

28, 29 May 2016 * Third 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-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

John 14:21-27

“They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?”

Jesus answered him, **“Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.**

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Jesus is making it clear that love is not empty words, but following His commandments and learning His teachings. When our actions match our words then we desire to give Him worship and praise according to His plan.

This is an important understanding. The person who wants something for His own personal satisfaction can learn how to say the right words, but does not offer a lasting trustworthy love. The abuser knows the right words to sweep their love interest off their feet. The all-consuming love at first is flattering, but one step out side of the self centered obsession and “love” vanishes. Flattery does not impress God; genuine trust in His Word and self-giving is what He looks for in us and we look for in each other.

The dynamics of the “first sin” is the lack of trust in the believability in what God has to say. They became distracted from reason God’s forbid them to eat from a certain tree. On the natural level of reasoning, we can say, “What can be so wrong about eating a piece of fruit?” Adam and Eve knew nothing about evil pain, whether physical, spiritual, or emotional. Often the temptation that begins to destroy our relationship with God is the one we are convinced is too insignificant to matter.

Even though Adam and Eve walked daily in the garden with God, they sinned by not waiting to talk to Him about the offer of the forbidden fruit, but talked to the serpent instead to make their decision. We can be easily deceived, when we only talk at God but listen to the “serpent”.

Love and trust of God is to talk to Him and believe that He has our best interest at heart. To make His teachings insignificant is to make Jesus nothing more than a few powerless platitudes on a plaque, rather than the Living God of Salvation.

Jesus says to not let our hearts be troubled, even though it is all around us. I like to think of it as the "look both ways" situation. No matter how good we are, we still have to look both ways when we cross the street. Traffic can be annoying and it can also be deadly. When we know all the variables of the traffic, we can cross even a busy street safely. But we need to know these variables.

The same is true in our understanding of God's commandments. They are motivated by God's love for us, and they can protect us and guide us safely through the troubles of the world.

Our news tells us over and over and over, that even sincere intentions if made in ignorance, mixed with the deception and greed can be devastating for others. Our failure in spreading the gospel is a guarantee that we will be confronted with radically different beliefs.

Did you notice how often it is a vehicle of transportation that is used to spread terror? Are we committed to transporting the Gospel of peace into our heart and into the hearts of others hungry for genuine peace? A sincere faith guiding the actions of believers does transform the world. **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 emphases 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 (A) Pg. 425/7

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

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 28 4:00 pm**
† **Joseph & Mary Smus**
By Patricia, David & Paula Smus
- Sun 29 10:00 am**
† **Edward Atkins, Sr.**
By John Sleiman

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

- Mon 30 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 31 9:00 am
† **Morris Peters**
By Herbert Joseph, Sr.
- Wed 1 9:00 am
SI Don & Marcia Kendra
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- Thu 2 9:00 am
† **Richard Ayoob**
Martha Patterson & Mary Ayoob
- Fri 3 9:00 am
† **Joyce Buck**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- 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

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

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

Tuesday May 31, 6:00 pm in the Church Hall

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,345.00

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

By

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.

May 29 Jim & Rachel Kilbride

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

The enemy is fear.

We think it is hate; but, it is fear.

~Gandhi

READERS SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 2:1-10 John 14:21-27

May 28 Lenore Boles

29 Joe Rowden

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 2:11-16 Luke 10:12-24

June 4 Ruth Lunn

5 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR MAY

Tue 31 Planning Meeting for the Patriarch's visit
6:00 pm in the hall, for those interested in helping.

EVENTS FOR JUNE

Wed 1 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

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

May 29 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee

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".

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi Parish will be celebrating this Feast beginning on May 29th with a Mass at 9 am at Notre Dame followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. There is a sign-up sheet at both entrances for the "Forty Hours of Adoration". Please give your name and phone number if you wish to take a holy hour. More information contact Lori Gregory at 873-8267.