

4, 5 June 2016 * Fourth Sunday of Pentecost



Season of Pentecost

St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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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
Teachers DRE: Lenore Boles, **K-1st** Lenore Boles, **2nd** Jane Lee **3-5th** 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 10:21-24

At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, **“I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”** Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, **“Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

What is it that some can see and others cannot?
What did these prophets and kings wish to see?
What would you like to see?

We are all aware that not everyone sees the world around us in the same way. There are countless reasons for this. Since God began to reveal Himself to us, we are made aware of the promise of a coming Messiah who would restore

all of creation to its original beauty and innocence. The Chosen People focused on this as central to their hope. The kings of the tribes of Israel and their prophets longed for this day. Jesus found it difficult to convince them that He was the promised one. He tells His Apostles that it is a gift to believe in God, and a gift to see Him as the awaited Messiah. We as Christians do believe that He is the Messiah, the promised One.

There is no way for anyone to judge any individual in whether or not they would accept the Christian message under all situations in which the worlds humanity finds themselves. There at different places and times where the only example given for Christianity are people who are not living it. This is reminder of important it is for us to truly live the faith, not just know about it.

We are aware that there are those who belong to a Christian Church but do not reflect the core beliefs of the faith in their lives. We also know that there are those who do not profess Christianity but in their behavior, the reverence

for the Divine, and how they treat others can be very admirable and referred to as Christ like. It is so important to see accurately. When we can see the real issue and not just our own agenda or wish for position and power, we are reflecting the Spirit of truth. When we want to hear the truth and presented the truth objectively, it is of the Spirit.

The bottom question is, can and does God want to reveal Himself accurately? As Catholics we believe He does. If we say yes, God does reveal Himself through Divine Inspiration, how do we know which of the claimed writings are truly representing God fully? For we need to know how important it is to not become over consumed and obsessed with the incidentals and ignore what is actually of great significance in being spiritually healthy and a light of hope and love.

In some manner, every day we are challenged to follow His teachings, to reject a teaching of His, or return to His teaching. Jesus is the Son of God who remained faithful to the end, and in that faithfulness is able to share with us the completed message of eternal life. **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 25th of June.** They will fly in by private jet at 1 pm Saturday, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy followed by a simple reception. His 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

2nd Collections:

June 11/12 Fuel Collection
June 25, 26 Peter's Pence

Liturgy: 3 Pentecost (B) Pg. 492/3

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

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 4 4:00 pm**
† **Georges T. Abou Sleiman**
By John Sleiman
- Sun 5 10:00 am**
† **Edward & Freda Nassar (40 Day Liturgy)**
By Judy Lynn Nassar & Family

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

- Mon 6** Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 7 9:00 am**
† **Richard Elias, Sr.**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Wed 8 9:00 am**
† **Joyce Buck**
John & Jeanne Thomas
- Thu 9 9:00 am**
† **Theresa Nemer**
Martha Patterson & Mary Ayooob
- Fri 10 9:00 am**
† **Paulette Daou**
By John Sleiman
- Sat 11 4:00 pm**
† **Mary Maroon**
By Judy Lynn Nassar & Family
- Sun 12 10:00 am**
† **Prinella Mitchell**
By John Sleiman

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

Meeting for those interested in helping with the Patriarch's visit:

Tuesday June 7, 6:00 pm in the Church Hall

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,427.00

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 4 Ann Giguere (Sat)
- June 5 Larry & Paula Mitchell
- 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

READERS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 2:11-16	Luke 10:21-24
June 4	Ruth Lunn
5	Joe Rowden

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 11:21-30	Matthew 16:13-20
June 11	Lila Hallowell
2	Lauraine Mansur

EVENTS FOR JUNE

- Tue 7 6 pm Planning meeting for Patriarch’s visit in the parish Hall.
- Sun 19 Father’s 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.

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

- Wed 24 Endowment Fund “Kickoff Supper”

Coffee Schedule

- June 5 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon
- 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”.

***God who sits above,
smiles at the anxious,
calculating heart,
and makes everything easy
to the simple and confiding.***

~St. Elizabeth Seton

***Don’t let your worries get the best of you;
Remember,
Moses started out as a basket case.***

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***Some people are kind, polite,
and sweet-spirited
Until you try to sit in their pews.***