

31, 1 November 2015 * Consecration of the Church



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Consecration Sunday

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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

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Matt. 16:13-20 When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, **“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”** They replied, **“Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”** He said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”** Simon Peter said in reply, **“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”** Jesus said to him in reply, **“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”** Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The most important and profound truth Peter expressed through the power of the Holy Spirit, is that Jesus is the Son of God, sent to us by the Heavenly Father, because out of love, God wants us to find salvation and recover from sin and all the harm that has come upon us because of sin.

Sin is a distortion of what is good. God created all things good. We have the ability to use what is good in a way that is not good. Evil is the negation or the absence of what is good. For this reason what is a sin or what is evil at first does not appear to be evil or a sin. Jesus provided us a way to sort through and choose what will lead to more division and harm versus what will bring us back to fullness of the intent of God’s love for us.

Through the Holy Spirit Peter was able to arrive at the correct understanding of who Jesus is as the Son of God. Through this same Holy Spirit this gift to the church will help us through the centuries to sort through and arrive at the truth that sometimes is not always obvious at the time, but proves to be the truth intended and developing from the seed of faith that Jesus planted in the hearts and minds of the Apostles united with Peter.

Today’s Gospel is of major importance in understanding the Catholic Church and the role of the Pope. Just as the Apostles were in union with each other, in which Peter was given the promise and the key of authority, the Catholic Church is made of Sister Churches with Patriarchs who are in union with each other. What makes them Catholic is not

their rituals but their union with the Patriarch of Rome, which we use the word Pope, meaning Father. Catholic meaning universal is that everywhere those who are in union with the Bishop of Rome are Catholic.

The Catholic Church consists of twenty-two Churches of different rites and traditions. Over the centuries Popes have expressed this unity in a variety of ways. Two recent Popes; St. John XXIII referred to the Eastern Churches as a treasure of the Catholic Church and St John Paul II used the expression of one body, breathing with two lungs. To deny that the Eastern Churches stand equal to the dignity of the Western (Roman) tradition is to deny the definition of being Catholic and the authority of the Pope.

History has revealed over and over that controversy produces division and animosity toward each other. The Scriptures are a living Word, so rich in meaning that there is always a variety of opinions of what is written and how it applies to each generation. The role of Peter is to provide the clarity to prevent the truth from being lost through a rigid and inflexible mind locked into a certain century and one single geographical mindset as well as indifference and rejection of fundamental truths given by Jesus Himself to the Apostles.

Jesus proclaimed to Peter that through the Holy Spirit, he was capable of professing that Jesus is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit protects the church so that what is known to be true transcends through history developing more deeply to remain a living source to each generation to find, know and love a living God. In a profound way this frees the members of the church from spending all their time being "professors of disputes", but focused on the call of discipleship of living out the will of the Father.

Jesus said, "I am the Vine, you are the branches." We know that some branches will need to be pruned off. As Maronite Catholics, we believe Peter has the promise of Jesus to know which growths (teachings of faith and morals) must be pruned back or cut off and what must be encouraged. When the church is slow at pruning away its sins, the temptation to separate from the original vine and replant, can be overpowering.

Zeal is not proof of what is true. Unfortunately, what is replanted, at first, grows sometimes with incredible vigor, but always mutates to where there is a continuous splitting over what to teach. With the promise given to Peter, there remains one faith, one Baptism, one united faith in our Lord and Savior.

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Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Nov. 7- 8 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Consecration of the Church

Entrance chant: Pg. 9 Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of Twelve Apostles Pg. 754

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

Liturgy Intentions

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| Sat | 31 | 4:00 p.m. |
| | † | John & Marietta Thomas
By Friend of the Family |
| | † | Edward & Evelyn Griffin
By Francis & Peggy Griffin |
| Sun | 1 | 10:00 a.m. |
| | † | Kathleen Hawes
By The Family |
| | † | Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman
By John T. Sleiman |

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

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| Tue | 3 | 9:00 a.m. |
| | SI | Special Intention
By A Parishioner |
| Wed | 4 | 9:00 a.m. |
| | † | Julia Campion
By Al & Ruth Joseph |
| Thu | 5 | 9:00 a.m. |
| | † | Maroon Thomas Family
By Dan & Pam Casavant |
| Fri | 6 | 9:00 a.m. |
| | † | Prinella Mitchell
By Virginia Ferris |
| 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 |

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,801.00

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