

## 3, 4 January, 2015 \* Finding in the Temple

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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 2:41-52**

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

#### **Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

If you were the parents of Jesus, would you have looked in the Temple as soon as you discovered that he was missing? Usually the women traveled ahead of the men, to give them a head start. Maybe the woman thought they

did that so that everything would be ready for the men to be able to eat as soon as they caught up. It is understandable that each parent thought Jesus was with the other. Jesus wasn't actually a child any longer could have went with the "little kids" and their mothers or finally to get to "hang out" with the older kids and their fathers.

As much as Mary and Joseph had encountered the supernatural and such miraculous ways, it was not their first impulse to say, "Ah, I know exactly where He would be if He is not with us, He would be back in the Temple teaching the learned men. They were human thinking like humans with a human son. For three days He wasn't where they thought He would be.

Their reaction in finding Him was first focused on their emotional state. They were anxious, and felt like Jesus had done something wrong to them. Jesus answered them by telling them who He was and where He was supposed to be; in His Father's house.

In this exchange everyone benefits, everyone is being transformed by the words of Jesus. The learned men of the Temple discover a wisdom that astounds them with His ability to answer the questions of God's nearness to them.

For His parents they learned they would have to give Him up to fulfill the plan and destiny of the Will of God. Jesus wanted to make sure that all would understand that His place as their son was not going to be one of a rebellious teenager asserting His independence, but continue as an obedient child of theirs. Jesus certainly "could out smart"

them, but as in life, the meaning and joy of life is not outsmarting others, but for everyone who comes in contact with Jesus is to become more like the Christ; to ponder and grow in wisdom and virtue.

There is no need for us to be filled with anxiety and shame in our searching and seeking understanding. As is sometimes said, there is no stupid question; stupidity comes in when we ignore the answer. Jesus does have the answer, not, always a one-line verse answer either. Sometimes the answers He gives takes three days of searching and looking, praying and petitioning. Sometimes it takes a whole lifetime for some questions to be answered.

We think we just figured out a few things and out of the blue something concerning our faith and God overwhelms us and leaves us feeling lost and wondering what is going on in the mind of God.

Like Mary and Joseph, we might not notice that we are no longer traveling with Jesus, until we feel something missing in our lives. Like them we retrace our steps and discover where He is, what He is doing.

Jesus is in His Father's House, His words and worship is heard day after day. A person attending daily Liturgy is very aware of how the Scriptures are read for guidance and knowledge of the mind of God. The prayers are the magnification of the His word and life into the heart of the worshiper.

God is everywhere, and what we see and experience daily is a gift from Him through His creation. As wonderful as this is, Mary and Joseph did not look to creation for a substitute for the presence of their son, but looked until they found Him and pondered the purpose of His Incarnation. Found in His Father's house, teaching the word. Anxiety became heartfelt pondering of the mystery of salvation. **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: **Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Theresa Lee, Dr. Ronnie Marrache, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, Jay Petersen, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams.**

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

#### Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Aboona** and the **Jensen Family** for the loss of their Mom, **Bertha**, who died Monday evening. We pray that the Lord God may grant her rest in His kingdom and consolation to her family and loved ones.

#### Liturgy Helps:

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Jan 11 Fuel (Pink Envelope)

#### **Liturgy: Sunday After Christmas**

Entrance chant: Pg.88, Creed: Pg. 758,

Anaphora of Saint Peter: Pg. 774

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

#### **Liturgy Intentions**

- Sat 3 4:00 p.m.**  
† **Paul & Marlene Peters**  
By Eric Peters
- Sun 4 10:00 a.m.**  
† **Mary (Paul) Maroon**  
By Peter Maroon
- Mon 5** Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 6 9:00 a.m.**  
† **Rolande Latulipe**  
By Ron, Alice & Josie Stauble
- Wed 7 9:00 a.m.**  
† **Malcolm Spencer**  
By Bodai Spencer
- Thu 8 9:00 a.m.**  
† **John "Jackie" Thomas**  
By The Family
- Fri 9 9:00 a.m.**  
† **Caroline Nale**  
By Mark & Laurie Nale
- Sat 10 4:00 p.m.**  
† **Selma (Joseph) Thompson**  
By John Thomas
- Sun 11 10:00 a.m.**  
† **Yvonne Nemer**  
By Dan & Pam Casavant

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

#### **January Food Pantry**

Ravioli	Condiments
Toilet paper	Stews

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

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

<b>Fuel Budget</b>	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$30.00
Collected before last week	\$1,464.00
Total yet to collect	\$(18,506.00)

**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 \$1,644.00

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.

Jan 4: Dale Sturtevant & Lenore Boles

Jan 11: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

**Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015**

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

**Use of the Hall – Guidelines will be 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.

**READERS SCHEDULE**

**Finding of Our Lord in the Temple**

Hebrews 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52

4 p.m. Jan 3 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 4 Joe Rowden

**First Sunday After Epiphany**

2 Corinthians 10:1-11 John 1:29-34

4 p.m. Jan 10 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 11 Joe Rowden

**EVENTS FOR JANUARY**

Sat 3 Madcap Madrigal 6:00 pm

Sun 4 Religious Education

Wed 7 6 p.m. Parish Council

Sat 10 Baked Bean Supper 4:30-6:00 pm

Mon 12 Maronite Priest Retreat Begins

**Coffee Schedule**

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