

28, 29 January 2017 * Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



Epiphany

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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.

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb	Sacristan: Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
Teachers DRE: Lenore Boles, K-1 st Lenore Boles, 2 nd Jane Lee 3-5 th Shana Page,		
Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Mark Morin, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson	Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.	

John 4:5-7, 9-26

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, **"Give me a drink."** The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, **"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."** The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, **"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."** The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep

coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, **"Go, call your husband, and come back."** The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, **"You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"** The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, **"Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."** The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, **"I am he, the one who is speaking to you."**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

It is only natural when we hear a person was married multiple times, we wonder what is wrong with this person. We all can easily make the same mistakes over and over again when we are not willing to change something about our own life and how we understand the life around us. Actions based only attraction and emotions can sentence us to one destructive decision after another.

This woman probably had no idea that her life could be changed simply by meeting this Jewish Rabbi, willing to talk to a woman ... alone. When things are not going right in our life; sometimes we have to stop listening to the inner and outer messages that have guided us but still leave us lost and listen to the One Voice, the Word of God made flesh. Meeting alone at the well, gave her living water, a new life.

There was some cultural bantering going on. Each in her own way made a point in which Jesus could reveal Himself, and the woman could reveal herself. She discovers a relationship that heals what is wrong in her life. She also finds meaning and freedom from being a slave of passions that were destroying her and she begins to live a life of convictions that save her.

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, Theresa Lee, 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.

M'jadra Luncheon and Talent Show Sunday, February 26th at 11:30 AM

A great Lenten meal and free entertainment.

Menu: Salad, yogurt, olives, Lebanese Bread, M'jadra (Lentils), Macaroni & Cheese, and dessert.

If you attended the Talent show in the past, then you already know how much fun it is to participate in this yearly event. From the singing of the 10 days of "Lent" using Lebanese words for foods, Aboona playing his accordion, and the sharing of other talents by young and less young alike makes for an enjoyable time to be together.

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. See Marie Deeb to add your name to the list of distinguished entertainers.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections Feb. 11, 12 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 28 4:00 pm

† **Nancy Joseph**

By Herbert Joseph

Sun 29 10:00 am

† **Bernie Thomas**

By Pat Thomas, Michelle Cothran,
& Nicole Harmon

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

Mon 30 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 31 9:00 am

† **Mary Nuyens**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Wed 1 9:00 am

† **Lester Giguere**

By Ann Giguere

Thu 2 9:00 am

SI Don & Marcia Kendra

By Don & Marcia Kendra

Fri 3 9:00 am

† **Georges T. Abou Sleiman**

By John Sleiman

Sat 4 4:00 pm

† **John Sleiman**

By Family in Paris

Sun 5 10:00 am

† **Giuliano Carpeggiani**

By Joseph & Sara Taddeo

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

February Food Pantry

Variety soups

Bisquick

Jelly

Cake Mixes

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,510.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

February Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Available

By

St. Jude 7 Sanctuary Candle

For Social Intention of Josh & Emily Fournier

By Joe & Lynn Rowden

Altar Bread

For Special intention of Aaron & Heather

Rowden

By Joe & Lynn Rowden

Altar Wine

For Available

By

FUNDRAISER FOR CARITAS:

(Caritas is a Catholic Charity helping the refugees in Lebanon)

Lyn Rowden & Dot Gurette have put together a beautiful Valentine basket to raffle for Caritas, Lebanon. We will have it on display to sell tickets on the following Sundays, January 15, 22, 29 and February 5. The raffle will be called on Feb 5th. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. ALL money goes to Caritas, Lebanon to help their volunteers assist with education & mental health services for refugees there.

Lyn will be presenting at Pecha Kucha at Thomas College at Spann Student Center at 7:00 pm, on fundraising for Caritas. All are welcome to this free fun event on Friday, February 3.

"The worst loneliness is not to be comfortable with yourself." - Mark Twain

READERS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Romans 7:1-6 John 4:31-38

Jan 28 Ruth Lunn
 29 Joe Rowden

Sunday of the Priests

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

4 p.m. Feb 4 Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 5 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sun 5 Super Bowl Breakfast after Liturgy

Tue 7 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

- Parish Council Meetings will be in the Social Hall 1st Tuesdays of the month.

Sun 12 Rosary Meeting 11:30/45 am

Sun 26 Cana Sunday – M'Jadra Luncheon 11:30

Mon 27 Ash Monday

Coffee Schedule

Jan 29 Cindy Elias & Mary Nader

Feb 5 Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin

Feb 12 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Feb 19 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee

Feb 26 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon

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

Jan 28 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Jan 29 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Feb 4 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Feb 5 Jim & Mary Jo Hodgkin

Feb 12 Larry & Lisa Grard

Feb 18 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Feb 19 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Super Bowl Breakfast:

When: Feb.5, after Liturgy

Where: Church Hall

What: Pancake Breakfast (pancakes, coffee)

Price: \$5 per person

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.