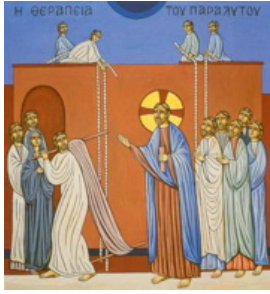


5, 6 March 2016 * Healing of the Paralytic



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The Paralytic

Web Site <http://www.sjmaronite.org>

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
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Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus		

Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, **“Child, your sins are forgiven.”** Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?” Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, **“Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to**

forgive sins on earth” — he said to the paralytic, **“I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.”** He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

In this translation men opened up the roof to let him in. In other translations it gives the impression that they tore the roof open. This reminds us to not overly focus on details to dispute over, but on the necessary responses and actions to reach the power of Jesus. We should not be surprised that sometimes it takes effort on the part of others and ourselves to reach healing and forgiveness.

Sometimes we do have to rip through all the negative attitudes and judgments to reach the mercy and healing power of God. Sometimes the best way to express what we need to do is our willingness to open up to Him. In this case all the efforts of his friends, and the openness in which the needs were

laid before the Lord were met with someone who was paralyzed, could now walk not only physically, but also spiritually walk knowing what it is like to feel free deep inside his soul.

To know forgiveness is an incredible and profound experience. To be able to forgive is being set free from the paralyzes of ones own mind that clings to all the pain of the hurt of sin, rather than the healing to be free of all the destruction that harboring pain can cause us.

The scribes were limited in understanding the promise of being sent a Messiah to restore the human race to a right relationship with God. So often we don't want the solution to the evils of the world or the problems in our life to be that we personally have to forgive.

At one level, the scribes are correct; only God can forgive sin. There is also a level in which we requested to also forgive sin. In the Our Father, we are taught that as we forgive we are forgiven.

To forgive is to desire internal freedom from the effects of sin, not deny that something was a sin. We don't need to try to become indifferent or minimize the hurt and pain we usually experience when sin is involved, but how to not be destroyed by the repercussions and its effects on us.

Which is easier for Jesus; to heal others physically or spiritually? I think it was easier to heal a person physically because He encountered more rejection with spiritual healings. To challenge distorted beliefs and be the victim of misunderstandings is painful. We are far more willing to reveal our physical illnesses and want God's intervention than admit to Him our need for forgiveness. How blessed we are to have a Savior that heals and forgives. **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, Rachel Tode.**

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 Paralytic

Entrance chant: Pg. 238 Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of St. John Pg. 815

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

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 5 4:00 p.m.**
† **Gerard Nadeau**
By The Nadeau Family
† **Simone Laviec**
By John Sleiman
- Sun 6 10:00 a.m.**
† **Prinella Mitchell**
By Paul Maroon
† **Edward Atkins, Sr.**
By John Sleiman

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

- Mon 7** Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 8 12:00 noon**
† **John & Marietta Thomas & Paul**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Wed 9 12:00 am**
† **Jacqueline Marshall**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Thu 10 12:00 noon**
† **Morris Peters**
By Doris Labranche
- Fri 11 12:00 noon**
† **Charlie Maroon**
By Janet Mitchell
- 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

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

For For our Soldiers

By Doris Labranch

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 6 Nancy Fairfield

Mar 12 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Mar 13 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Mar 20 Larry & Lisa Gard

Mar 27 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Apr 2 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Apr 3 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Apr 10 Jim & Rachel Kilbride

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,997.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

READERS SCHEDULE

Healing of the Paralytic

1 Timothy 5:24-6:5 Mark 2:1-12

4 p.m. March 5 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 6 Joe Rowden

The Healing of the Blind Man

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

March 12 Ruth Lunn

13 Lauraine Mansur

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Thur 10 Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m.

Fri 11 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm

6 pm Lenten Devotions

Stations & Veneration of the Cross

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 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

Sun 10 Lebanese Supper

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 6 Audrey Yotides & Mary Bard

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

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.