

# 20, 21 August 2016 \* Fifteenth 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.

<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 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair.

Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner."

Jesus spoke up and said to him, **"Simon, I have something to say to you."** "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." **"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"**

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he

canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, **"You have judged rightly."** Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, **"Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.**

**Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."** Then he said to her, **"Your sins are forgiven."** But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, **"Who is this who even forgives sins?"** And he said to the woman, **"Your faith has saved you; go in peace."**

### Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We are all affected by sin. Sin should not be only understood as things that we did wrong, or failed to do. If there was no sin in the world there would be no death, illness, anger, pain, hurt, confusion, jealousy;

in other words, all those things that bring sadness hurt, pain, and misery into our life,

Our actions and thoughts can separate us from God and others, even ourselves. Jesus, by His very nature and purpose proves that it is not God that pushes away, but we push God away. In the story of creation in Genesis, creation is declared good, If the world in life was going to be anything less than good, it would take a decision other than God's. These Pharisees did not understand God's desire to reconcile us to Him through mercy and compassion.

This woman knows she has sinned and has sorrow and tears of grief. In humility she bows down in worship. The sorrow and repentance cleanses her, and in a ritual way, washes the feet of Jesus. Jesus does not have to be cleansed but in a mysterious way our cleansing of Him cleans us; for Jesus is the naked, the hungry, the imprisoned, the thirsty, the ones who need forgiveness and mercy for that very same virtue to grow in us.

The woman's humility and sorrow allowed her to be completely open, not looking for permission to continue in sin without a need to feel sorrow, but to gain inner healing and dignity to be truly free to experience genuine life changing compassion.

This woman was willing to go into the home of a person she knew judged her without love, to be healed and transformed by a person, who loved her and would forgive her. She found grace and mercy to overcome her sins. Sometimes this may happen immediately; but more often, over a period of time through patient prayer. **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, 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 \$2,230.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

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

### **Liturgy Helps:**

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

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

Aug 13, 14 Fuel Collection

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

#### **Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 20 4:00 pm**

† **Jeannette M. Sleiman**

By John Sleiman

**Sun 21 10:00 am**

† **Marion Maroon**

By Dan & Katrina Plourde

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

Mon 22 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 23 9:00 am

† **Lucian Paul Baudet**

By John Sleiman

Wed 24 9:00 am

† **Jeannette M. Sleiman**

By John Sleiman

Thu 25 9:00 am

† **Ralph Cogswell**

By Neal & Martha Patterson & Fam

Fri 26 9:00 am

† **Prinella Mitchell**

By John Sleiman

**Sat 27 4:00 pm**

† **Lee Poulin Barnes**

By Michelle Cothran & Nicole Harmon

**Sun 28 10:00 am**

† **John M. Joseph**

By George Peters

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

#### **August Food Pantry**

Condiments Family sized items-soups, ravioli

Toilet Paper Juice in plastic containers

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

***In prosperity our friends know us; in adversity we know our friends.***

**~John Churton Collins**

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

We have two Vocation Icons, so I am hoping that some people on Saturday and Sunday will sign up to take it home; also, the Icon can be taken home more than once.

Aug 20 Audrey Yotides (Sat)  
Aug 21 Greg & Marianne Gillespie  
Aug 27 Ann Giguere (Sat)  
Aug 28 Larry & Paula Mitchell  
Sep 4 Larry & Lisa Gard

### **August Devotions**

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

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

**For Special Intention**

**By Gerard Brouillard**

### **Altar Bread**

**For Deceased Mem. Simon Stevens Fam.**

**By Larry & Paula Mitchell**

**Altar Wine Available**

### **DVD's of Patriarch's Visit**

**CATV made a professional recording of the Patriarch's visit. If you would like to purchase a DVD (\$10 each) please contact Subdeacon Steve Crate.**

### **READERS SCHEDULE**

#### **Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

1 Thes. 1:1-10 Luke 7:36-50

September 20 Ruth Lunn  
21 Joe Rowden

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

Romans 8:18-27 Luke 18:27

September 27 Lila Hallowell  
28 Joe Rowden

### **EVENTS FOR AUGUST**

Wed 24 Endowment Fund "Kickoff Supper"

### **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

### **August 24<sup>th</sup> "Endowment Kickoff" Supper**

Formal Invitations were sent out Friday. We need an exact count for the Dinner. You must reply to attend. Since this is a formal event for parishioners and former parishioners with limited space, do not make casual verbal invites to the general public. If a parishioner or former parishioner was overlooked and wants to be involved in contributing to the Endowment fund, please contact the parish office so we can respond accordingly. Your RSVP can be left in the collection basket, left through the mail slot, email (put Endowment in the subject line) or mailed back.

**George Mitchell** will be attending and share his experience of growing up here at St. Joseph's. We will also officially recognize our "new members".

### **Church Etiquette**

Refrain from long and loud conversations, **no food or drinks in church**, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off/

***To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love. In return you will receive untold peace and happiness.***

**~Robert Muller**

***Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier.***

**~Anon.**