

1, 2 October 2016 * Third 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.

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| Choir Director: Fefa Deeb | Sacristan: Laurie Nale | Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell |
| Teachers DRE: Lenore Boles, K-1 st Lenore Boles, 2 nd Jane Lee 3-5 th 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. | |

Matthew 24:23-31

“If anyone says to you, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ or ‘There he is!’ — do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, ‘Look! He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look! He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. “Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see ‘the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven’ with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from

the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Jesus was talking to His people and when He used this word “Messiah” they understood Him according to how they understood what they were taught. Some of them were taught that the Messiah would be a warrior that would free them from the rule of the Romans. Even within Christianity you can find some over emphasizing a political and prosperity message rather than the healing of the sick and the lifting of the poor, and the clothing of the naked.

The most spiritually humble of most religions seek the restoration of the human being to one of peace and healing. There is the symbolic desire to restore humanity to the status of Adam and Eve before the fall from friendship with God. The Messiah would be a person anointed with a message that if it is followed, all the world would certainly be a more peaceful and healthy.

Jesus believed that He was the Messiah, that if we follow Him we will regain friendship with God, be freed one day from the scourge of death and illness, and no more rulers who enslave others physically or mentally. The list can go on and on, as we experience what hurts us. We can continuously discover what makes the world we live in a better place to live.

The false messiahs are those who are able to convince others they speak for God but do not. They can become so delusional they even began to think they are divine. An observation of the world religions shows how prevalent this is and how hard it is to discern what is true and what is false. Sometimes its followers are able to self-correct the reality of what actually took place by its founders and re-present the religion in a more modest and pleasing way. This often means they have to repress and keep secret some aspects of the life of their founder.

There are caring and thoughtful people found in all religions. There can be powerful and uplifting natural and wise truths that can appeal to the soul and spirit. It is also true within all religions you can find disturbed people who grossly express the worse in the fallen nature of humanity and magnify select teachings to until they are so distorted they deceive leading to destructive and evil consequences.

A Christian can still be just as much in need of repenting of sin and the perfecting power of God's grace as the one who does not recognize Jesus by name. There are those who do not know Jesus by His name, but live internally the message that leads to eternal life. This can be understood in the story Jesus tells us He is the least of brethren.

The trumpets will be the sound of a joyous return. I am fascinated by the translation, "and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." There are many places besides our earth that have wind, and the heavens are unmeasurable. **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, Lester Giguere, 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: Oct. 8, 9 Fuel Collection
Oct. 15, 16 World Mission Sunday

Liturgy: 3rd 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 1 4:00 pm
† **Joseph & Mary Smus**
By Patricia, David & Paula Smus

Sun 2 10:00 am
† **Caroline Nale**
By The Family

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

Mon 3 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

NO WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Sat 8 4:00 pm
† **Gene & Jackie Marshall**
By The Family

Sun 9 10:00 am
† **Deceased Members of the Rosary Sodality**
By The Rosary Sodality
† **Kathleen Hawes**
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.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,362.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Thank you!

Thank you for the Happy Birthday wishes, cards and gifts. God bless you and watch over you daily.

October Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Available

By

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.

Love, as understood by young children

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.' Chrissy - age 6

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' Terri - age 4

'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.' Danny - age 8

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.' Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.' Nikka - age 6

(we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

READERS SCHEDULE

Third Sunday after Holy Cross

Philemon 3:17-4:1 Matthew 24:23-31

October 1 Ruth Lunn
2 Joe Rowden

Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

1 Thes 5:1-11 Matthew 24:45-51

October 8 Lila Hallowell
9 Lauraine Mansur

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Sun 2 Religious Education
Sun 2 40th Anniversary of Msgr. David George
Fri 7 50th Anniversary of Maronite Eparchy
Sun 9 Rosary Meeting
Sat 15 Ham Dinner 5:00-6:30 pm \$9.

Dates to remember: Christmas Bazaar Nov.5;
Rosary Christmas Party, Dec. 11; Children's
Christmas Party, Dec. 18.

Coffee Schedule

Oct 2 Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes
Oct 9 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton
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

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 1 Audrey Yotides (Sat)
Oct 2 Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Oct 8 Ann Giguere (Sat)
Oct 9 Larry & Lisa Gard
Oct 16 Larry & Paula Mitchell
Oct 22 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)
Oct 23 Mary Jo Hodgkin
Oct 30 Pearley & Alice Lachance

You have to believe in happiness, or happiness never comes.

~Douglas Malloch

Mount Merici Academy - Fall Festival

10/14 -5-9 & 10/15 – 10-3, Childrens' games, Craft Sales, Baked Goods Sale, Silent Action, White Elephant.