### 23, 24 July 2016 \* Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost



## St. Joseph Maronite Gatholic Church

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The Weekly Video of Our Sunday Liturgy can be found on our Web Site <a href="http://www.sjmaronite.org">http://www.sjmaronite.org</a>

"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.

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb Sacristan: Laurie Nale Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell

**Teachers DRE**: Lenore Boles, **K-1**<sup>st</sup> Lenore Boles, **2**<sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee **3-5**<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

By Jesus saying, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For

the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." We can draw the conclusion that before Jesus came into Zacchaeus's house he was lost and was not saved. We might be tempted to think that this was because he was a tax collector and was rich. The story that Jesus tells actually makes it clear that this is not what was keeping him in the past from receiving salvation. What Zacchaeus told Jesus what he would do after Jesus came into his house allowed him to find salvation.

Zacchaeus chose to live a life of immense generosity toward the poor. Not only was he going to pay back all whom he defrauded anyone, he would give them four times the amount he wrongfully collected. This is true contrition and resolve to no longer do wrong.

It is important to notice that Jesus did not tell him to quit his job and do something else. As long as Zacchaeus had this job, those who have to pay taxes are safe from being defrauded, the poor are cared for with compassion and sustenance, and even after giving half of his wealth away he still will be with a good job and be rich.

The moral stature of this man will be anything but short. Salvation is more than just inviting Jesus into your house and heart. It is knowing that Jesus Himself, also invites and requests to come into our heart and home. And if it really is Him, and not just our projection of who we think and want Him to be; our lives and the lives we come in contact with are forever changed.

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#### **Recent Baptisms**

This year has been a full year of reminders of our Maronite Roots here at St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church. Starting with the Relics of St. Sharbel, the visit of our Patriarch, and soon the kickoff dinner for our Endowment campaign; I thought I would put in the bulletin the recent baptisms showing how our Maronite Roots are still thriving:

**Lydia Saidie Libby & Ryder George Mitch**ell, grandchildren of Darrell & Donna-Jo (Gotardi) Mitchell,

Mark Gregory & Christopher Daniel Joseph, twin grandchildren of Mark & Jeanne (Gallant) Joseph,

**Xavier Leo Francis Stauble**, grandchildren of Ron & Alice Stauble,

Sawyer Ethan & Sofia Rose Bearce, twin grandchildren of Dan & Pam (Thomas) Casavant,

#### Leslie Page,

husband of Shanna (Corey) Page,

#### Julian Ferris,

grandson of Robert Ferris & Mary Beth (Reggie).

O Lord, enlighten the heart of Your servants, who has just received baptism. As you enabled them to become a children of Your grace, in Your merciful kindness, keep them firmly in the ranks of Your children. Grant, O Lord, that after being purified with the waters of Your covenant, they may be a member of a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people, a blessed community now and forever.

#### **Liturgy Helps:**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:

Aug 13, 14 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: 11 Pentecost (A) Pg. 425/7

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

#### **Liturgy Intentions**

Sat 23 4:00 pm

† Tannous Abou Sleiman & Tamam Saad By John Sleiman

Sun 24 10:00 am

† Theresa Nemer By Barbara Atkins

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

Mon 25 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 26 9:00 am

SI Don & Marcia Kendra By Don & Marcia Kendra

Wed 27 9:00 am

† Richard Elias, Sr. Dana & Linda Hayes

Thu 28 9:00 am

† Elias Karam & Rosa Saad John Sleiman

Fri 29 9:00 am

† Prinella Mitchell By John Sleiman

Sat 30 4:00 pm

† Tannous Harfouch Boles & Mariam Saad

By John Sleiman

Sun 31 10:00 am

† Robert Mitchell By The Family

† Lee & Van Peters & Family
By The Family

† John M. Joseph (40 Day Liturgy)
By The Family

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

#### **Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$2,244.00

God bless you for your generosity. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

#### 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, Reginald "Mitch" Michaud, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin.

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

# July Devotions St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle Available

#### St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention
By Gerry Brouilard

# Altar Bread & Altar Wine Available

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

We have two Vocation Icons, so people for Saturday and Sunday.

July 24 Lowell & Mary Hawes

July 30 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

July 31 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Aug 6 Ann Giguere (Sat) Aug 7 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Aug 14 Larry & Lisa Grard

#### READERS SCHEDULE

#### **Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost**

July 23 Lenore Boles

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#### The 350 Martyrs

Romans 16:17-20 Luke 11:49-54

July 30 Ruth Lunn 31 Joe Rowden

#### **EVENTS FOR AUGUST**

Wed 24 Endowment Fund "Kickoff Supper"

#### **EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Wed 7 6 PM Parish Council

#### **Coffee Schedule**

For the Summer: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

#### Mark YOUR calendars!

August 24 – Kickoff Supper for the Endowment Fund. 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".

#### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Patriarch's visit something we will all remember for the rest of our lives. The letter from the Archbishop in today's bulletin says it all.

Thank you to all those who shared their time and talents. There was a lot of work including behind the scenes that maybe were not noticed, but thank you. His Beatitude and Delegation noticed the personal open touch of the Spirit here at St. Joseph's.

I cannot remember all those who offered to help with the expenses, so if you remember, your donation to defray the cost will be helpful.

Donations	\$ 1,125.00
Expenses	
Security	\$ 2,100.00
Meals	\$ 1,128.05
Flowers	\$ 390.00
Videoing	\$ 2,024.08
Total	\$ 5,642.13

#### **CHURCH TYPOS**

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

1. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.