

14, 15 May 2016 * Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Sunday

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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

John 14:15-20

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him.

You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Pentecost is celebrated as the birth of the Christian Church. The Church abides in the love that Jesus has for it. Our loving Him back is to keep His commandments. Our loving Him back is to embrace the truths He gave to the Apostles to teach us.

Even in the age of the Apostles, there were variant beliefs developing, regarding the message of Jesus. The Apostles did not agree with everything written down and they believed they had the authority to choose which beliefs accurately expressed what Jesus taught them. In Matthew 16:18 the church believed Peter had the keys of authority. This is not a personal authority that stems from himself or his own personal virtue, but a way for the Holy Spirit to continue to protect and affirm the faith and morals of the church. Which Letters were to be used as Scriptures is the fruit of this belief.

Truth is not subjective; there cannot be contradictory and opposing truths. Our understanding of what is true can be incomplete or faulty. An over exaggeration of some basic truths sometimes causes a division that opens the path for a false teaching to develop.

As Catholics we believe that the fullness of the Christian message can be found in the Catholic Church. This does not mean that all the members believe or live the fullness of the Christian message, but they could if they chose to learn and live all that the faith teaches through Scripture and Apostolic Tradition.

The failures of not living the fullness of the faith tend to convince some that the Catholic Church is not worthy of their membership. The failure of those who broke from the Catholic Church have convinced some to return to the Catholic Church or start an additional different Christian Community and on and on the splintering goes.

The perceived failures of these communities as they continue to divide has convinced many that Christianity is just a religion among many to add to their collection of thoughts. For millions these divisions are considered the proof that it is God’s will that their religion will soon replace Christianity.

The scandal and sadness of a divided Christianity is that ultimately it puts a barrier between personal beliefs and some of the truths of the faith. Life giving beliefs become rejected, ignored, or attacked. Billions are spent reshuffling Christians between competing churches rather

than used to transform the world with the message of peace and reconciliation.

These divisions are an external manifestation of the internal conflicts within oneself in relating to others and the world around us. Ignoring or rejecting the need to repent or offer forgiveness feeds division.

The power of Christianity is the power of the Holy Spirit. With just information and knowledge of Scripture, feeling glad that Jesus did some miracles, and saying some nice things; the Apostles would have just kept their fishing boats and reminisced about Jesus.

Under the influence of the Holy Spirit, they learn new languages to preach to the world. Life-changing miracles take place through the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit transforming those who listen, receive, and believe the message.

We believe in a Living God because we are a living people. Like a growing body, at different stages of development there are changes that we discover and adjust to. There are those who only feel secure in the rigidity of the past. There are those who are ready to explode inside if they can't "escape" the confines of boundaries.

The story in Genesis captures perfectly this struggle. The boundaries of God keep us alive, safe and without sorrow and grief. The will of God is for us to be loved deeply and to be able to love deeply. This is our innate desire. We do have the ability to choose some other way, and our thoughts can tell us to do it because it appears to be something that will benefit us. The Holy Spirit helps repair, challenge, and guide the church for each new generation.

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.

Mount Merici

As we welcome spring, we also welcome open enrollment time at Mount Merici Academy. We are a Pre-Kindergarten through grade 8 Ursuline Catholic school with a Nursery school program. Our PreK is full and grade three is full, but we have limited openings in the other grades and in our Nursery program. Please call the school at 873-3773 to schedule a tour with Mrs. Duguay/Principal and to discuss joining our Mount Merici Academy community!

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections:

May 21/22 Catholic Communication

Liturgy: Pentecost Sunday Pg. 406/7

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 14 4:00 pm

† **Edward Atkins, Sr.**

By Barbara Atkins

Sun 15 10:00 am

SI For the First Communicants

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

Mon 16 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 17 9:00 am

† **Theresa Nemer**

By Frank & Maria Bouchard

Wed 18 9:00 am

† **Hayatte Haddad Abou Sleiman**

John Sleiman

Thu 19 9:00 am

† **Daniel Karter, Jr.**

Herb Joseph, Sr.

Fri 20 9:00 am

† **Brent Maroon**

By Fefa Deeb

Sat 21 4:00 pm

† **Daniel Karter, Sr.**

By Geraldine Nimon

Sun 22 10:00 am

† **Charlie Maroon**

By Susan Mitchell & Bob Asselin

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,426.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Worrying doesn't take away tomorrow's troubles - it takes away today's peace.

Lessons Learned in Life

May Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle Available

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle Available

Altar Bread

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph
By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine

For Deceased Mem. Philip Veilleux 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 15 Lowell & Mary Hawes
- May 21 Audrey Yotides (Sat)
- May 22 Greg & Marianne Gillespie
- May 29 Jim & Rachel Kilbride
- June 5 Nancy Fairfield
- June 11 Ann Giguere (Sat)
- June 12 Larry & Paula Mitchell
- June 19 Larry & Lisa Gard

READERS SCHEDULE

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21		John 14:15-20
May	14	Ruth Lunn
	15	Joe Rowden

Sunday of the Holy Trinity

Romans 11:25-36		Matthew 28:16-20
May	21	Lila Hallowell
	22	Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR MAY

Sun 15 First Communion

EVENTS FOR JUNE

Wed 1 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Coffee Schedule

May	15	Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin
May	22	Laya Joseph & Rosanna Joseph
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 we will also officially recognize our “new members”.

First Holy Communion – May 15, 2016

Congratulations!

Helena Page, and Nevaeh Pease, will be receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior for the first time. Keep them in your prayers as they begin a very special time in their life.

“The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is given to you for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.”

All those who have walked with God have viewed prayer as the main business of their lives

~Delma Jackson