

# 7, 8 November 2015 \* Renewal of the Church



## St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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Renewal Sunday

Web Site <http://www.sjmaronite.org>

“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-1<sup>st</sup> Lenore Boles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee 3-5<sup>th</sup> 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

### John 10:22-42

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense?

If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.

The Father and I are one.” The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?”

The Jews answered, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.”

Jesus answered, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If those to whom the word of God came were called ‘gods’ — and the scripture cannot be annulled — can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’? If I am not doing the works of my Father,

then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there.

Many came to him, and they were saying, “John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” And many believed in him there.

### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Jesus by saying that He is the good Shepherd and His sheep hear His voice and follow Him is also saying that there are those who hear His voice and are not going to follow Him. In this story it is some of His own people who are against Him. They want Him arrested. In this situation it is some of the Jews living at that time. It should be made perfectly clear, that at any time in history there are people who claim to belong to the right religion but their actions betray it. Just like Adam, the word for man, and Eve for woman; we have to choose between what we think will make us like a god but doesn’t, or to live a life that images God and does.

Every person on earth worships something. It could be their distorted beliefs in God. It could be their animosities and hatreds or their pleasures, vices and addictions they worship. Some worship their nostalgia of the past, frozen in time rather than living in time with a Living God.

The Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, the Assembly of believers, is always in need of Renewal. This isn't a change of beliefs, but to stay focused on the substance rather than the packaging. To keep from straining out gnats while swallowing the camel.

Jesus is the true vine, and sometimes we need pruning. Jesus knew there would be scandals. He knew Judas was a thief. The papers remind us every chance they can in how right Jesus was in what He had to say. There are Shepherds and there are hirelings. There are saints and there are sinners.

There are always stone throwers ready to kill. In the hand of Jesus is healing and forgiveness. This should never be confused with permission to do evil, but the right treatment at hand; grace and mercy, forgiveness and healing, but let us not ignore with deaf ears Him also saying, "sin no more".

In the Gospel Jesus is confronted with concrete obvious hostility. Christianity is being persecuted in more places now than the age of martyrs of the first centuries. Evil fundamentalism is within eyesite of a predominantly Christian town in Syria that still uses the Aramaic that Jesus spoke. This belief that Jesus is the Son of God, where the Divinity of God is united with the humanity of man and woman, still incites the desire to stone, arrest, and kill.

Our culture is not innocent either, it is wiping out the voice of the Shepherd who gathered people close to Him to listen to His Word. Almost any form of worship is acceptable but the Shepherd who calls us to His temple today, worshiping what He gave us, they way He wanted to be remembered by His Apostles and disciples. **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.

**Liturgy Helps:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** Nov. 7- 8 Fuel Collection

**Liturgy: Renewal of the Church**

Entrance chant: Pg. 9 Creed: Pg. 748,  
Anaphora of St. Peter Pg. 774

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

**Liturgy Intentions**

- Sat 7 4:00 p.m.**
- † **Bertha Jensen**  
By Nick & Shay Miller
- † **Georges Richard**  
By John T. Sleiman
- Sun 8 10:00 a.m.**
- † **The Crew of the El Faro**  
By Bob Asselin & Susan Mitchell
- † **Alex Hikel**  
By Rita Hikel

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

- Tue 10 9:00 a.m.**
- † **Julie Turboul Thiboult**  
By John T. Sleiman
- Wed 11 9:00 a.m.**
- † **Dick Ayooob**  
By Al & Ruth Joseph
- Thu 12 9:00 a.m.**
- † **Maroon Thomas Family**  
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Fri 13 9:00 a.m.**
- † **Prinella Mitchell**  
By Kevin Michaud
- Sat 14 4:00 p.m.**
- † **Yosef Akroury**  
By Laya Joseph
- † **Bertha Jensen**  
By Steven Maroon
- Sun 15 10:00 a.m.**
- † **Adam Hikel**  
By Carol Jakobowski
- † **Dora Theriault**  
By Rita Hikel

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

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$2,980.00

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

### Peace Prayer from the

#### Anaphora of St. John Chrysostom

Lord God and Father, holy and glorious is your name. You deliver those who love you from all that is contrary to your will. May we, who have remained in your divine love, be made worthy to give one another the greeting of peace with a holy kiss. May we always speak words of peace, think of peace, and work for peace. Through the grace of your only Son and his love for all people, we raise glory to you, and to your living Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Questions in the court room:**

Q: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

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Q: She had three children, right?

A: Yes.

Q: How many were boys?

A: None.

Q: Were there any girls?

## READERS SCHEDULE

### Renewal of the Church

Hebrews 9:11-15                      John 10:22-42

November 7    Lenore Boles

November 8    Mary Jo Hodgkin

### Announcement to Zechariah

Romans 4:13-25                      Luke 1:1-25

November 14    Lila Hallowell

November 15    Mary Jo Hodgkin

### EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sun 8    Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am

Sat 14    Christmas Bazaar 9 – 2

Thu 19    Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

### EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Wed 2    Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Sun 6    Rosary Sodality Christmas Party 11:30

Sat 13    Children's Play and Party

### Coffee Schedule

Nov 8    Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Nov 15    Jane Lee & Marie McMahon

Nov 22    April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

Nov 29    Shana Page & Jodi Veilleux

Dec 6    Susan Webber & Elizabeth Wilson

### November Food Pantry

Jelly    Family sized items – soups, ravioli, etc.

Condiments    Juice in Plastic Containers

**Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.**

**Bazaar** – It is that time of year once again. Please start collecting White Elephant items & books, making your crafts, and planning what you will be making for the baked goods table. The bazaar is coming up quickly and we need all of you to contribute what you can to make this the very best bazaar ever.

**MYO Schedule:** 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 7    Ann Giguere (Sat)

Nov 8    Larry & Paula Mitchell

Nov 15    Lowell & Mary Hawes

Nov 22    Larry & Lisa Grard

Nov 29    Pearley & Alice Lachance

Dec 6    Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Dec 13    Nancy Fairfield