

23, 24 April 2016 * Fifth 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		

John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

“Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The relationship between Peter and Jesus is based on love. Even though Jesus' love for Peter is unconditional, Peter thinks his love for Jesus is unconditional, but it proves not to be true. I know this phrase “unconditional” love is used a lot, but I am not so sure we understand what that means in a realistic and practical way.

Peter speaks and acts before thinking. He is not always accurate in what he believes about himself. This is true for all of us. Sometimes we don't believe we have the talent or courage we need to handle certain situations, but we do. Sometimes we think we would never “do something” but we have. Sometimes we want the position and title, but are blind to the fact we cannot carry out those responsibilities. We can confuse what we want for an identity, with what we are willing to do to match our actions with the recognition we crave.

Peter, felt hurt, and Jesus knew Peter needed to say these things, feel the hurt, and be in touch with his failures to make the right decisions to become what he is called to become. All healing is a response to the wound to stop the cause and source of the wound. We need action to avoid making our wounds worse through making unhealthy and destructive decisions.

He acted tough, and yet behaved out of fear. We all have some of Peter's traits. If we thought Christianity is these traits, many would reject or become indifferent toward being a Christian. Actually many have quit practicing as a Christian because they are continuously bombarded by what is wrong with “us” rather than what is right about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit does get involved in the sinners' life. Peter did make mistakes about his personal decisions, but when proclaiming Jesus through the Holy Spirit, he did proclaim Jesus the Messiah. He proclaimed Jesus the Holy Word

of God who spoke truth, taught truth, and lived the way, the truth, and the life.

When others were rejecting that He was the Bread that came down from heaven, and that one must feed on this Bread. Peter proclaimed he believed Jesus. When others turned away from Jesus, because He said, "unless you eat my flesh, and drink my Blood you will not have eternal life." Jesus said I will follow you, these are the words of eternal life.

Peter is asked to feed the Sheep of Jesus. Out of love for Jesus promises to feed the sheep. Sheep will eat, with or without Peter, but they won't be eating everything Jesus wants them to be eating without Peter saying yes.

In some ways Christianity is being picked apart. The fullness of faith is being picked to a few niceties. Peter was asked to feed the sheep, a full menu of all that is true and necessary to be healthy.

Pope Francis, as the successor of Peter, is preaching with courage that the sheep need nutritious food. The world needs Christ, the world needs peace; we can feed on hate or love. The Eucharist is the ultimate symbol of sacrificial love.

There is always a spiritual hunger within us, and that hunger can very well lead to destructive distortions within a religion and culture. We see this played out throughout the world. The latest pew findings show that people are leaving Christianity and are "eating" elsewhere. If this continues, by 2050 there will be more following Islam than Christianity.

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 \$2,993.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Meeting: Sunday, April 24, after Liturgy

A great deal of time, planning, work, and outreach has gone into the planning of these two days of blessings; now to put it all together.

There will be a meeting of the St. Sharbel Relic Committee for all those volunteering and anyone who would like to volunteer.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections:

Apr. 23-24 Catholic Home Missions Appeal

May 1 National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon

May 7-8 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: 5th. 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 23 4:00 pm

† **Georges Richard**

By John T. Sleiman

Sun 24 10:00 am

† **Charlie Maroon**

By Barbara Atkins

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

Mon 25 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 26 9:00 am

† **Elie T. Sleiman & Josephine Salomon**

By John T. Sleiman

Wed 27 9:00 am

† **Daniel Karter, Jr.**

By Fefa Deeb

Thursday Blessing with the Relics

Thu 28 6:00 pm

SI For the Intentions of the Parish

Friday Blessing with the Relics

Fri 29 6:00 pm

SI Peace in the Middle East

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

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

The Relics of Saint Sharbel will Soon Be Here!

The Relics of St. Sharbel will be visiting each Maronite Catholic Church in the USA to celebrate the year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis.

April Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle For our Soldiers

By Doris Labranch

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For For our Soldiers

By Doris Labranch

Altar Bread

For For Deceased Mem., Jules Cloutier Family

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Altar Wine

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph

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.

Apr 23 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Apr 24 Larry & Paula Mitchell

May 1 Larry & Lisa Grard

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

Relics of St. Sharbel – 28th & 29th

Every Maronite Church in the United States will be blessed with the presence of the Sacred Relics of St. Sharbel.

Please keep the inserts in the Bulletin for the detailed information and to pass on to neighbors and friends. Make it a special commitment to attend the 6 pm Liturgies. Miracles can happen, do happen, and have happened. Your faith, even if it is only the size of a mustard seed, can grow and blossom. "The just one flourishes like a Cedar of Lebanon."

READERS SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

Ephesians 2:1-10 John 21:15-19

April 23 Ruth Lunn

24 Joe Rowden

Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Romans 10:1-13 Luke 24:36-48

April 30 Lenore Boles

May 1 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sun 24 St. Sharbel Committee meeting. After Liturgy. All volunteers are welcome.

Thu & Fri 28, 29

Relics of St. Sharbel will be here at the parish.

Thu 28 6 pm Healing Liturgy with Relics (Mass)

Fri 29 6 pm Healing Liturgy with Relics (Mass)

Sat 30 May Day Eve Dance, Church Hall 7-11 \$5

EVENTS FOR MAY

Sun 1 May Crowning

Sun 1 Rosary Sodality Luncheon (Joseph's)
12:00 noon

Sun 15 First Communion

Coffee Schedule

Apr 24 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

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 McMahan

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May Day Eve Dance:

Let's get together for a fun evening of music and dancing.

Where: St. Joseph Church Hall

When: Saturday April 30th

Time: 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".