

16, 17 January 2016 * Sunday of the Priests



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Sunday of the Priest

“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:** Theresa Nemer & 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

Luke 12:42-48

“Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded”.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

God’s world is not like ours. In His Kingdom creation is protected from evil. By Jesus coming into our world He tells stories about what happens in our

world because of our decisions. He allows us to exist, even when we choose to harm and destroy.

Jesus tells a hypothetical story about faithfulness and acting in a wise, prudent and rational way. He certainly does not want us to form an image of a God who personally picks someone who will beat others so they will get beat later. However, in our world this happens constantly. It happens throughout the world. This gospel has a universal message for everyone; it was chosen for the Sunday of the Priests as a reminder that more is expected from a Catholic priest than any other profession; even clergy of other faiths. The more we proclaim the truth, the more the false (evil) one will attack. Evil always seeks the greatest harm possible.

Who is raising their children faithfully and prudently? Whose children have the values to be a prudent and faithful priest? We live in an environment which makes it very easy to see God only as a passive spectator of our interests and a few selective quotes added on to give the illusion that we are still following Him.

In this story the manager is torn to pieces. In a different manner in portions of the world where the church fails to practice faithful and prudent behavior,

the church is being torn to pieces. The tendency of projecting the sins of a few on the majority of a certain group is universal.

Even though this story is theoretical, the feelings are real. We all feel anger and torn up inside when we feel mistreated. We can feel this in the most private and public areas of our life.

Shame and power often overrides prudent decisions. The Church in many places is suffering from the effects of the sexual abuse scandal. Even though the same percentage of abusers is found in all institutions, because the Catholic Clergy are held to higher moral standards than others, we are treated with far more scrutiny and anger. As today's Gospel says, we will be beat more severely, especially by the media. As in the private and public life, repentance brings salvation.

What Jesus reveals to be true is not dependent on our ability to live it. When we live His message we make it easier for others to believe it. The more fertile we make the seed planted the more likely it will take root. Throughout the week, our knowledge, or lack of knowledge of the faith influences those around us in whether to also live it or deny it; to be indifferent or on fire with zeal. **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.

**Act as if you were already happy,
and that will tend to make you happy.
~Dale Carnegie**

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Jan 9-10 Fuel Collection
Jan 24 Worldwide Charities

Liturgy: Sunday of the Priests

Entrance chant: Pg. 148 Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles Pg. 754

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 16 4:00 p.m.

† **Paulette Daou**

By John Sleiman

† **Deacon Peter Joseph**

By Paul & Stephen Maroon

Sun 17 10:00 a.m.

† **Doug Day (10th Anniv.)**

By The Family

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

No Weekday Liturgies - Fr. Larry is on Retreat

Sat 23 4:00 p.m.

† **Abed Daou**

By John Sleiman

† **Brent Williams**

By Paul & Stephen Maroon

Sun 24 10:00 a.m.

† **Charles & Brent Maroon (40 day Liturgy)**

By Mary Maroon & Family

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,277.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Super Bowl Breakfast:

When: Feb. 7, after Liturgy

Where: Church Hall

What: Pancake Breakfast (pancakes, coffee)

Price: \$5 per person

January 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 16 Audrey Yotides (Sat)
Jan 17 Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Jan 24 Nancy Fairfield
Jan 30 Ann Giguere (Sat)
Jan 31 Larry & Paula Mitchell
Feb 7 Larry & Lisa Grard
Feb 14 Pearley & Alice Lachance

January Food Pantry

Variety soups egg cartons cake mixes
Bisquick Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

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.

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Priests

1 Timothy 4:6-16 Luke 12:42-48

Jan 16 Lila Hallowell
 17 Joe Rowden

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Hebrews 12:18-24 Matthew 2:31-46

Jan 23 Lenore Boles
 24 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

11-22 Aboona away for Priests' Retreat
Sat 23 4:30-6 p.m. Turkey Dinner \$8.00

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
Fri 12 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm
6 pm Lenten Devotions
Stations & Veneration of the Cross
Sun 14 M'jadra Luncheon & Talent Show

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Fri/Sat 4-5 Parish Retreat
Sun 20 **Hossana Sunday**
Sun 27 **Easter Sunday**

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sun 10 Lebanese Supper
Thur 28, 29 Relics of St. Sharbel will be here at the parish.

Coffee Schedule

Jan 17 Mary Jo Hodgkin & Laya Joseph
Jan 24 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee
Jan 31 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahan
Feb 7 Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast
Feb 14 M'jadra Luncheon & Talent Show
Feb 21 Shana Page & Jodi Veilleux
Feb 28 Susan Webber & Elizabeth Wilson

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

When? Where? What?

St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church provides a bulletin to keep parishioners and non-parishioners well informed. This bulletin is available while attending weekend Liturgy. For those who ask, a bulletin is sent by Email each week and can also be found on Facebook and our Website.

Mondays are Fr. Larry's day off from parish work.