

# 28, 29 August 2016 \* Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost



## St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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### Season of Pentecost

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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| <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. |   |

### Luke 18:9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: **“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”**

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

It is easy to forget at the time that Jesus is telling these stories, to be a Pharisee was an honorable and admirable religious group to belong to. They were well educated at a time when few people could read or write. They could quote the scriptures

expertly and many followed their teachings and interpretation of the Scriptures, they were even considered progressive by some in the fact they did believe in life after death.

Today we equate being a Pharisee with being judgmental and self-righteous because of these Gospel stories. These Gospel stories are no longer literally about the Pharisees but about anyone who is considered to be very religious, but lacks the inner qualities of humility and compassion. They know and quote many Scripture verses and push for laws based on their understanding of God, might even quote about the compassion of God, but you are very unlikely to experience it from them.

We have to be careful to not reject good and wholesome qualities that are also in the plan of God just because some other qualities are missing. Jesus Himself told His Disciples to fast, in fact there were some types of evil that can only be overcome through fasting and prayer.

To give ten percent was God's command in the Old Covenant. In the New Covenant the focus is not the percentage, but according to one's means, we are called to give sacrificially and through this we learn

the wisdom of self-control and disciplined spending. There are reasons why a person is able to give less, and for some reasons why they can give more. Virtue should be our priority, our financial generosity includes our talents and time. When God is first in our life and is the object of our worship we can be refreshed by living out our faith through worship and action. We can fall into habits and “want seeking” that in its ends leaves us in an exhausted feeling like a rat running a losing race.

The Pharisee made the disastrous mistake of thinking his own evaluation of himself could justify himself with a comparison of his morality with another’s. He was a good man, but redemption comes through the mercy and grace of a Savior. In everything Jesus says, He is asking us to be good to others for He is the other.

In this man’s concern for the sins he listed, hopefully he came to experience and believe that Jesus transforms the sinner into the virtuous. The tax collector found salvation because he realized that the way he was living was wrong. He did not present a list of reasons to justify his wrongdoing. He was sorry, and prayed for the grace to stop. It is the Spirit of holiness that transforms our heart and mind to be open to live according to the will of the Father.

Demonizing others is no solution to the ills of the world. Bringing the Light of the Gospel to the darkness in our life and the lives of others is the message He continually teaches. Using the wrong medicine to treat a person’s illness does not heal them. The most difficult challenge of today is convincing the self-righteous and the sinner to embrace the solution Jesus provides. **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, Herb Jabar, 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.

**Last Week’s Collection**

Regular Collection \$2,580.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

**Liturgy Helps:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** Aug 27, 28 Louisiana Flooding  
Sept. 10, 11 Fuel Collection

**Liturgy: Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost(B)**

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Page numbers for the Prayers and Songs are on the back cover of the Bulletin.

**Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 27 4:00 pm**

† **Lee Poulin Barnes**

By Michelle Cothran & Nicole Harmon

**Sun 28 10:00 am**

† **John M. Joseph**

By George Peters

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

Mon 29 Father’s day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 30 9:00 am

† **Joseph Marchetti**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Wed 31 9:00 am

† **Jeannette M. Sleiman**

By John Sleiman

Thu 1 9:00 am

† **Ralph Cogswell**

By Joe & Ellen Bernard & Family

Fri 2 9:00 am

**SI Don & Marcia Kendra**

By Don & Marcia Kendra

**Sat 3 \*\*5:00 pm**

† **Gertrude Hutchinson**

By Lauraine Mansur

**Sun 4 10:00 am**

† **Ferris Ferris**

By The family

**Prinella Mitchell (1<sup>st</sup> Anni.)**

By The Family

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

**September Food Pantry**

Ravioli Stews

Jiffy mixes Personal care items

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

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

### **Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations**

Let me know if you want to continue with the Vocation Icon program after September 11th, or modify the program to maybe once a month.

Aug 27 Ann Giguere (Sat)  
Sep 4 Larry & Lisa Grard  
Sep 10 Audrey Yotides (Sat)  
Sep 11 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

### **September Devotions**

#### **St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**For Prinella Mitchell**

**By Lowell & Mary Hawes**

#### **St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**Available**

#### **Altar Bread**

**Available**

#### **Altar Wine**

**For John & Margaret Joseph & Family**

**By Rosanna Joseph**

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who worked diligently to make the “**Kickoff Dinner**” a great success. The Parish Hall looked beautiful, the food was delicious, and the talks, concluding with former Senator George Mitchell were inspiring and touching. Brochures were provided to take home to prayerfully consider contributing to the Endowment Fund.

We will be sending out these Brochures to all parishioners who were unable to attend.

The **Endowment Committee** and I are committed to keeping our parish thriving which includes planning for the future.

### **READERS SCHEDULE**

#### **Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

Romans 8:18-27 Luke 18:27

August 27 Lila Hollowell  
28 Joe Rowden

#### **Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost**

Romans 13:8-14 Luke 10:25-37

September 3 Lenore Boles  
4 Joe Rowden

### **EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Sat 3 \*\* Schedule change in Liturgy  
5 p.m. Liturgy instead of 4 p.m.  
Wed 7 6 PM Parish Council Meeting  
Sun 11 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30/11:45

Sun 18 Registration for Religious Education  
After Liturgy.

### **Coffee Schedule**

**For the Summer:** Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

### **Death of Msgr. James Khoury:**

Prot No. 495 1 16

Year of Mercy

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons, Subdeacons, Religious Men and Women, Lay Faithful:

We received the sad news that Monsignor James T. Khoury passed away in Florida, on Tuesday, August 16, at the age of 72. He was predeceased by his parents, Emil and Frances, and his sister Patricia Murphy. Monsignor Khoury was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts and was ordained a priest on October 11, 1975 by Archbishop Francis M. Zayek.

Following his ordination, he served as parochial vicar at Saint Joseph Church in Waterville, Maine; and pastor at Saint George Church in San Antonio, Texas; Saint Joseph Church in Olean, New York; Saint Maron Church in Youngstown, Ohio; and his home parish of Saint Anthony Church in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was elevated to the dignity of Periodeut with the title of Monsignor in 1995.

Monsignor Khoury is survived by his brother Brian, and his sisters, Joan Charest, Eileen Khoury, and Sheila Deeb, as well as nieces and nephews, and many relatives and friends.

At this time, funeral arrangements are pending but we will inform of them as soon as possible.

I extend the sympathies and prayers of the entire Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn - clergy, religious and laity - to Monsignor Khoury's family and friends. May he rest in peace!

Sincerely yours in Christ,