

12, 13 March 2016 * Healing of the Blind Man



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The Blind Man

Recent Videos of our Liturgy on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/gfRpDGrYG3M>

This link is also now found on our Website on the opening page and on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/BulletinForStJosephMaroniteChurch/>

“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

Mark 10:46-52.

They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have pity on me.” Jesus stopped and said, “**Call him.**” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage; get up, he is calling you.” He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, “**What do you want me to do for you?**” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.” Jesus told him, “**Go your way; your faith has saved you.**” Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Bartimaeus heard about Jesus and when he found out that Jesus was coming by, he began to yell out to

Him. He was blind, so he had to have heard others talking about Him. One might wonder why many people rebuked him for yelling out for Jesus. I sometimes wonder in what way we rebuke people now who are calling out to Him, people who really need Him, but because they make us uncomfortable in their approach we try to stop them.

We do not always notice or comprehend another person’s confusing behavior as a sign they are looking for God’s love and attention. Many times rebuking someone means that they are disturbing us. When something really bothers us, we can approach with an attitude of rejection, denial, prejudice, anything but as a way of being closer to God.

We must keep calling out past rebukes, those of others and the ones redirected at our self. He fought back, and because of that, he has an experience of being able to see, and enjoying it in such a manner that goes beyond many others who were always able to see.

Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak. Maybe there are things that we need to throw aside and act with courage. It just could be the reason we are not seeing life clearly is because there is some experience we are clinging to that is holding us back. A person, who always covers up their real self, cannot find himself. Opening oneself with total trust and confidence in the Lord is a healing process. Bartimaeus did call out, was willing to be vulnerable, and now he can see. It takes courage! It takes faith! There are some things that need to be thrown to the side but you must keep calling out and you will see! To trust Jesus is a wise choice.

Faith does save us because we act on a supernatural level. Without seeing how Jesus is going to work “your” miracle we follow His steady hand, knowing that His leading always takes us closer to a holy and healthier place. Take courage and follow Him.

Have you ever noticed when you watch a movie again, you are able to notice events that you didn't see the first time? Walking with faith enables us to see more deeply into the purpose and joy of life. We see better after we forgive and let go of hurts. Is it easy? No, but the journey is worth it. Sometimes we are the one that keeps our eyes tightly closed because of fear or judgments.

Anger, bitterness, resentment; all of these things rob us of the light of peace. Jesus is always saying don't be afraid, have courage. Just that alone allows us to begin to see more intensely, and more clearly. So often it is our own decisions that keep us from seeing the beauty of life because we are not open to the blessing in which God has planned for you and I. We blind ourselves with our imperfections and ignore God's healing power. **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, Craig Derosby, Richard Elias, Sr., 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.

May Day Eve Dance: to be held in the Church Hall, Saturday, April 30 from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Tickets will be \$5 per person and you are welcomed to bring your own refreshments.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Mar. 12-13: Fuel Collection
Mar. 25: Holy Land

Liturgy: Healing of the Blind Man

Entrance chant: Pg. 247 Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of St. Mark Pg. 835

This week's Songs: The Song number and page are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 12 4:00 p.m.

† **Caroline Nale**
By John Sleiman

† **Morris Peters**
By Sophie Pooler

Sun 13 10:00 a.m.

† **Charlie Maroon**
By Susan Mitchell & Bob Asselin

† **Thomas Galib**
By Louise Saliem

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

Mon 14 Father's day off for prayer,
reflection, and relaxation

Tue 15 12:00 noon
† **John & Marietta Thomas & Paul**
By Dan & Pam Casavant

Wed 16 12:00 am
† **Thomas Maland**
By Dan & Pam Casavant

Thu 17 12:00 noon
† **Morris Peters**
By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Fri 18 12:00 noon
† **Maryleen Bradford**
By Charlotte Turgeon

Sat 19 4:00 p.m.
28th Anniversary to the priesthood for
Fr. Larry

† **George & Mintaha Mitchell, Sr.**
By John Sleiman

† **Morris Peters**
By Geraldine Nimon

Sun 20 10:00 a.m.

† **Theresa Nemer**
By Fefa Deeb

† **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**
By John Sleiman

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

March Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Theresa Nemer

By Rosanna Joseph

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Theresa Nemer

By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Bread

For For our Soldiers

By Doris Labranch

Altar Wine

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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.

Mar 12 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Mar 13 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Mar 20 Larry & Lisa Grard

Mar 27 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Apr 2 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Apr 3 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Apr 10 Jim & Rachel Kilbride

Apr 17 Nancy Fairfield

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$3,080.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

READERS SCHEDULE

The Healing of the Blind Man

2 Corinthians 10:1-7 Mark 10:46-52

March 12 Ruth Lunn

13 Lauraine Mansur

Hosanna Sunday - Shanee'nee – (Palm Sunday)

Philemon 1:1-13 John 12:12-22

March 19 Lila Hollowell

20 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Sun 13 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:45

Thur 17 Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m.

Fri 18 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm
6 pm Lenten Devotions

Stations & Veneration of the Cross

Sat 19 28th Anniversary of Fr. Larry

Sat 19 St. Patrick's Dinner 4:30 -6:30 \$9

Sun 20 **Hosanna Sunday**

Tue 22 **Coming to the Harbor 12:00 noon**

Wed 23 **Rite of the Lamp 12:00 noon**

Thur 24 **Washing of the Feet 7:00 pm**

Fri 25 **Signing of the Chalice 12:00 noon**

Procession & Burial service 7:00 pm

Sat 26 **Service of the Light 10:00 am**

Sun 27 **Sunday of the Resurrection**

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Wed 6 Parish Council Meeting 6 pm

Sun 10 Lebanese Supper

Sun 17 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:45

Thurs 28, 29 Relics of St. Sharbel will be here at the parish.

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

Coffee Schedule

Mar 13 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Mar 20 Lenore Boles & Jan Bourque (Palm Sunday)

Mar 27 Easter Sunday (need Volunteers)

Apr 3 Pam Casavant & Sharon Crowe

Apr 10 No Coffee

Apr 17 Cindy Elias & Mary Nader

Apr 24 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

MYO Schedule 4/3, 5/1

Washing of the Feet

We will need 12 men who are willing to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday service at 7:00 pm March 24. If you are able to assist with this Liturgy please give your name to Laurie Nale or Aboona Larry.