

2, 3 January 2016 * Finding the Lord in the Temple



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Finding in the Temple

“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 2:41-52

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey.

Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him,

“Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me?”

Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to

Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Sometime ago I was listening to Bishop T.D. Jakes. He referred to this Scripture in reference to where we think Jesus is in our lives. He wanted to point out that sometimes we think Jesus is in places and situations when actually He is slowly being removed and forgotten. Not that our festivals and get-togethers are not wonderful, but they are not acceptable replacements or a substitute for finding Him in the place of worship where His Gospel is proclaimed through Word and Worship.

Having a child like Jesus, they had no reason to think their twelve-year-old was not with the caravan, probably playing with his cousins. Sometimes we have false assumptions of Jesus. We assume our festivities are equal to Christ at the Temple, we make Him less than the Lord of the Sabbath, King of kings, and Lord, of lords of our life. Have we become indifferent to knowing the fullness of the gospel? Bishop Jakes, made the point that his parents were celebrating the festival just like everyone else. How

wonderful it was to be with friends and family, all the food, all the excitement that is a part of festivals and feasts. And yes, the spirit of the feast was with them. The ideas, the memories, what they were experiencing were keeping a sense of joy between the two parents.

On several levels Jesus was with them, but not at the level a loving Mother and Father would be satisfied. Yes, God is everywhere, but Jesus was their son. They went back to look for Him, and after three days they found him in the Synagogue teaching the Rabbis. They had three days of looking where they wanted to find Him, but it was the Temple where He wanted them to find Him.

Many people do not want to find Him in the Synagogue or place of prayer, they want the feasts and festivals, the holidays the meals, but are not interested in what the Rabbis were being taught. They want their assumptions unchallenged. They want Him limited only to their travels and games and play. All these things are wonderful and filled with meaning, but there is a time and day for the Christian to worship as a Christian.

As imperfect as the Rabbis of the Synagogue were, as imperfect as the bishops and priests of the church later were; as we continue to be; The church remains the vessel that transcends through time carrying the message and worship of Jesus throughout the world till the end times just as Jesus ordained them to do.

With out the "synagogue" without the "church" the Word of God once copied letter by letter would not have been preached from one generation to the next, the gates of hell would have prevailed. Through the centuries the completed ritual of Calvary would be long forgotten.

What would the world be like under the words of some other prophet and book rather than what we find being taught by a 12-year-old boy in Jerusalem? Is not the world finding out? **Aboona**

Happy New Year 2016

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **George Peters** and **Sadie Peters Pendexter**, of this parish on the loss of their brother, **Maurice**, who died this week.

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

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

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

Liturgy: Finding the Lord in the Temple

Entrance chant: Pg. 88 Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of the St. Sixtus Pg. 856

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

Liturgy Intentions

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| Sat | 2 | 4:00 p.m. |
| | † | Gerard Nadeau
By The Nadeau Family |
| | † | Neil Avcollie
By George Peters |
| Sun | 3 | 10:00 a.m. |
| | † | Evelyn Bloschke
By Rita Hikel |
| | † | Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman
By John T. Sleiman |

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

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| | Tue | 5 | 9:00 a.m. |
| | | † | John & Marrietta Thomas & Paul
By Dan & Pam Casavant |
| | Wed | 6 | 9:00 a.m. |
| | | † | George Thomas
By Fefa Deeb |
| | Thu | 7 | 9:00 a.m. |
| | | † | Malcolm Spencer
By Bodie Spencer |
| | Fri | 8 | 9:00 a.m. |
| | | † | Jerome A. Boulette
By Lester & Ann Giguere |
| | Sat | 9 | 4:00 p.m. |
| | | † | Lucille Pare (10th Anniv)
By Suzanne Pare |
| | | † | Bertha Jensen
By Daniel & Katrina Plourde |
| | Sun | 10 | 10:00 a.m. |
| | | † | Prinella Mitchell
By Pearley & Alice Lachance |
| | | † | Eddy Atkins, Sr.
By John T. Sleiman |

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,814.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

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 3 Larry & Lisa Grard
- Jan 10 Pearley & Alice Lachance
- Jan 16 Audrey Yotides (Sat)
- Jan 17 Greg & Marianne Gillespie
- Jan 24 Nancy Fairfield
- Jan 30 Ann Giguere (Sat)
- Jan 31 Larry & Paula Mitchell

January Food Pantry

Variety soups egg cartons cake mixes
 Bisquick Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

READERS SCHEDULE

The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple		
Hebrews 7:11-19		Luke 2:41-52
Jan	2	Lenore Boles
	3	Joe Rowden
First Sunday After Epiphany		
Hebrews 7:11-19		Luke 2:41-52
Jan	9	Ruth Lunn
	10	Lauraine Mansur

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

- Wed 6 6 p.m Parish Council
- Sun 10 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:45 am
- 11-22 Aboona away for Priest's Retreat
- Sat 23 4:30-6 p.m. Turkey Dinner \$8.00
- Sun 24 11:30 Religious Education

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

- Sun 7 Cana Sunday – Super Bowl Breakfast
- Mon 8 Ash Monday 12 noon, 6 pm Liturgies
- Sun 14 M'Jadara Luncheon & Talent Show

APRIL 28, 29 Relics of St. Sharbel will be here at the parish.

Coffee Schedule

- Jan 3 Mary Hawes & Elaine Hoag
- Jan 10 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton
- Jan 17 Mary Jo Hodgkin & Laya Joseph
- Jan 24 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee
- Jan 31 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon
- Feb 7 April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell
- Feb 14 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

MYO Schedule: 1/24, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1

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.