

## 17, 18 December 2016 \* Genealogy Sunday



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### Genealogy Sunday

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
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<b>Parish Council:</b> Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Mark Morin, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson	<b>Ex-officio:</b> Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles	
DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

**Matthew 1:1-17** *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. ... Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah, fourteen generations.*

#### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This is the Sunday to listen to the tongue twisters. “Azor was the father of Zadok,” and so on. The writer of the Gospel wants to give names to show that Jesus was a descendant of David, to show that He is the one that was promised by God to restore us to the Father.

This list of names is not just about His ancestors; it is also about who will become His spiritual descendants. Because of the Incarnation our name can be in the Book of Life. Jesus descends to us so we can ascend to Him restored in a manner that glorifies the power of God.

It is still a radical belief that God has a Son named Jesus, both God and man. Every Eucharist is a testimony to the Incarnation, God taking on our humanity. Every Eucharist is a proclamation that our sins are forgiven, and that in Him we have eternal life.

Jesus didn’t get in trouble for claiming to be a descendant of David, but when the significance of His complete identity began to be known; troubles began. King Herod, in his understanding, saw him as a threat to his kingship and had male children under the age of two destroyed.

In a spiritual manner Jesus will always be a threat to earthly “kings”. Power and greed can distort our understanding of others and ourselves. If we feel no power over our life and lack an understanding of our own dignity and worth we can choose to do horrible things. The opposite is also true; if we have an exaggerated sense of our power we can choose to take horrible actions toward those we perceive as a threat to this power.

There are two Gospels that have names listed; they are not identical because they are for a different

group. The Jewish community that embraced the teachings of Jesus would be looking for different details than the Gentiles. This is important to understand, because it is the nature of anyone telling a story to surround the core message with details that the listener is more able to comprehend and identify with.

Not so long ago we could just present a chapter and verse from the Bible and a Christian would accept it as God's word to us. Many were taught to believe the Scriptures is the Word of God, simply because it claims to be the Word of God, which is not actually a logical statement because anyone could put the same sentence in their writings for "proof". Today, unfortunately, there are many who simply ignore and know very little about what is in the Scriptures.

During the Season of Announcement we have several people experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit. Hearing the experiences of a number of people each relating their story strengthens our faith. They point to the promise and the promised One. Each telling how their lives are forever changed and convinced that God has visited them and God is with them. The Messiah has come to us.

During the Season of Announcement, the Holy Spirit is able to reveal the message to people who are just and open to the faith. It takes faith to believe the Bible used by Christians is the word of God and is a message of salvation.

The Church is human and also supernatural. The history of the Scriptures is the history of the Church's faith. Since the Resurrection of Christ there are many writings regarding Jesus. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church selected the writings that confirmed what Jesus commanded His Apostles to teach to all nations. This is what they believed and practiced. Members of the church can distort the teachings of the church and the Scriptures. Along with the promise made to Peter, the Lord continues to give the church Saints to call us back to a deeper and faithful understanding of His message.

**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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections** Jan. 7, 8 Fuel Collection  
Jan. 21, 22 Bishops' Worldwide Charities

**Liturgy: Genealogy Sunday**

**Pg. 66/67**

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

**Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 17 4:00 pm**

† **Andrew W. Marozzi Harfuch**

By John Sleiman

**Sun 18 10:00 am**

† **Ann Jensen (40 Day Liturgy)**

By Herbert Joseph

† **Cecile Nadeau (40 Day Liturgy)**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

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

Mon 19 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 20 9:00 am

† **Lester Giguere**

By Ann Giguere

Wed 21 9:00 am

† **Fernande & Antoinette Mathieu**

By The Family

Thu 22 9:00 am

† **Bertha Jensen (2<sup>nd</sup> Anni.)**

By The Family

Fri 23 9:00 am

† **Ann Jensen**

By Fefa Deeb

**Christmas Eve**

**Sat 24 4:00 pm**

Intentions of the Parish

**Christmas Day**

**Sun 25 10:00 am**

Intentions of the Parish

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

**Blessing of the Creches:** On Sunday, Dec. 18 bring in a piece of your Creche and place on the table in front of the Church and Aboona will bless them during the Liturgy. (After the Children's play).

## **December Devotions**

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

**For Raymond & Georgette Veilleux**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

### **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 \$2,662.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

## **December Food Pantry**

Ravioli Stews

Jiffy mixes Personal care Items

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

## **READERS SCHEDULE**

### **Genealogy Sunday**

Romans 1:1-12

Matthew 1:1-17

December 17 Lenore Boles

18 Joe Rowden

### **The Glorious Birth of Our Lord**

Hebrews 1:1-12

Luke 2:1-20

December 24 Lenore Boles

25 Joe Rowden

## **EVENTS FOR DECEMBER**

Sun 18 Children's Play during Liturgy

Sun 18 Children's Party after Liturgy

Thu 22 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

### **Birth of Our Lord and Savior**

**Sat 24** 3:30 Christmas Cantata

4:00 Christmas Eve Liturgy

**Sun 25** 10:00 am Christmas Liturgy

## **Coffee Schedule**

Dec 18 Elizabeth Wilson & Rosanna Joseph

Dec 25 NO COFFEE

Jan 1 Mary Bard & Jan Bourque

Jan 8 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Jan 15 Lenore Boles & Pam Casavant

Jan 22 Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes

## **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

Dec 17 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Dec 18 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Dec 24 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Dec 31 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Jan 1 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Jan 8 Larry & Lisa Grard

Jan 15 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Jan 21 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

## **Don't fall for a SCAM!**

**IRS** – They never demand money through a phone call. **NEVER** “click” on the link to verify email being shut down, or a financial verification, or an emergency solicitation. Always go to the official site and verify through some other source than the phone call or email.