

21, 22 November 2015 * Announcement to Mary



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“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church” St. John XXIII, Pope of Rome

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.

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb	Sacristans: Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
Teachers DRE: Lenore Boles, K-1st Lenore Boles, 2nd Jane Lee 3-5th Shana Page,		
Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus		

Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be

done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With Mary saying yes to what the angel announced; the most radical and profound event took place since God chose to create the universe. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Divine chose to unite with the Human. The mind cannot completely fathom God bringing into existence everything out of nothing, and now we are being asked to believe the Divine exists so intimately as a part of His creation. That in the womb of Mary the spoken word of God becomes flesh.

Even with the Incarnation being profound beyond human reasoning, there are hints of this mystery in the natural world. Conception of life depends on the previous existence of life. From the moment of conception of human life, that new life is fed nourishment to form and grow as a new being.

The conversation Mary has with the angel reveals the profound event; it lets us know it is understandable to have questions regarding the way God is working in our life. In this case, these are not questions of doubt, but questions showing a spiritual woman seeking deeper

understanding. **Being a holy, spiritual, faithful follower means you keep seeking understanding and guidance.** In order to grow in wisdom, we have to continually be available to God to speak to us; we have to be willing to ponder like Mary.

Fear often is a part of the unknown, and we find in the New Covenant that people who encounter the Divine are told to not be afraid. Even when there is an explanation from the wisdom of God for something that is happening, we often close our ears, and stick to our own way of looking at things. Mary did not close her ears, she tested the vision to make sure it was a true Spirit, and followed the Divine Directions to become all that God chose for her to become.

It is amazing how stubbornly we stick with ideas and explanations that make us miserable and fearful instead of responding to God's ways of miracles, forgiveness and freedom. A sure sign of a person experiencing the presence of the Lord is that their fears in life are on the decrease, and their life continues to become more and more filled with actions of faith, one yes after another to the will of God. **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 Elias, Sr., Jerry Fortin, Patricia Holmes, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Kevin Scully.** Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

Maronite Liturgical Prayer

O Son of the Heavenly Father, it was pleasing in your eyes to become the son of the Virgin Mary, and so the archangel Gabriel came to announce the good news, bringing the peace of the Father to the one who is blessed among women. Prepare us to celebrate your glorious birth with joy and gladness, that we may raise glory and thanks to you, and to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, for ever. Amen.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Dec. 5- 6 Maronite Patriarchal

Liturgy: Announcement to Mary

Entrance chant: Pg. 29 Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of St. Mark Pg. 835

This week's Songs: The Song number and page are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 21 4:00 p.m.**
† **Edward & Evelyn Griffin**
By Francis & Peggy Griffin
† **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**
By John T. Sleiman
- Sun 22 10:00 a.m.**
† **John "Jackie" Thomas**
By The Choir
† **Yvonne Nemer**
By John T. Sleiman

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

- Tue 24 9:00 a.m.**
† **Bertha Jensen**
By Stephanie Simon
- Wed 25 9:00 a.m.**
† **Louis Khoury**
By Al & Ruth Joseph
- Thu 26 9:00 a.m. THANKSGIVING DAY**
† **For the Parish**
- Fri 27 9:00 a.m.**
† **Adolphe Veilleux Family**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Sat 28 4:00 p.m.**
† **Ernest Peters**
By Priscilla Peters & Family
† **Edmond Pare (3rd Anniv.)**
† **Marie Arbour**
By Suzanne Pare
- Sun 29 10:00 a.m.**
† **Frederick Blaschke (2nd Anniv.)**
By Joe & Lyn Rowden
† **Adam Hikel**
By A friend of the Family

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,956.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

November Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine

For John & Margaret Joseph & Family

By Rosanna Joseph

Our Sympathy

Our condolences go to **Dale Sturtevant**, of our parish who suffered the loss of her husband, **Robert Sturtevant**, this past week. Our prayers go out to his family and friends as they mourn their loss.

May the angels carry his soul as well all the faithful departed into His Kingdom where there is no more pain and every tear is dried.

Raffle Winners:

Congratulations!

\$500 - Andrew Coppola

Oil - Theresa Nemer

Day's – Laurie Kelley

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Christmas Bazaar. From the rolling to the baking, to setting up and taking down, for the baking and decorating, and the working the booths and selling. The food was delicious and I think everyone had a great time!

READERS SCHEDULE

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Galatians 3:15-22 Luke 1:26-38

November 21 Lenore Boles

22 Mary Jo Hodgkin

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

Ephesians 1:1-14 Luke 1:39-45

November 28 Lila Hallowell

29 Mary Jo Hodgkin

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Wed 2 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Thu 3 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Sun 6 Rosary Sodality Christmas Party 11:30

Thu 10 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Sat 12 Play Rehearsal 9:00 am

Sun 13 Children's Play and Party

Thu 17 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Thu 24 3:30 Christmas Cantata

24 4:00 Christmas Eve Liturgy

Fri 25 10 a.m Christmas Liturgy

APRIL 28, 29 Relics of St. Sharbel will be here at the parish.

Coffee Schedule

Nov 22 April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

Nov 29 Shana Page & Jodi Veilleux

Dec 6 Susan Webber & Elizabeth Wilson

Dec 13 Mary Bard & Lenore Boles

Dec 20 Jan Bourque & Pam Casavant

Dec 27 Sharon Crowe & Emily Fournier

Jan 3 Mary Hawes & Elaine Hoag

Jan 10 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

November Food Pantry

Jelly Family sized items – soups, ravioli, etc.

Condiments Juice in Plastic Containers

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

MYO Schedule: 12/12, 12/13, 1/24, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

We have two Vocation Icons, so I am hoping that some people on Saturday will sign up to take it home also. You can take it home more than once.

Nov 22 Larry & Lisa Grard

Nov 29 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Dec 6 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Dec 13 Nancy Fairfield

Dec 19 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Dec 20 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Dec 27 Lowell & Mary Hawes