to enjoy what awaits us. To receive the Eucharist while rejecting Christ's teachings is a Sacrilege. As Paul writes, those who receive Him, with out believing Him eat and drink judgment on themselves.

I am sure there is more then one person wishing they could send a warning, "Heed the prophets, Heed the One Who came back from the dead." **In the church, there are serious and grave errors taking control, the error that to not practice the faith has no bearing on our eternal destiny.** Taking off the incorruptible robe of Christ, means we removed ourselves from the motivation to live under the guidance of mercy and compassion. The gates are opened to us, but we are not walking toward them. The Scriptures and the Church provide the guide, but only the guided enter. **Christ provides the light, but we can close our eyes and fall.**

**Today's Gospel is a warning; a very serious warning.** Lent will soon be here. This is the time to do the crossing. Now is the time to do everything possible to make sure our life journey is crossing to the side of consolation. **The world is in crises because of fervent beliefs that the evil they are doing is the will of God.** If only the world was more open to the beliefs that bring what our Divine Liturgy continuously asks for in prayer; that the broken and wounded find compassion and mercy to live a life of peace and tranquility, leading to eternal joy.

**Aboona**

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**CANA SUNDAY**, Feb 15, marks the beginning of Lent, **GREAT FRIDAY**, April 3, marks the end of Lent.

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 Ash Monday and Great Friday 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.

Learn to let others do their share of the work.  
Things may be done less well, but you will have more peace of soul and health of body.

~St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Liturgy Helps:

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Feb. 8 Fuel Collection

**Liturgy: Sunday of the Faithful Departed**

Entrance chant: Pg.167, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of John, the Apostle: Pg.815

The Song number and page is on the back of the bulletin.

**Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 7 4:00 p.m.**

† **Gerry Joseph**

By Herb Joseph, Sr.

**Sun 8 10:00 a.m.**

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

**FEAST OF ST MARON**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Mon 9 12 Noon

† **John "Jackie" Thomas**

By The Family

Tue 10 9:00 a.m.

† **All Our Soldiers**

By Doris Labranche

Wed 11 9:00 a.m.

† **John "Jackie" Thomas**

By The Family

Thu 12 9:00 a.m.

† **Georgette Veilleux**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Fri 13 **No Liturgy**

**Sat 14 4:00 p.m.**

† **Fr. Paul Coury**

By Eric Peters

**Sun 15 10:00 a.m.**

† **Deacon Peter Joseph (40 Day Liturgy)**

By The Rosary Sodality of St. Joseph

† **Bertha Jensen (40 Day Liturgy)**

By Dan & Katrina Plourde

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

**A Change in the Weekday Liturgy Schedule**

I strongly encourage you to make weekday Liturgy during the Lenten Season. I am hoping that with Liturgy at noon more people will find it possible to attend. After a period of time we will evaluate whether to continue during Lent to have it at noon.

**February Food Pantry**

Ravioli Jelly

Bisquick Cake Mixes

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

**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, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Theresa Lee, Dr. Ronnie Marrache, Hope Murphy, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams.**

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

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

<b>Fuel Budget</b>	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$700.00
Collected previously	\$2,194.00
Total yet to collect	\$(17,806.00)

**February Devotions - Sanctuary Candles**

**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**For Bertha Jensen**

By Joe & Lyn Rowden

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**Available**

**Altar Bread:**

**For Fred & Evelyn Blaschke**

By Joe & Lyn Rowden

**Altar Wine:**

**Special Intention**

By Doris Labranche

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$1,719.00

God bless you for your generosity.

With these weekend storms, I am reminded of how it affected our collections last winter. Please don't forget to send in your contributions when you are unable to attend, our monthly bills still continue to arrive every month.

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

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

**2014 Contributions**

If you are itemizing your charitable contributions and you need your total for 2014 church contributions before we send them out, please call the office.

**READERS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday of the Faithful Departed**

1 Thessalonians	Luke 16:19-31
4 p.m. Feb 7	Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 8	Subdeacon Steve

**Cana Sunday – Beginning of Lent**

Romans 14:14-23	John 2:1-11
4 p.m. Feb 14	Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 15	Joe Rowden

**EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY**

Sun	8	Rosary Sodality Meeting
<b>Fri</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Bishop's Pastoral Visit &amp; Retreat</b>
Sat	14	Knight's Turkey Supper 5:00-6:30 pm Tickets: \$8 per person
Sun	15	40 Day Liturgy for Deacon Peter and Bertha Jensen
Sun	15	M'Jadara Luncheon/Talent Show 11:30
Mon	16	Bishop returns to Brooklyn to celebrate Ash Monday
<b>Mon</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Ash Monday 12 Noon and 6 p.m</b>
Fri	20	4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder
	20	6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions
Fri	20	4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder
	20	6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions

**Coffee Schedule**

We will continue to serve muffins at the coffee hour - thanks to Larry Mitchell and Gareth Belton

Feb 8: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

**Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015**

3/1, 4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.

**Church Etiquette**

Refrain from long and loud conversations, no food or drinks in church, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off.

**THANK YOU – For the New Doors:**

The new doors for the three entrances came just in time to handle the fierce cold weather. I wish to thank the generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, for making this possible.

Song Books are located in pews.

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

**Liturgy of the Word: Righteous and Just**

**Entrance Hymn:**

**SB - Pg. 21 # 135 Jesus Christ, O Source of Light**

**Entrance Chant: LB - Pg. 167**

**Glory:**

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

**Hymn: SB – Pg. 1 # 04 O Mary, We Pray to You**

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

**Transfer of Gifts:**

**SB – Pg. 42 # 179 Your Body is Our Food**

**Incense Hymn: SB – Pg. 3 #08**

**Peace Hymn:**

**SB – Pg. 31 #156 Peace is Flowing Like a River**

**Anaphora Acclamations after Consecration:**

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

**Communion:**

**Pg. 9 # 109 Be Not Afraid**

**Closing Song:**

**SB – Pg. 18 # 128 I Am The Bread of Life**

## **M'jadra Luncheon and Talent Show**

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM**

A great Lenten meal and free entertainment.

**Menu:** Salad, yogurt, olives, Lebanese Bread, M'jadra (Lentils), Macaroni & Cheese, and dessert.

If you attended the Talent show in the past, then you already know how much fun it is to participate in this yearly event. From the singing of the 10 days of "Lent" using Lebanese words for foods, Aboona playing his accordion, and the sharing of other talents by young and less young alike makes for an enjoyable time to be together.

Share with your community of faith your song or dance, or maybe as a musician or magician or entertainer. Come and be entertained and have a great meal too. See Marie Deeb to add your name to the list of distinguished entertainers.

## **Retreat Theme: Joy of the Gospel**

**Schedule: Friday 13 – Sunday 15**

**Friday:** 1<sup>st</sup> talk 6:30 p.m.,

**Saturday** 2<sup>nd</sup> talk 10:30, Bag lunch, (BYL)  
3<sup>rd</sup> talk 1:00,

**Liturgy** 4:00 p.m.

**Dinner:** Turkey Supper \$8 per person

**Sunday:** Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

\* Lunch - M'jadra, Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Dessert

**Talent Show:** following Luncheon

## **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. Details later

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**St. Joseph Dance and Silent Auction:** to be held on Friday, March 13 at the Waterville Elks Club. DJ David Lee will provide the music for this fun filled evening. Mark your calendars, dust off your dancing shoes and join us for the evening. Tickets will be \$12 per person and will be available soon.

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