

30, 1 May 2016 * Sixth 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 **Sacristans:** 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 24: 36-48

While they were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, **“Peace be with you.”** They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, **“Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”** And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, **“Have you anything here to eat?”** They gave him a piece of grilled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, **“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”** Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them, **“Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

(This is from a previous year.)

We are still reading about the first followers of Jesus struggling with doubt and fear. He still wants them to proclaim to the whole world that He is the Messiah. That He was raised from the dead and through repentance and forgiveness of sins those who believe what they proclaim, will have eternal life.

The Scriptures that Jesus speaks of is the Old Testament, the New Testament is not yet written. Even though both Testaments now exist, that does not mean that any particular individual can read them and understand them correctly; if this were true, all the churches would reunite instead of continuing to divide. Again, Jesus shows that for there to be one church, apostolic authority has to be accepted.

In this opening of their minds to the understanding of Scriptures they can witness Christ's message to all nations because it completes, corrects, and fulfills what all other religions attempt to accomplish. This always implies that for the individual Christian, he or she continues to need correction, and a growing knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures. Others will not accept the Gospel, if we cannot witness a more loving and spiritually transforming life than what they already have.

When a person has a superficial and uninformed understanding of the Christian faith, what they witness more often than not, is that it is irrelevant and unnecessary to worship God through a Christ centered, biblically ordained manner.

When we ignore the spirit of Christ, our spirit can began to embrace and fixate on ever increasing messages of negativity and even diabolical deeds. We see this in the news with ISIS, marginalized and feeling lost, a form of belief that capitalizes on this to create actions we can hardly comprehend in a civilized society. Society can loose its soul when they abandon living Christ's message.

Every generation needs to keep growing in their understanding of Christ with the Scriptures and prayer. Even for the Apostles, each day, each week, each year, was an unfolding of more truth, less fear, more faith, less doubt. One should assume that even the church, and individually, we are a work-in-process toward the fullness of the teachings. Each of us chooses to be a part of the vine that is bearing fruit or dying off because we no longer feed upon Him.

For a growing number, this work in process in grasping and accepting the fullness of faith is being rejected. Atheism is growing among the youth; if not atheism, then indifference toward religion. We will soon know what impact this will have on our culture. To be indifferent about fully living and teaching what Jesus gave His life for has serious impact and throughout human history we can see the consequences. **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.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,496.00

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

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections:

- May 1 National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon
- May 7/8 Fuel Collection
- May 21/22 Catholic Communication

Liturgy: 6th. Sunday of the Resurrection p. 315/7

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

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 30 4:00 pm**
† **Daniel Karter, Jr. & Sr.**
By The Sturtevant Family
- Sun 1 10:00 am**
† **Jeannette Karter (10th Anniv.)**
By The Family

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

- Mon 2** Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 3 9:00 am**
† **Daniel Karter, Sr.**
By Ronald L. Giroux
- Wed 4 9:00 am**
SI Don & Marcia Kendra
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The Ascension of our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Thu 5 9:00 am**
† **Theresa Nemer**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
6:00 pm
† **Daniela Karter, Jr.**
Herb Joseph, Sr.
- Fri 6 9:00 am**
† **Jerome A. Boulette**
By Ida Letourneau
- Sat 7 4:00 pm**
† **Richard Elias, Sr. (40 Day Liturgy)**
By Larry & Paula Mitchell
- Sun 8 10:00 am**
† **Mothers of the Parish**
Living and Deceased

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

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 1 Larry & Lisa Gard
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

Thank you to all those who worked on the visitation of the Relics of St. Sharbel

READERS SCHEDULE

Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Romans 10:1-13	Luke 24:36-48
April 30	Lenore Boles
May 1	Joe Rowden

Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

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

EVENTS FOR MAY

Sun 1 May Crowning
Sun 1 Rosary Sodality Luncheon (Joseph's)
12:00 noon
Wed 4 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Sun 15 First Communion

Coffee Schedule

May 1 April Belton & Mary Hawes
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

MYO Schedule 5/1

May Day Eve Dance:

Tonight at: 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Cost: \$5 per person

You are welcome to bring your own snacks and refreshments.

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!