

## 25, 26 February 2017 \* Cana Sunday



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**Cana Sunday**

**The Weekly Video of Our Sunday Liturgy can be found on our Web Site** <http://www.sjmaronite.org>

### **"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.

<b>Choir Director:</b> Fefa Deeb	<b>Sacristan:</b> Laurie Nale	<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Paula Mitchell
<b>Teachers DRE:</b> Lenore Boles, K-1 <sup>st</sup> Lenore Boles, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee 3-5 <sup>th</sup> Shana Page,		
<b>Parish Council:</b> Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Mark Morin, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson	<b>Ex-officio:</b> 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:**

This Sunday's Gospel is fascinating. You would not expect the first public miracle would be to make sure there was good wine at a wedding; and to make so much of it! There is an abundance of information revealed at this wedding. On the basic human level; a personal relationship with Jesus is not a "kill joy" relationship. All creation is made clean. However, we can abuse God's creation which can be highly destructive and dangerous; even be used for evil.

This story reveals the proper role of Mary. Elsewhere in the Gospels we are taught, where two or more are gathered in His Name, there I am with them. She is with us in her concern and prayer. She does not tell Jesus what to do, but like when we gather together to pray or ask others to pray for us, she can gather too.

We don't gather together to overpower God, but as Mary says through the Holy Spirit, "my soul magnifies the Lord". Gathered prayer magnifies for us to see the power and the Glory of God.

In everything Jesus did, He tried to bring people together to celebrate. To challenge, heal and transform us in a manner that we will want to gather together. He can gather up all our emptiness, (the jars), take what we ordinarily have and use, (water), and make it a delightful gathering, (wine).

In this modern society, we can forget how important and difficult it was to have good safe drinking water. Wine was one of the safest ways to have one's thirst satisfied. This is still true in many places. Contaminated water is still a health hazard for millions, lead numerous other pathogens can be found even in developed countries.

On Cana Sunday, we have the universal symbol of human love, marriage. In this Mystery (Sacrament), Jesus is transforming the gathering, step by step. By concern, caring, obedience, trust, and faith; Jesus' mission to us begins. **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: **Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Darrell Mitchell, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Gordon Webber.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

**Lent is here; now would be a good time to pray for discernment in how you can make this Holy Season a spiritually enriching one for you.**

**Deepest Sympathy**

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Alfred Joseph**, especially his beloved wife **Ruth**. May the angels of paradise carry him to the Heavenly kingdom of peace and joy.

**2016 Contribution Letters were mailed**

Let us know of any errors and you need a corrected one if you itemize.

**Liturgy Helps:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections** Mar. 11, 12 Fuel Collection

**Liturgy: Cana Sunday**

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Page numbers for the Prayers and Songs are on the back cover of the Bulletin.

**Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 25 4:00 pm**

† **John Sleiman**

By Relatives in Paris

**Sun 26 10:00 am**

SI **Emily & Josh Fournier**

By Joe & Lyn Rowden

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

**ASH MONDAY**

Mon 27 12:00 noon

† **Lester Giguere**

By Ann Giguere

6:00 pm

† **Theresa Casavant, John & Marietta Thomas**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Tue 28 12:00 noon

† **The Thomas & Veilleux Families**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Wed 1 12:00 noon

† **Rollande Bilodeau**

By Ann Giguere

Thu 2 12:00 noon

† **David Proulx**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Fri 3 12:00 noon

† **Charles George**

By Fefa Deeb

Sat 4 4:00 pm

† **Ann Jensen**

By Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Jensen

Sun 5 10:00 am

† **Cathi Lee (40 Day Liturgy)**

By The Family

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

**A Change in the Weekday Liturgy Schedule**

I strongly encourage you to make weekday Liturgy during the Lenten Season. I am hoping that with **Liturgy at noon** more people will find it possible to attend. After a period of time we will evaluate whether to continue during Lent to have it at noon.

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**CANA SUNDAY**, Feb 26, marks the beginning of Lent, **GREAT FRIDAY**, April 14, marks the end of Lent.

Abstinence from meat is observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all faithful from the ages of 18 to 65.

Fasting from all food and drink (except water and medicine) is to be observed from midnight until noon **on Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion**. Optional would be the traditional abstinence from meat on Wednesdays.

Those who are unable to fast because of health must perform other penances and acts of charity.

### Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, **no food or drinks in church**, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off.

### March Food Pantry

Condiments Family sized items – soups, Ravioli  
Toilet paper Juice in plastic containers

**Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.**

### Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,413.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

### March Devotions

**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**St. Jude 7 Sanctuary Candle**

**Both are Available**

### Altar Bread & Altar Wine

**Both are Available**

### Endowment Fund Update

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We are proud to announce that our parishioners and friends have pledged \$435,000 to date toward our initial goal of \$500,000. There are still parishioners we have yet to contact so please expect a phone call or letter soon to discuss your participation. We hope to reach our goal before St. Joseph's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August. Please feel free to contact Fr. Larry or one of the Endowment Committee members for more information. We thank all of you for your continued support of St. Joseph's.

-Endowment Committee

## **READERS SCHEDULE**

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

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

Feb 25 Lenore Boles  
26 Joe Rowden

### **Healing of the Leper**

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

March 4 Lila Hallowell  
5 Joe Rowden

### **EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY**

Sun 26 M'Jadara Luncheon & Talent Show 11:30  
\$5.00 per person

Mon 27 Ash Monday 12 noon, 6 pm Liturgies

### **EVENTS FOR MARCH**

Fri 3 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm  
6 pm Lenten Devotions  
Stations & Veneration of the Cross

Tue 7 6 pm Parish Council in the Hall

Fri 10 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm  
6 pm Lenten Devotions  
Stations & Veneration of the Cross

Sun 12 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30/45 am

Fri 17 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm  
6 pm Lenten Devotions  
Stations & Veneration of the Cross

Sat 18 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Supper  
4:30 – 6:00 pm \$10

### **Coffee Schedule**

Feb 26 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon

Mar 5 April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

Mar 12 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Mar 19 Shana Page & Dale Sturtevant

Mar 26 Jody Veilleux & Susan Webber

Apr 2 Elizabeth Wilson & Rosanna Joseph

### **Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations**

We will be changing the way we schedule the Vocation Icon to allow more options. For now, we will schedule a person once a month or less often.

Aramaic/Syriac Bible

“Request therefore of The Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest.” Matt. 9:38

Feb 25 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Feb 26 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Mar 5 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Mar 11 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Mar 12 Larry & Lisa Grard

Mar 19 Lowell & Mary Hawes

Mar 25 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Mar 26 David & Jody Veilleux

Apr 2 Larry & Paula Mitchell

**Hope to see you at Friday Stations of the Cross at least once.**