

## 29, 30 June 2013 \* Seventh Sunday of Pentecost



# St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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### “The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”

Pope John XXIII

- 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>Sacristans:</b>	Yvonne Nemer, Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>DRE:</b> 3-5 <sup>th</sup> Lenore Boles	<b>K-1<sup>st</sup> Rosanna</b>	Joseph 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee
<b>Parish Council:</b>	David Elias, Frank Griffin, David Lee, Gerald Joseph, Rosanna Joseph, Kevin Michaud, Susan Mitchell, Lowell Hawes, & Aaron Rowden.		
<b>Ex-officio:</b>	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

### Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

### Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Through history people continue to ask who is Jesus, and a wide variety of answers are offered. Other religions may accept that Jesus lived and was a great spiritual leader who challenged the religions of

His time. For some that makes Him a prophet, for others that makes Him an activist to improve the social attitudes to be more compassionate and less judgmental. For some He is a high-ranking spiritual man of inner knowledge and insight.

Jesus did not spend his breath saying that He wasn't any of these things; because in the manner of other religions who honor these types of people, he should be included among them. What is most important is the next step, besides these things, who is He? Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter said correctly, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” We are Christian, when we embrace and believe the revelation that comes to us through the Holy Spirit, that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah. He is the promised one who restores all humanity and creation to its original innocence and perfection.

We admire and are deeply inspired by creation, but we do not worship any created being or thing, for we worship the Creator. We admire as a gift of God what we can co-create with what God has given us as talents and gifts. Knowledge can be to do good or

evil. These gifts do not make us God, nor are we in competition with God.

With all of our knowledge, inventions, insights and books of wisdom and learning, we cannot come to the same level of knowledge as God has shared with us through the Holy Spirit. The message that Jesus has given to the Apostles to teach us, is a message that lifts us higher than our own loftiest concepts of life. Christianity is the insertion of light into darkness, the yeast into bread, the way, the truth, and the life.

This is not to say our own common sense and studies into the ways of the world are not profound and inspiring, but they are not the fullness of what comes to us from heaven.

As humans we each see things uniquely, see and observe life in an infinite variety of ways. This can be good in that we continue to evolve in ever-deeper ways of understanding. This can also be harmful, when what is taught, or believed is false and is based on the distortions of how we judge and mistakenly believe to be true, or know is false but use it to control others.

With Peter holding the keys, symbol of authority, and a symbol of protecting what is valuable we can know what to believe is true in those areas of belief that are crucial. It is meant to bring clarity in the situations of confusion.

Even during the short time that Jesus walked the earth, Jesus took His time carefully revealing Who He is and what to believe, and how to spread this message. This is the reality of life and it usually is a gradual journey of faith. This is important to remember in understanding the Church's teachings that are necessary to believe in order to be saved. Each generation, of believers should be discovering the deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian from one century to the next.

The Church is a hospital's waiting room, where we the wounded come for treatment. The more we know the Scriptures and Christ the more the treatment improves to heal our spirit and body. The ministry of Peter, is to help us spend less time fighting over the treatments, and focus on the one that redeems and frees, and brings peace and truth.

It would be wonderful if every church leader personally lived fully the Gospel, but it is not the case. Unfortunately this fact proves to be a disaster for the church. As imperfect as the Apostles were, Jesus never abandoned them, and with the renewed power of the Holy Spirit, they became what they never could have without this Spirit. They were able to proclaim the beliefs with courage throughout the known lands bringing many to salvation and that same belief that Peter spoke of as well as Paul. They gave to the world the perfect worship, the perfect spiritual food; Jesus Himself. **Aboona**

### Liturgy Helps:

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** 7/14 Catholic School Subsidy

**Liturgy will begin** on page 565, Creed p 748

Anaphora of St. Peter 774

### Liturgy Intentions

**Sat 29 4:00 p.m.**

† **Joseph & Mary Smus**

By Paula, David, & Patricia Smus

**Sun 30 10:00 a.m.**

† **Intentions of the Elias Family**

By Gayle Misner

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

### **No Weekday Liturgy**

**Sat 6 4:00 p.m.**

† **Tofie Joseph**

By Sheila Bonenfant

**Sun 7 10:00 a.m.**

† **Raymond & Georgette Veilleux**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

### 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: **Theresa Clark, Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Theresa Lee, Kendra Maroon, Hope Murphy, Tala Poulin, and Virginia Poulin.**

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

### Food Pantry - June

Bisquick Canned stew or chili

Soup Personal care items.

