

## 6, 7 February 2016 \* Cana Sunday



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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-1<sup>st</sup>** Lenore Boles, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Jane Lee **3-5<sup>th</sup>** 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 2:1-11** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”[And] Jesus said to her, **“Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.”** His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now there were six stone, water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, **“Fill the jars with water.”** So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, **“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”** So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

#### **Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

Very often we think the ordinary simple aspects of life are not enough for us to feel fulfilled. Actually it is how we accept and respond to the ordinary that is fulfilling. Jesus

can take our emptiness and intoxicate us simply by us taking the ordinary aspects of our life and transform them into moments of excitement and lasting satisfaction.

Doing the will of the Father might have periods of struggle and doubt, but the path always leads in the same direction, the dwelling of lasting peace and joy. Mary knew this when she petitioned her Son. She had complete trust that whatever her Son chose to do, it would be the right thing to do, at the right time, for the right reason. We are called to have this same faith and sometimes accept, that He does give the right answer, but doesn't always match what answer we wanted.

Jesus does listen; and He does care. He listened to His Mother, and when we listen to His mother, the same voice is heard saying, “do whatever He tells you to do”. Doing the will of the Father can be frightening or sound boring. Yet when we act on it, something beautiful becomes possible all in due time.

When people consider the validity of Christianity, they almost always look to who else is following Him, who else believes what He is saying, who else cares about my life. The first miracle shows that faith in Jesus very often involves the concerns of others who are around Him. If those who claim to represent the message of Jesus make their decisions based on authentically understanding the will of the Father, the miracles happen. Mary never sought her own will, but always the plan and teachings of her Son, Jesus the Messiah.

Jesus tells us to fill our emptiness with His message and power, and let Him change our life into what we actually need. We have to remember that Jesus responds to us by directing us to actions that reflect a loving faith: those servants had to wash the dust out of those empty jars, go down to the well and carry pail after pail back to fill them. After they did their part, Jesus was able to transform their work into something entirely beyond what they could do without Him.

There are people that believe they are doing enough good where they are exempt from following His other teachings. Truth has no exemptions for letting some of it be false. This all undermines the integrity of the message. We are in the process of weakening the full and complete message the Gospel by reducing Jesus to only a "holy wise man". There is a reason why they were told to fill the jars to the brim. It was His will that we embrace the entire message. We deform the image of Jesus, to the whole world by our ignorance and rejection of some of His teachings.

This is a powerful reminder of how we all have to empty ourselves. Lent is the perfect season for us to take a spiritual look at our life and see what is inside of us that we can keep and what needs to go.

What do we have room for in our hearts? If we are angry, bitter, cynical, hurting and in pain, we limit the room needed for the living water. Let the spirit of Lent renew us. The Gospels for this season are the Good News of people coming to the Lord and finding healing and forgiveness. Let that be what happens to us. **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.

**Deepest Sympathy**

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Elizabeth Wilson**, of this parish, on the loss of her aunt, **Theresa Nemer**, who died last week.

We pray that the Lord God may grant her rest in His kingdom and consolation to her family and loved ones.

**Liturgy Helps:**

**Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** Feb 13-14: Fuel Collection

**Liturgy: Cana Sunday**

Entrance chant: Pg. 177 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 6 4:00 p.m.**  
† **Gerard Nadeau**  
By The Family  
† **Tannous Abou Sleiman & Tamam Saad**  
By John Sleiman
- Sun 7 10:00 a.m.**  
† **Deacon Peter Joseph**  
By Barbara Atkins  
† **Brent Williams (1<sup>st</sup> 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 8 12:00 noon**  
† **Prinella Mitchell**  
By Dan & Pam Casavant  
6:00 pm  
† **Elias Boles**  
By John Sleiman
- Tue 9 12:00 noon**  
† **Prinella Mitchell**  
By Herb Joseph, Sr.
- Wed 10 12:00 noon**  
† **John & Marietta Thomas & Paul**  
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Thu 11 12:00 noon**  
† **David Dubois**  
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Fri 12 12:00 noon**  
† **Daniel Karter, Jr.**  
By Daniel Karter
- 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

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

## **February Devotions**

**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**Available**

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**Available**

**Altar Bread**

Available

**Altar Wine**

Available

## **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 7 Larry & Paula Mitchell

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 \$1,705.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

## **READERS SCHEDULE**

### **Cana Sunday – Beginning of Lent**

Romans 14:14-23 John 2:1-11

Feb 6 Lila Hallowell

7 Joe Rowden

### **Healing of the Leper**

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

Feb 13 Lenore Boles

14 Lauraine Mansur

## **EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY**

Sun 7 Cana Sunday – Super Bowl Breakfast

Mon 8 Ash Monday 12 noon, 6 pm Liturgies

**Tue 9 Feast of St. Maron 12 Noon**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Fri 12 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm

6 pm Lenten Devotions

Stations & Veneration of the Cross

Sun 14 M'Jadara Luncheon & Talent Show

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

6 pm Lenten Devotions

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

6 pm Lenten Devotions

Stations & Veneration of the Cross

## **EVENTS FOR MARCH**

Wed 2 Parish Council Meeting 6 p.m.

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 **Easter Sunday**

## **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 7 Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast

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)

**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.**