

22, 23 October 2016 * Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross

St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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Holy Cross

The Weekly Video of Our Sunday Liturgy can be found on our 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	Sacristan: Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
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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.	

Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord Jesus Said: “It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one — to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ [Then] the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my

good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.’ His master said to him in reply, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

When Jesus refers to this man as useless, he is not saying the man is not capable of being useful, but revealing that we can have beliefs about others and

one self that prevent us from using the talents that God has given us.

Like last week's Gospel we can have a false understanding of the importance of what is expected of us. The bridesmaids had the resources to make sure there was light for the return of the groom, but made decisions that proved to be a disaster for them. This man had the talent to do what the others did, but kept a perception of the Master that robbed him of the inner strength and willingness to use his talent and that decision turned out to be a disaster for him.

There is a story of a paralyzed nun in Italy who became a saint. She was a slave in Africa and her Master brought her to Italy and was set free. She became a nun and later in life she developed an illness that incapacitated her and was bed ridden. One day a great and famous Cardinal visited the convent and meeting her asked her what she did. St. Baquitha said, "I do the same thing you do." This upset the Cardinal, because he was able to do so many great things.

He asked again what she really did, and she said the same as you, the Will of God. God gives us all the talents we need to do His will and to find fulfillment through the gifts he gives us. Whether we have 10 or 5 or 1 we still can do the will of God.

Maybe the man given one talent made it a habit throughout life to ignore his talents. In other parts of the Scripture Jesus says those who cannot be trusted in the small things can't be trusted in the large things. Sometimes the wise thing to do is to take small steps of trust and responsibility to gain confidence in oneself. I don't think Jesus tells this story to humiliate or to show that He gives up, but that He is always ready to give and always makes it possible to learn more about Him to make better decisions. As in last week's gospel, there really has to be a time, when through our freewill we will receive the outcome that we chose, and not the outcome that God tried to lead us toward.

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: **Fr. Bill Clark, Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Gordon Webber.**

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

2nd Collections: Nov. 12, 13 Fuel Collection
Dec. 3, 4 Patriarchal Charities

Liturgy: 6th Sunday after Holy Cross Pg.606/8
Page numbers for the Prayers and Songs are on the back cover of the Bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 22 4:00 pm
† **Ernest Peters**
By George Peters

Sun 23 10:00 am
† **Salem & Nimerah Maroon**
By Judie Lynn Nassar & Family

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

Mon 24 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 25 9:00 am
† **Herb Jabar**
By Herbert Joseph

Wed 26 9:00 am
† **George & Mintaha Mitchell, Sr.**
By John Sleiman

Thu 27 9:00 am
† **Tannous Abou Sleian & Tamam Saad**
By John Sleiman

Fri 28 9:00 am
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 29 4:00 pm
† **Herb Jabar**
By George Peters

Sun 30 10:00 am
† **Buddy & Eva Mitchell**
By Larry & Paula Mitchell
† **Prinella Mitchell (90th Birthday)**
By The Family

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

October Food Pantry

Variety Soups Bisquick
Jelly Cake mixes

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

October Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For **Clarence Jensen**

By The Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For **Special Intention**

By Gerard Brouillard

Altar Bread

For **Shackie & Rose-Marie Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine

For **Shackie & Rose-Marie Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

See someone new? Make them feel at home, and hopefully they will call it their home. There is no such thing as outsiders.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,881.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Bazaar Info: The annual bazaar, set for November 5, is fast approaching. It is time to dig out your knitting needles, thread and sewing machine, etc. and think about what you will be donating to our craft tables this year. Also time to clean out your jewelry and treasures for our white elephant tables. **A new feature this year:** homemade **American girl doll clothes**. We also will have loads, of assorted yarns for sale. Tell all your friends. To make the bazaar a success we need your help. Please, do what you can.

READERS SCHEDULE

Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross

Galatians 6:1-10 Matthew 25:14-30

October 22 Ruth Lunn

23 Joe Rowden

Sunday of Christ the King

Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 25:31-46

October 29 Lila Hallowell

30 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Tue 25 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Wed 2 Make Meat Fatayirs 5:00 pm

Thu 3 Cabbage Leaves 9:30 am

3 Make Apple Pies 11:00 am

3 Open Face Spinach 3:30 pm

3 Bazaar table Set up 6:00 pm

Fri 4 Roll Cabbage 9:30 am

Sat 5 Christmas Bazaar

Sun 13 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am

Dates to remember: Rosary Christmas Party, Dec. 11; Children's Christmas Party, Dec. 18.

Coffee Schedule

Oct 23 Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin

Oct 30 Laya Joseph & Rosanna Joseph

Nov 6 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee

Nov 13 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Nov 20 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon

Nov 27 April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

"Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan."

- John Bunyan

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

We will be changing the way we schedule the Vocation Icon to allow more options. For now, we will schedule a person once a month or less often.

Aramaic/Syriac Bible

"Request therefore of The Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest." Matt. 9:38

Oct 22 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Oct 23 Jim & Mary Jo Hodgkin

Oct 30 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Nov 5 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Nov 6 David & Jane Lee

Nov 13 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Nov 19 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Nov 20 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Nov 26 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Nov 27 Larry & Lisa Gard