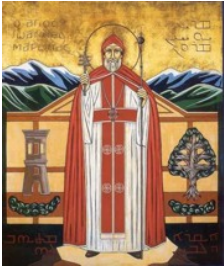


30, 31 January 2016 * Sunday of the Faithful Departed



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St. Maron, our Patron

“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.

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Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied,

‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

**Dear Parishioners and Friends,
Cross over before its too late.**

One of the concepts I find quite interesting in today’s Gospel is that those who did not choose to live by faith are aware of those who did, and want the peace and comfort they see others have. It seems they might be “in the same place” but are separated by the way they separated themselves through deeds of self-centeredness and lack of empathy for those who suffered. The rich man did nothing in his life to ensure eternal peace and consolation.

One of the theological understandings in Syriac and Maronite Theology regarding the after-life is that all go to the same place before the general resurrection at the end of the world as we know it. God did not create an evil place, but we separate ourselves from God’s peace through our choice of how we use our senses. Hell is what we have left after rejecting what God provides to protect us. We cannot provide for

ourselves a peaceful eternity. Only God's plan of salvation offers this possibility.

Through the Church's Biblical teaching, we discover Baptism robes us in His glory, and by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, it offers the protection necessary to enjoy what awaits us. To receive the Eucharist while rejecting Christ's teachings is a Sacrilege. As Paul writes, those who receive Him, with out believing Him eat and drink judgment on themselves.

I am sure there is more than one person wishing they could send a warning, "Heed the prophets, Heed the One Who came back from the dead." **In the church, there are serious and grave errors taking control, the error that to not practice the faith has no bearing on our eternal destiny.** Taking off the incorruptible robe of Christ, means we removed ourselves from the motivation to live under the guidance of mercy and compassion. The gates are opened to us, but we are not walking toward them. The Scriptures and the Church provide the guide, but only the guided enter. **Christ provides the light, but we can close our eyes and fall.**

Today's Gospel is a warning; a very serious warning. Lent will soon be here. This is the time to do the crossing. Now is the time to do everything possible to make sure our life journey is crossing to the side of consolation. **The world is in crises because of fervent beliefs that the evil they are doing is the will of God.** If only the world was more open to the beliefs that bring what our Divine Liturgy continuously asks for in prayer; that the broken and wounded find compassion and mercy to live a life of peace and tranquility, leading to eternal joy.

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

2nd Collections: Feb 13-14: Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

Entrance chant: Pg. 167 Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. John the Apostles Pg. 815

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 30 4:00 p.m.

† **Nancy Joseph**

By The Family

† **Khalil & Abou Sleiman & Frangieh**

Harfoush

By John Sleiman

Sun 31 10:00 a.m.

† **Prinella Mitchell**

By Frederick Turlo

† **Andrew W. Marozzi Harfoush**

By John Sleiman

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

Mon 1 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 2 9:00 a.m.

† **John & Marrietta Thomas & Paul**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Wed 3 9:00 a.m.

† **Deborah Martin**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Thu 4 9:00 a.m.

† **Jerry & Claudette McNeil**

By Joseph & Sara Taddeo

Fri 5 9:00 a.m.

† **Jackie Karter**

By Daniel Karter

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 (1st Anniv.)**

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.

Jan	30	Ann Giguere (Sat)
Jan	31	Jim & Rachel Kilbride
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

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 \$1,997.00

God bless you for your generosity.
If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

1	Thessalonians	Luke 16:19-31
Jan	30	Ruth Lunn
	31	Joe Rowden

Cana Sunday – Beginning of Lent

Romans 14:14-23	John 2:1-11	
Feb	6	Lila Hallowell
	7	Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Wed	3	Parish Council 6 p.m.
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 Stations & Veneration of the Cross
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
Sun	20	Hosanna Sunday
Sun	27	Easter Sunday

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sun	10	Lebanese Supper
Thrus 28, 29		Relics of St. Sharbel will be here at the parish.
Sat	30	Spring Dance in Church Hall

Coffee Schedule

Jan	31	Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon
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

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.