

# 15, 16 October 2016 \* Fifth 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.

<b>Choir Director:</b> Fefa Deeb	<b>Sacristan:</b> Laurie Nale	<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Paula Mitchell
<b>Teachers DRE:</b> Lenore Boles, K-1 <sup>st</sup> Lenore Boles, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee 3-5 <sup>th</sup> Shana Page,		
<b>Parish Council:</b> Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, 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.	

### Matthew 25:1-13

**“The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the**

### hour.”

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

In this Gospel, Jesus is the Groom and the Church is His bride. In the tradition of His people, bridesmaids light candles and light the way for the bride to be led to the groom. The smart ones make sure they have with them all that is necessary to keep the lights burning until they reach the groom’s home, and there they meet. The foolish fail in making the right choices to make sure the light lasts until the groom joins with the bride. The foolish are focused on their own need for position. The wise are focused on the responsibilities of their calling.

Jesus is talking to the people of His religious upbringing, fellow Jews. Even among the Jews there was a split between those who believed in the resurrection and those who didn’t. Jesus does believe in the resurrection. He knows that He is the way, the truth and the life.

The Sacred Scriptures are the collected letters of those who were taught directly by those who walked with Jesus and believed He was the long awaited Messiah. Many people no longer believe this and the

Church is struggling and seeking how to reverse this trend.

Jesus believes that He is the King of this heavenly Kingdom. At the beginning of every Liturgy we sing this truth because the Divine Liturgy is where heaven meets earth. Where the groom comes to us the church, His bride, through the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

We are offered enough grace and mercy to make it to the day of light, the day we are to meet Jesus. We as members of the church, His bride, are given all the gifts necessary for our salvation. We also can make decisions that block the oil of grace He offers to us. The Scriptures tell us that many are invited to the banquet, and some choose to not respond and spend this time doing other things, that sounds reasonable to the person giving the excuse, however, the fact remains, they choose to not attend and take part in the celebration.

Christianity does not remove the necessity of carrying out our responsibility from what is rightfully to be expected of us. Grace is not the solution to make it possible to do nothing, but the Spirit of God is empowering and motivating us. It makes it possible for the repentant to find forgiveness, for the sick to find healing, for the grieving to find comfort, and the distraught to find compassion. Jesus is the door to eternal life. **Aboona**

### Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Ann Giguere** of this parish on the loss of her husband, **Lester**, who died recently.

We pray that the Lord God may grant him rest in His kingdom and consolation to his family and loved ones.

### 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**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:

Oct. 15, 16 World Mission Sunday

**Liturgy: 5th 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 15 4:00 pm**

† **Reggie Michaud**

By Sheila Bonenfant

**Sun 16 10:00 am**

† **Kathleen Hawes**

By The Family

† **Robert M. Sturtevant (70<sup>th</sup> Birthday)**

By Dale Sturtevant

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

Mon 17 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 18 9:00 am

† **Lester Giguere**

By Pearley & Alice Lachance

Wed 19 9:00 am

† **Khalil & Abou Sleiman & Frangieh Harfoush**

By John Sleiman

Thu 20 9:00 am

† **Andrew W. Marozzi Harfuch**

By John Sleiman

Fri 21 9:00 am

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

**Sat 22 4:00 pm**

† **Ernest Peters**

By George Peters

**Sun 23 10:00 am**

† **Salem & Nimerah Maroon**

By Judie Lynn Nassar & 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 \$2,267.00

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. To make the bazaar a success we need your help. Please, do what you can.

### **READERS SCHEDULE**

#### **Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross**

Philemon 2:12-18 Matthew 25:1-13

October 15 Lenore Boles

16 Joe Rowden

#### **Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross**

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

October 22 Ruth Lunn

23 Joe Rowden

### **EVENTS FOR OCTOBER**

Sat 15 Ham Dinner 5:00-6:30 pm \$9.

### **EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER**

Wed 2 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

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

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 16 Cindy Elias & Mary Nader

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

### **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 16 Larry & Lisa Grard

Oct 22 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Oct 23 Mary Jo Hodgkin

Oct 30 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Nov 5 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Nov 6 Jane Lee

Nov 13 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Nov 19 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Nov 20 Larry & Paula Mitchell