

7, 8 May 2016 * Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection



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Sundays of the Resurrection

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

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, **“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The world is filled with teachings, customs, sayings, commandments, and expressions of wisdom and feelings. As Christians, we have no reason to feel intimidated by profound insights and highly moral teachings expressed by other religions or even those who have no religion at all. This is because it is innate to our human nature to want to improve the world we live in by action and thought. Regardless of how primitive or advanced a civilization appears, the human spirit is capable of pondering and reflecting on the meaning of life and how life can be improved. Not everyone chooses to do this; not even in the Christian Faith.

Every day we are witnessing what happens when love is not the message, but hate and disregard for others. The greed that poisons our physical world and the hate message of radicalization and fundamentalism create a society of fear and death often marked with violence rather than peace and freedom.

The external does not always accurately reflect the internal. There are examples where we can find people that we think live in the “stone age” and yet who have a deep insight into understanding human nature. They can develop a culture of value and virtue that surpasses individuals that live in the most modern of cities primarily because they feel connected with one another; experiencing a deep sense of worth because of the compassion and openness that surrounds them.

In the midst of wealth and privileged societies, you can find the deepest levels of despair, sadness, and destructive behaviors toward oneself and others. Without the genuine and accurate understanding of what it means to be at peace from within, there can be no peace from without. Jesus is the fullness of all wisdom and teaching to bring inner and outer peace. This is only if we authentically are living and teaching what Jesus taught.

What glorifies God is when we take the time to focus on Him and not only on our own interests and wants. In

Jesus sacrificing Himself to the Father we are now able to become heirs of all that God has to offer. Ultimately, all the knowledge of the world immersed in the teachings of Jesus, is a message that should convince us that the new commandment to love one another is the most logical, most inspiring, and the most fulfilling action for our humanity. Living this message transforms us, and this can change the future.

God glorifies His Son because the manner in which Jesus followed the will of His Father were the actions of God's love. All our trials, all our disappointments, struggles and pain, are of no value until, with our will, we choose the good that can come from it. Sometimes the good that can come from struggles are not the good things we wish for, but good actions that have lasting benefits for many far beyond what we are able to comprehend.

In this commandment to love, Jesus is presenting a universal truth. We are hungry for love, to fit in, to belong, to be valued. If one can recite from memory verse after verse of Scripture and explain the teachings, without being able to make us feel valued with a sense of belonging, those who hear the message will listen as if they are deaf.

Responding to distorted fear with irrational fear only feeds the power of evil. This is so obvious in the rampant inaccuracies found in social media postings trying to convince others what we believe to be true what is proven too often be false.

If Jesus had let his fears control his decisions, we would still be without a savior, and still would not be reconciled with the Father. Jesus teaches the solution to handling the evil of the world in asking His apostles to go out and preach a gospel of reconciliation and peace. We can distort this message and fail to carry it out, but nonetheless that is His Message.

Without the work of the Holy Spirit, what we love can become nothing more than greed and self-indulgence. When this is the primary pattern of a society; conflict and hate swell, with both sides believing they are glorifying and following the will of God, when actually they are providing the power of delusion, division, war and terror. **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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: May 7/8 Fuel Collection
May 21/22 Catholic Communication

Liturgy: 7th. Sunday of the Resurrection p. 396/7
(Liturgy of the Ascension)

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

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 7 4:00 pm**
† **Richard Elias, Sr. (40 Day Liturgy)**
By Larry & Paula Mitchell
- Sun 8 10:00 am**
SI **Mothers of the Parish**
Living and Deceased

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

- Mon 9** Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 10 9:00 am**
† **Daniel Karter, Sr.**
By Janet George
- Wed 11 9:00 am**
† **Hayatte Haddad Abou Sleiman**
John Sleiman
- Thu 12 9:00 am**
† **John B. Griffin**
By Larry Griffin
- Fri 13 9:00 am**
† **Theresa Nemer**
By John & Jeanne Thomas
- Sat 14 4:00 pm**
† **Edward Atkins, Sr.**
By Barbara Atkins
- Sun 15 10:00 am**
SI **For the First Communicants**

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,943.00

God bless you for your generosity. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

Thank YOU! ... to all those who gave of their time and talents to make the Visit of the Relics of St. Sharbel to be a deeply spiritual experience for so many. The flow of visitors who came to spend time in prayer and reflection was heartwarming and a source of inspiration to many from near and far.

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 8 Pearley & Alice Lachance
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

Loving God, - Mothers' Day

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

READERS SCHEDULE

Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

Ephesians 1:15-23	John 13:31-35
May 7 Lenore Boles	
8 Lauraine Mansur	

Pentecost Sunday

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

EVENTS FOR MAY

Sun 15 First Communion

EVENTS FOR JUNE

Wed 1 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Coffee Schedule

May 8 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton
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

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”.

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!

St. John Catholic School

St. John Catholic School is accepting Registrations for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. We offer Pre-school/ Pre-K programs and grades K-8. ***Rich in Catholic tradition, St. John Catholic School fosters an environment of academic excellence and develops within each student a clear sense of self-identity, self-worth and self-confidence enabling students to be creative builders of their futures and to share the gifts and values they have been given with the world in which they live.*** For registration information or to schedule a tour, please call the school office at: (207) 872-7115