Thank you for caring!

### Congratulation Graduates:

**Jessica Hogdgin, Ali Lee, and Nate Thomas** graduated from High School, and **Matthew Nale**, from College.

**See someone new?** Make them feel at home, and hopefully they will call it their home. There is no such thing as outsiders.

### 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. Modest clothing is expected and appreciated.

## July Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

**St. Joseph** 14 days Sanctuary Candle

### Special Intention

The Taddeo Family

**St. Jude** 7-Day Sanctuary Candle

### For Jacqueline Karter

By Daniel Karter

### Altar Bread:

Intention Available

### Altar Wine:

Intention Available

### Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,356.00

<b>Maronite Charity Appeal</b>	\$(4,000.00)
Collected last week	\$50.00
Collected before last week	\$3,716.00
Total yet to collect	\$(234.00)

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Gone a lot? Please consider electronic giving. You can contact your bank to schedule your contribution to be sent to St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church.

### *Birthdays in July*

2 Kevin Joseph	15 Shane Maroon
6 Christina Bouchard	16 Barbara Atkins
6 Maureen Lee	21 Mary Bard
7 Richard Boles	23 Kathy Corey
7 Stacy Derosby	24 Paul LaVerdiere
7 Tara Dudley	25 Kevin J. Michaud
8 George Williams	27 Matthew Lee
9 Joe Jabar Sr.	29 Joan Gottardi
10 Eric Mitchell	30 Sylvia Cobb
11 Judy Mitchell	31 John Thomas Jr.
14 Karla Sturtevant	

### *Anniversaries for July*

- 1 Kathleen & Richard Nale
- 1 John & Dot Gallant
- 2 James & Mary Jo Hodgkin
- 2 Sally & Robert Derosby
- 4 Bernadette & Herbert Karter
- 4 Brent & Lea Williams
- 17 Mark & Jeanne Joseph
- 21 Brian & Cathy Berryman
- 25 Sadie & Milton Pendexter

## READERS SCHEDULE

### **Sts. Peter and Paul – Seventh Sunday of Pentecost**

2 Corinthians 11:21-30 Matthew 16:13-20

4 p.m. June 29 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 30 Lauraine Mansur

### **Eighth Sunday of Pentecost**

Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 12: 14-21

4 p.m. July 6 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 7 Lauraine Mansur

### **EVENTS FOR JULY**

Mon 1-7 Priest Conference and NAM Convention  
S&S13/14 Fr. Sam Najjar will be visiting

10-24 Fr. Larry will be on vacation in Michigan  
to celebrate his Mother's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

### **EVENTS FOR AUGUST**

Sun 4 11-1p.m. BBQ Chicken Dinner

### **Coffee & Muffins will be served during the Summer**

**There will be Coffee and muffins** served each Sunday  
after the 10 a.m. Sunday Liturgy during the summer.

### **Hafli - October 5, 2013**

Dust off your Hafli jar; ink in this date for a great  
time. The Funds from this Hafli will be used toward  
the new roof for the Rectory. \$35 a person.

### **Hafli Jar**

If you start now putting in **49¢** a day or a **\$2.19** a  
week in your Hafli jar, you will have the amount for  
the Hafli ticket.

### **E-Mail Bulletins**

The **Monthly** and **Weekly Bulletin** is sent out by E-  
mail. If you have Internet service and would like to  
have the bulletin sent to you this way, send an E-  
Mail to the church.

The email address is on the front of the bulletin.

### **New Liturgical Books**

Please handle them carefully and respectfully. If you  
have a child that might mishandle them, be sure to  
provide another item for them to be entertained with.

### **Wanted – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree K&C regalia.**

Do you have or know someone who can donate their  
no longer used regalia for a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight?

***The wise don't expect to find life worth living;  
they make it that way.***

~Anon.

***Opportunities multiply as they are seized; they  
die when neglected.***

***Life is a long line of opportunities.***

~John Wicker