

10, 11 December 2016 * Revelation to Joseph



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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
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DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

Matthew 1:18-25 *Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.*

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The importance of this Sunday is to reinforce the belief that Jesus is the Son of God; that God is His Father in a real way through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In a world that is filled with mythology, it was a “risk” to have the One and only true God take on the nature of humanity. The story is not supposed to be another mythology of gods visiting humans and making new gods. Even in our culture we develop mythical images from what were once true religious realities like St. Nicholas, a Bishop who preached the love of the ONE born in Bethlehem, who has been switched into a mythical figure from the North Pole.

We like stories and legends to reinforce values or lessons, but we must be careful not to confuse the difference between eternal truths of salvation and what are creative teachings for entertainment. What is interesting is even in mythical stories there is the desire to teach morality.

This is important to know because it is intrinsic to our nature to want to live in a moral, loving, caring society. We shape stories to give flesh to the ideas of what is good for one’s self and for those we want

to be at peace with. Even the Scriptures use earthly stories to give a heavenly meaning. This is why it is important to not take many parts of the Scriptures literally, unless the emphasis is specifically clear.

Because it is so easy to make public every thought and conjecture about just about everything, we have to be careful to not be swayed by the many controversial speculations regarding our Faith. It can seem like there are contradictions in what different parts of the Bible say. Why four Gospels with slightly, and some not so slightly different details in a story? I think one of the reasons is because no one sees and experiences everything identically, and that the truths regarding salvation are not the details of a story, but in the message they tell.

Today we are focused on a man of faith discovering that he is called to take Mary as his wife to protect her and the child from harm, not just physical harm, but also the dangers present in how they would be judged and treated.

The Announcements of the Season tell us that God wants to bring us back to our intended glory, to save us from our ability to choose destruction. Not only that but to repair the damages of past choices. We have the power to cling to every hurt, pain, sorrow, and grief. Jesus becomes all of this to free us from it. Joseph enters into the story as a loving, caring man, and a just man. Only a person attuned to the Spirit of God can have the faith to believe the dreams and messages that will change their life forever.

Change can be frightening, and often we accept it unwillingly. Joseph had to know a great deal about God to be even willing to trust in the revelation that he received. We cannot move through life without experiencing doubts and confusion. It is the habit of acting with faith and trust that gives us the ability to continue to walk by loving faith and trust God in those "unbelievable" moments. Have you had thoughts and inspirations, that if you had responded to them, your words and actions would be a powerful witness of faith in Christ? **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

2nd Collections Dec. 10, 11 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Revelation to Joseph

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 10 4:00 pm

† **Ron Stevens**

By Herbert Joseph

Sun 11 10:00 am

† **Raymond & Georgette Veilleux**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

† **Robert Mitchell**

By Janet Mitchell

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

Mon 12 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 13 9:00 am

† **Lester Giguere**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Wed 14 9:00 am

† **Nidr & Eleanor Jabre**

By Eddy Jabre

Thu 15 9:00 am

† **Ann Jensen**

By Raymond & Mabel Jensen

Fri 16 9:00 am

† **Mary Nuyens**

By Fefa Deeb

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 Janet Mitchell

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 \$2,940.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

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.

December Food Pantry

Ravioli Stews

Jiffy mixes Personal care Items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

READERS SCHEDULE

Revelation to Joseph

Ephesians 3:1-13 Matthew 1:18-25

December 10 Lila Hallowell

11 Lauraine Mansur

Genealogy Sunday

Romans 1:1-12 Matthew 1:1-17

December 17 Lenore Boles

18 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Sun 11 Rosary Christmas Party 11:45 am

Thu 15 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Sat 17 9 ?? Christmas Practice

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 11 Jody Veilleux & Susan Webber

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

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 11 David & Jody Veilleux

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 Gard

Jan 15 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Jan 21 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Knights of Columbus: On Saturday, Dec 10 the Knights of Columbus, Council 11303, will gather for a Corporate Communion.

"Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also becomes richer and happier." - Albert Schweitzer