

# 21, 22 January 2017 \* Third 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.

<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 3:1-16

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, **"Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."**

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, **"Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."** Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, **"Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."**

**Dear Parishioners and Friends,**  
God's relationship to the world is one of Love; He does not see what He has created as competition with His love. It is obvious that we are to love and care for all creation; to hold it sacred, and protect it. To exist is a profound gift from God, even when circumstances are not always at their best. In life,

there might be times where almost everything seems to be going wrong. In God's plan, what is wrong will come to an end by us choosing what is right. He offers us help, He offers us healing; He offers us grace and mercy.

Love always has boundaries in order to survive and flourish. We can move away from love; sin is the action that moves us away from God. Some are so grave; they are called deadly because there is no spiritual life left.

Baptism is not an optional way to become a child of the Heavenly Father. This is what Jesus told His followers to do when they are seeking Eternal life. It is true that we are alive before baptism in the same way that we are alive before we are physically born. To stay alive sooner or later we have to be born. On the Spiritual level, without a spiritual birth, there is not an eternal life filled with peace, joy and light.

Because God so loved the world, all creation is sacred, especially human life, because it is created in the image of God. We are conscious of the promises that God gives human life to be totally restored. All human life is worthy of redemption, and perfect eternal existence with Him. **Aboona Larry**

**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, Cathi Lee, 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections**

Jan. 21, 22 Bishops' Worldwide Charities

**Liturgy: Third 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 21 4:00 pm**  
† **Theresa Nemer (1 yr. Anni)**  
By Mark & Laurie Nale
- Sun 22 10:00 am**  
† **Mary K. Joseph**  
By Joey Joseph

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

Mon 23 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 24 9:00 am  
† **Marion Maroon**  
By Scott Maroon

Wed 25 9:00 am  
† **Lester Giguere**  
By Ann Giguere

Thu 26 9:00 am  
† **Albertine Violette**  
By Dan & Pam Casavant

Fri 27 9:00 am  
† **Hayatte Haddad Abou Sleiman**  
By John Sleiman

**Sat 28 4:00 pm**  
† **Nancy Joseph**  
By Herbert Joseph

**Sun 29 10:00 am**  
† **Bernie Thomas**  
By Pat Thomas, Michelle Cothran, & Nicole Harmon

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

**January Food Pantry**

Variety soups                      Bisquick  
Jelly                                      Cake Mixes

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

## **Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$1,674.00

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**

#### **Available**

#### **St. Jude 7 Sanctuary Candle**

**For Special Intention**

By The Taddeo Family

#### **Altar Bread**

**For Chris Langlais**

By Rosanna Joseph

#### **Altar Wine**

**For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

### **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 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Checks can be written to Lyn Rowden. 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.

## **READERS SCHEDULE**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Galatians 3:23-29      John 5:1-16

Jan                    21    Lenore Boles

                          22    Joe Rowden

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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

Jan                    28    Ruth Lunn

                          29    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 1<sup>st</sup> 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    22    Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes

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    21    Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Jan    22    Larry & Paula Mitchell

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

## **Standing**

Sometimes I can hear people give out a sigh of relief when they are finally able to sit down during the Liturgy. You stand from the creed all the way to the beginning of the intercessions. I do a slight “Hula”, I bend my knees slightly and step to the left slightly at the beginning of a prayer, and at the end of the prayer I do the same only I move to the right. This movement removes the stress on the legs and back.