

## 24, 25 January, 2015 \* Sunday of the Priests

### *St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church*

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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.

<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 12:42-48**

“Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

#### **Dear Parishioners and Friends,**

God’s world is not like ours. In His Kingdom creation is protected from evil. By Jesus coming into our world He tells stories about what happens in our

world because of our decisions. He allows us to exist, even when we choose to harm and destroy.

Jesus tells a hypothetical story about faithfulness and acting in a wise, prudent and rational way. He certainly does not want us to form an image of a God who personally picks someone who will beat others so they will get beat later. However, in our world this happens constantly. Is happening now, for instance in the “Arab Spring”.

The judgment on this manager is not theoretical; it is the observation of viewing the consequences of faithless attitudes and cruel deeds.

This gospel has a universal message for everyone; it was chosen for the Sunday of the Priests as a reminder that more is expected from a Catholic priest than any other profession; even clergy of other faiths. The more we proclaim the truth, the more the false (evil) one will attack.

Who is raising their children faithfully and prudently? Whose children have the values to be a prudent and faithful priest? We live in an environment which makes it very easy to see God only as a passive spectator of our interests and a few selective quotes added on to give the illusion that we still are following Him.

In this story the manager is torn to pieces. In a different manner in portions of the world where the church fails to practice faithful and prudent behavior, the church is being torn to pieces.

Even though this story is theoretical, the feelings are real. We all feel anger and torn up inside when we feel mistreated. We can feel this in the most private and public areas of our life.

Shame and power often overrides prudent decisions. The Church in many places is suffering from the effects of the sexual abuse scandal. Even though the same percentage of abusers is found in all institutions, because the Catholic Clergy are held to higher moral standards than others, we are treated with far more scrutiny and anger. As today's Gospel says, we will be beat more severely, especially by the media. As in the private and public life, repentance brings salvation.

The Catholic Church proclaims the fullness of the faith. The failure to live this faithfully and prudently is a temptation all can succumb too. The temptation to reject the faith to escape the "severe beating" of embarrassment is understandable, but this is not the way of faith. Jesus didn't avoid the embarrassment of our sinful condition, but became our condition to redeem it through His death so that we can live one day as a healed people in paradise. Our history may contain dark days, but Christianity is the message of recovery. **Aboona**

**January Food Pantry**

Ravioli	Condiments
Toilet paper	Stews

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, Anita Perreault, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams.**

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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Jan 25 Bishop's World Wide Charity

**Liturgy: Commemoration of the Priests**

Entrance chant: Pg.148, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of The Twelve Apostles: Pg. 754

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

**Liturgy Intentions**

- Sat 24 4:00 p.m.**  
† **Bernie Thomas**  
By The Family
- Sun 25 10:00 a.m.**  
† **Rev. Paul Coury**  
By Eric Peters
- Mon 26 Father's day off for prayer,  
reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 27 9:00 a.m.  
† **Robert P. Bouillard**  
By Gerard E. Brouillard
- Wed 28 9:00 a.m.  
† **Madeline Vachon**  
By John & Jeanne Thomas
- Thu 29 9:00 a.m.  
† **Ida George**  
By Martha Patterson
- Fri 30 9:00 a.m.  
† **Caroline Nale**  
By Mark & Laurie Nale
- Sat 31 4:00 p.m.**  
† **Nancy Joseph**  
By Herb Joseph, Sr.
- Sun 1 10:00 a.m.**  
† **Jordan Maroon**  
By Brent & Lea Williams

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

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

<b>Fuel Budget</b>	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$0.00
Collected previously	\$2,194.00
Total yet to collect	\$(17,806.00)

**January Devotions** - Sanctuary Candles

**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**Peter Joseph**

By Joseph & Sara Taddeo

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**Peter Joseph**

By Joseph & Sara Taddeo

**Altar Bread:**

**Bernie Thomas**

By The Family

**Altar Wine:**

**Available**

By

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$2,189.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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.

**2015 Calendars**

The Calendars were ordered, the shipment was lost somewhere unknown. We are hoping they will show up soon.

**READERS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday of the Priests**

1 Timothy 4:6-16 Luke 12:42-48

4 p.m. Jan 24 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 25 Joe Rowden

**Sunday of the Righteous & the Just**

Hebrews 12:18-24 Matthew 2:31-46

4 p.m. Jan 31 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. Feb 1 Joe Rowden

**EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY**

Sun 1 Religious Education

Super Bowl Breakfast

Wed 4 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Sun 8 Rosary Sodality Meeting

Sat 14 Bishop's Pastoral Visit

Sat 14 Knight's Turkey Supper 5:00-6:30 pm

Sun 15 40 Day Liturgy for Deacon Peter and Bertha Jensen

Sun 15 M'Jadara Luncheon/Talent Show 11:30

Mon 16 12 Noon Service - Ash Monday

Fri 20 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30-6:00 pm

**Coffee Schedule**

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

Jan 25: Elizabeth Wilson & Shana Page

Feb 1: MYO Super Bowl Breakfast

Feb 8: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

**Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015**

2/1, 3/1, 4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.

**Use of the Hall – Guidelines are posted.**

We really have a beautiful hall and because it is used more often now, there needs to be more attention to its proper use and care. Sometimes there is a request to use the hall, and without guidelines, it is not always clear what is expected of the group after they are done using the hall. Guidelines will be made available in the hall.

When anyone asks to use the hall, it is expected they will take responsibility to be sure it is clean after each use. We do not have a staff to do this for you.

**Thank You!**

Thank you every one for the many Christmas cards and gifts. Also for the many cards of condolences for the "going home to be with the Lord" for my Mother. Your prayers were very appreciated.