

# 11, 12 June 2016 \* Fifth Sunday of Pentecost



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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.

**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

### **Matthew 10:1-7**

Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: **“Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’”**

### **Dear Parishioners and Friends,**

It is not common to “cast out unclean spirits” and we don’t depend on using authority to cure every disease or sickness to bring people to believe in Jesus as the Messiah, but He still wants us to do this. We do this in subtle ways when we are doing His will. The problem is, we find doing His will difficult, or we rationalize excuses for not living out all He teaches us.

A rigid frightened and judgmental mind is not open to the message that is necessary for the challenges of today. It might have worked decades or centuries ago, but maybe not tomorrow. We should always be making progress in understanding evil and illness. This is only possible if we have an open mind. I am a firm believer, for instance if the scientific and medical mind was open to all the medical knowledge of all cultures, whether they are in the jungles of the Amazon or the mountains of Tibet; there are solutions to all our illnesses. Sometimes it is our refusal to simply stop a habit.

I think the same applies to our spiritual life. In the Gospels it says that if everything was written down in what Jesus did and said, all the books in the world could not contain them. This might not be a literal fact, but certainly is a spiritual fact. Every person everywhere is searching for something to satisfy their spiritual needs. We may not be conscious of this, but we are. For a secular society to reject a spiritual life that unites us together, that society cannot survive for long.

I remember in the seminary the Novice Master mentioning that being “spirituality independent” of the wisdom of religious leaders is nothing more than

naval gazing; only thinking of oneself. Patting oneself on the back, or convincing others to pat themselves on the back has no power to stop evil from taking over, or address how we will overcome illness. The love that Jesus taught is unifying command.

When Jesus says "the kingdom of God has come near", We will still be in the process of accomplishing His plan. Realistically, as long as we have freewill, there will be those who reject Him and be stumbling blocks to accomplish all that Jesus wills for us.

Jesus asks His Apostles to first start with "their own" When we truly believe and know that His message transforms, we do everything we can to make the soil of our brain be receptive to His message and fertile for the seed of faith to grow. With no spiritual food, or very little, or misinformed knowledge of the faith, there is little chance for the genuine seed of faith to take root and grow in courage and bear the fruit of compassion and mercy. This is why it is crucial for parents to give and live by example of the Christian faith for their children to observe and to absorb it into their very being.

I believe Pope Francis is doing all he can to address the spiritual needs of this generation. The same truth needs to be preached to an ear that is different than it was in the past. Not by rejecting what is true, but removing the barriers that get in the way of hearing the truth. **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, John M. 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.

#### **Maronite Patriarch to Visit our Parish!**

The Maronite Patriarch, Bechara Peter Rai, Archbishop Sayah, Bishop Gregory Mansour, Chorbishop Michael Thomas, Deacon Simon, and Walid Ghayad, will be celebrating the 4 pm Liturgy here on **Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of June.** They will fly in by private jet at 1 pm Saturday, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy followed by a simple reception. The Patrarch's emphasis will be to greet and converse with as many parishioners as possible. They will be flying out Saturday evening so they will not be here for the Sunday Liturgy.

#### **Liturgy Helps:**

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

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

June 11/12 Fuel Collection

June 25, 26 Peter's Pence

**Liturgy: 3 Pentecost (A) Pg. 425/7**

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

#### **Liturgy Intentions**

- Sat 11 4:00 pm**  
 † **Mary Maroon**  
 By Judy Lynn Nassar & Family
- Sun 12 10:00 am**  
 † **Prinella Mitchell**  
 By John Sleiman

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

- Mon 13 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 14 9:00 am  
 † **Theresa Nemer**  
 By Larry & Paula Mitchell
- Wed 15 9:00 am  
 † **Richard Elias, Sr.**  
 Janet George
- Thu 16 9:00 am  
 † **Charlie Maroon**  
 Martha Patterson & Mary Ayoob
- Fri 17 9:00 am  
 † **Yvonne Nemer**  
 By Martha Patterson & Mary Ayoob
- Sat 18 4:00 pm**  
 † **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**  
 By John Sleiman
- Sun 19 10:00 am**  
 † **Prinella Mitchell**  
 By Yvonne & Theresa Nemer

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

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

Regular Collection \$2,477.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

## June Devotions

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

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**For Special Intention**

By Gerard Brouillard

## Altar Bread

**For John & Margaret Joseph Family**

By Rosanna Joseph

## Altar Wine

**For Deceased Mem. Harry Mitchell Family**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

## Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

We have two Vocation Icons, so I am hoping that some people on Saturday will sign up to take it home also. You can take it home more than once.

June 12 Larry & Lisa Grard

June 19 Lowell & Mary Hawes

June 25 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

June 26 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

July 3 Jim & Rachel Kilbride

July 9 Ann Giguere (Sat)

July 10 Larry & Paula Mitchell

***Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance.***

~St. Francis of Assisi

## READERS SCHEDULE

### Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 11:21-30 Matthew 16:13-20

June 11 Lila Hallowell

12 Lauraine Mansur

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1 Cor. 12:12-13, 27-30 Matthew 10:16-25

June 18 Lenore Boles

19 Joe Rowden

### EVENTS FOR JUNE

Sun 19 Fathers Day

Sat 25 4 pm Liturgy with Maronite Patriarch  
Bechara Peter Rai

Mon 27 Leave for vacation with Family

### EVENTS FOR JULY

Tue 5 Maronite Priest Conference

Fri 8 National Apostolate of Maronite  
Convention begins.

Wed 20 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Fr. Larry being here

### EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Wed 24 Endowment Fund "Kickoff Supper"

### Coffee Schedule

June 12 April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

June 19 Shana Page & Jody Veilleux  
Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton - **For the Summer**

July 3 NO COFFEE HOUR

### 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".**

### Patriarch's Schedule

12:55 Arrive at Waterville airport and proceed to  
St. Joseph Rectory

2:00 Lunch at Rectory

4:00 Divine Liturgy at St. Joseph Church

5:30 Reception in Church Hall

"All American Turkey Dinner"

7:30 Leave for Waterville airport

***The gift we can offer others is so simple a thing as hope.***

~Daniel Berrigan