

28, 29 September 2013 * 3rd Sunday of the Holy Cross



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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.

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

Matthew 24:23-31

“If anyone says to you, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ or ‘There he is!’ — do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, ‘Look! He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look! He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.

For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. “Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see ‘the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven’ with power and great glory.

And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I find today’s Gospel has many far-reaching ramifications. On one hand there is always a religious group believing the world is going to end soon, and for all 2,000 years each time they were wrong. On the other hand every Liturgy mentions His return and the Bible gives us the signs to watch for and to be on guard.

There are a wide variety of calamities and disasters that regardless of beliefs we contemplate whether or not this is the end of the world. The point is, we need to be ready. Not obsessed with fear but being ready in the manner in which we want to be ready for any meaningful event that is significant to us. Life is getting ready for something, from being ready to be born to being ready to die.

Jesus has to respond to the preoccupation of others for when He will return, but when all is said and done, the real point is that we are following faithfully and are numbered among the elect.

Jesus makes it clear that there are false teachings, we can be lead astray, and He does return to take those who remained faithful. There is no permission to act spiritually neglectful and morally decadent

ready to throw a type of party that would never be allowed if the parents were home.

We all play the role of a false Messiah when we demote Jesus to just a man who gave information on being nice. Jesus never asked us to accept Him just because He was nice and said a few nice things. He convinced His chosen that He was far more than that. He is the Son of God that came down from heaven to be the son of Man.

We are acutely aware that churches are being closed. In America churches are being closed because so many are abandoning the Apostolic Faith and in other countries, it is due to persecution. The false Messiah is the voice that says the weeds are just as nutritious as the wheat. Where is the fertile ground for vocations and growth?

A false Messiah – a spiritual leader teaching what is false can be remarkably entertaining and inspirational, with the charisma to energize crowds, but it still remains false. Sometimes what is true is not presented in a manner that inspires. In the life of faith no one takes the test for you. We must be able to tell what is true, not by the excitement and emotions, but by what brings peace and reconciliation.

This generation is so steeped in self-gratification that far too many, regardless of how addictive and destructive it is to our body, our spirit, or family, and our society we pick self-gratification over a personal relationship with Jesus. We have made mistakes, and gave messages that were only met to please the ears of the listener rather the truth of the Gospel; become this served as an exit ramp from the faith rather than spreading the faith. What was believable for centuries is now ignored. What was never acceptable is now desired, and what was believed as necessary for salvation is judged as unnecessary.

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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.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,791.00

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.

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

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Oct. 13 School Subsidy
Oct 20 Propagation of the Faith

Liturgy: 3rd Sunday of Holy Cross: Pg. 608

Creed: Pg. 748, Anaphora of Twelve Apostles Pg. 754

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 28 4:00 p.m.
† **Thelma & Richard Hanson**
By Barbara Joseph

Sun 29 10:00 a.m.
† **Caroline Nale**
By The Nale Family

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 prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 1 9:00 a.m.
† **Ida George**
By George & Jean Deeb

Wed 2 9:00 a.m.
† **Betsy Joseph**
By Sandy Napolitano

Thu 3 9:00 a.m.
† **Betsy Joseph**
By Sandy Napolitano

Fri 4 9:00 a.m.
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 5 4:00 p.m.
† **Elias Boles**
By The Family

Sun 6 10:00 a.m.
† **Peter M. Joseph**
By Joyce Joseph Mundt

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, Betsy Joseph, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, 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 - October

Personal Care Items Canned Stew
Bisquick mix Family sized soups, ravioli, Etc.
Thank you for caring!

October Devotions

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For **Doris Peters Poirier**

By Doris Labranche

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread & Wine:

For **Shackie & Rose-Marie Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

TO PROTECT THE LITURGICAL BOOKS we are asking that you place them on the pew instead of using the book-rack because of the tight fit it makes them difficult to remove and return. 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.

Birthdays in October

3	Herbert Joseph Sr.	16	Michael Nale
8	Cathi Lee	16	Robert Sturtevant
8	Paula Mitchell	18	Mary Nader
9	Ruth Joseph	18	Lila Hollowell
9	Ralph Cogswell	18	Linda Joseph
13	Kadee Ann Joseph	18	Cecile Nadaau
11	Robert Mitchell Jr.	19	Joseph Nale
15	Brea Williams	20	John Gallant
15	Doris Poirier	25	Joseph Sturtevant
16	DJ Constable	27	Stephen Nale
16	Beth Hollowell	31	Prinella Mitchell
		31	Deacon Peter

Anniversaries for October

- 3 John & Rita Karter
- 7 Jeff & Maureen Lee
- 7 Mary & Charles Maroon
- 9 James & Lenore Boles
- 9 Tom & Donna Nale

Chapel / Church Window Project

We think we have found a way to greatly improve the lighting of the Window that is shared by the Chapel and the Church. We are looking for donors toward the purchasing and the installing of these light fixtures. You can contact Herb Joseph who is overseeing this project or send a check directly to the Church with your donation marked as for the Chapel/Church window project.

Christian One-Liners

- Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

READERS SCHEDULE

3rd Sunday After Holy Cross

Philippians 3:17-4:1 Matthew 24:23-31

4 p.m. Sept. 28 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 29 Lauraine Mansur

4th Sunday After Holy Cross

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 24:45-51

4 p.m. Oct. 5 Lila Hollowell

10 a.m. 6 Subdeacon Steve

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Thu 3 Prepare cabbage leaves: 10:00 am

Fri 4 Roll cabbage: 10:30 am

Sat 5 Hafil -VFW-Winslow

Sun 6 Religious Education

Sun 13 Rosary Sodality Meeting

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sun 3 Religious Education

Sun 10 Rosary Sodality Corporate Communion

Sat 16 Christmas Bazaar

There will be Coffee and donuts served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Liturgy. Muffins will served the second Sunday of each month.

Sept. 29: Sharon Crowe & Kelly Elias

Oct. 6: Laya Joseph & Theresa Nemer

Oct. 13: April Mitchell & Larry Mitchell (Muffins)

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. Tickets are now available \$35 per person. Tables of 10 are available at \$300 (pre paid). Call David Elias 692-4686 or see Fr Larry. Posters will be available for distribution this weekend.

Religious Education Schedule

10/6 – 11/3 – 12/15 – 1/5 -2/2 – 3/2 – 4/6 - 5/4

St. Francis Catholic Cemetery would like to give notice to all burial right holders that during the first week of October the cemetery crew will start the annual fall clean up for the coming winter season. Flowers real and artificial, vases, baskets, etc. will be gathered and disposed of. Burial right holders are advised to remove any items that they may wish to keep before October 1st. Concrete urns may be left on the lots but should be emptied and turned over to avoid breakage. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the cemetery clean.

***Some pursue happiness.
Others create it.***

~Anon