

13, 14 February 2016 * Healing of the Leper



Healing the Leper

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“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

The Evangelist said: When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, “Everyone is looking for you.” He told them, **“Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.”** So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, **“I do will it. Be made clean.”** The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. Then he said to him, **“See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.”** The man went away and began

to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

(A reflection from the past.)

The beginning of the Gospel starts with the ill and possessed being brought to Jesus at night. This is a way of telling us that darkness and night were equated with the time of evil. It is at night in the cover of darkness that many sins are committed and when people “wake up” sick.

Jesus is not afraid of the darkness and in fact, confronts the darkness with His healing power. Then, Jesus gets up when it is still dark to go to a deserted place to pray. This is to remind all of us that we need to pray; that we must find a quiet place to face our darkness. Actually we have no choice but face our darkness. The question is, do we want to face it, and choose the way that heals and transforms rather than a way that hides, distorts, and numbs it in some manner that only makes it more difficult to overcome later on? When we find God; the dawn will come; we become whole and complete.

With His prayer and fasting, Jesus was able to continue to drive out evil, to drive out demons. This is challenging to us; to think about people needing demons cast out of their lives. There is no need to try to prove there are demons or evil powers. We do not have a choice; we are fighting against something. We are fighting against illnesses of all kinds. We know there is an overwhelming abundance of grieving, suffering, in sorrow and people in pain struggling to make it through the day or week, or month.

We all know and have watched some force just take over someone against all logic and begin to destroy this person. Sometimes it is decisions of the mind, and sometimes it is the development of a physical illness.

The Leper was an outcast due to fear. He had an illness that was repulsive to him self and to others. All kinds of opinions and beliefs surrounded the reason for him having it, none of it appealing. Jesus does will for us to be healed, to be made clean, to be made whole. The man knew what he wanted because he knew he had Leprosy.

For us to be healed, we have to be honest about what we need from Jesus. We are only made clean and whole through our honesty with Him. We have heard that Jesus is a healer, and that He loves us with sacrificial love.

We may not be possessed by a demon, but we all find ourselves at one time or another struggling with some aspect of who we are and no longer want to be. When we know and believe that God loves us, not some external covering, but our real self, we will seek Him. When we truly believe He loves us, the evil and darkness that lurks in all of us, is faced and the gaze of the Savior begins to transform who we are. It is Lent, let us pray and fast and grow strong in the mercy and grace of the Lord. **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, Richard Elias, Sr., Jerry Fortin, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, 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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Feb 13-14: Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Healing of the Leper

Entrance chant: Pg. 198 Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Sixtus Pg. 856

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

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 13 4:00 p.m.**
† **Morris Peters**
By Gladys Avcollie
† **Brent Maroon**
By Herb Joseph & Family
- Sun 14 10:00 a.m.**
† **Charlie Maroon**
By Johnny Mitchell
† **Bernie Thomas**
By The Family
† **James Troutman (30th Anniv.)**
By Maria Troutman & Family

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

- Mon 15 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 16 12:00 noon
† **Georgette Veilleux**
By Larry & Paula Mitchell
- Wed 17 12:00 noon
† **Armand Brouillard**
By Gerard E. Brouillard
- Thu 18 12:00 noon
† **Morris Peters**
By John & Jeanne Thomas
- Fri 19 12:00 noon
† **John & Marrietta Thomas & Paul**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Sat 20 4:00 p.m.**
† **Morris Peters**
By Bodie Spencer
† **Tannous Harfoush Boles & Mariam Saad**
By John Sleiman
- Sun 21 10:00 a.m.**
† **Prinella Mitchell**
By Ray & Paulette Asselin & Paul & Connie Asselin
† **Elias Karam & Rosa Saad**
By John Sleiman

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

February Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention

By Dominick Rinaldi

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention

By Dominick Rinaldi

Altar Bread

For Special Intention

By Dominick Rinaldi

Altar Wine

For Special Intention

By Dominick Rinaldi

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.

Feb 14 Larry & Lisa Grard

Feb 21 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Feb 27 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Feb 28 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Mar 6 Nancy Fairfield

Mar 12 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Mar 13 Larry & Paula Mitchell

M'jadra Luncheon and Talent Show Sunday, February 14 after Liturgy

If you attended the Talent Show, then you already know how much fun it is to participate in the fun. Share with your community of faith your song or dance, or maybe as a musician or magician or entertainer. Come and be entertained and have a great meal too.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,990.00

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 Leper

Romans 6:12-23 Mark 1:35-45

Feb 13 Lenore Boles

14 Lauraine Mansur

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

2 Corinthians 7:4-11 Luke 8:40-56

Feb 20 Ruth Lunn

21 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sun 14 M'Jadara Luncheon & Talent Show

Fri 19 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm
6 pm Lenten Devotions

Stations & Veneration of the Cross

Fri 26 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm
6 pm Lenten Devotions

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EVENTS FOR MARCH

Wed 2 Parish Council Meeting 6 p.m.

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

Stations & Veneration of the Cross

Fri/Sat 4-5 Parish Retreat

Sun 13 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:45

Sat 19 St. Patrick's Dinner 4:30 -6:30 \$8

Sun 20 **Hosanna Sunday**

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 Spring Dance in Church Hall

Coffee Schedule

Feb 14 M'Jadara Luncheon

Feb 21 Shana Page & Jodi Veilleux

Feb 28 Susan Webber & Elizabeth Wilson

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)

MYO Schedule: 3/6, 4/3, 5/1

February Food Pantry

Condiments Jelly Juice in plastic containers

Family sized items – soups, ravioli, etc.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.