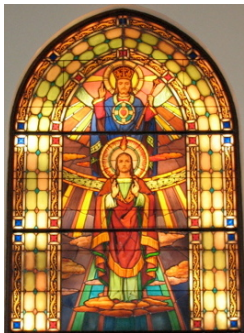


# 31, 1 September 2013 \* Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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Chapel Window

**“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 K-1 <sup>st</sup> <b>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.		

### Luke 18:9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: **“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”**

#### **Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

It is easy to forget that at the time that Jesus is telling these stories, to be a Pharisee was an honorable and admirable religious group to belong to. They were well educated at a time when few people could read or write. They could quote the scriptures expertly and many followed their teachings and

interpretation of the Scriptures, they were even considered progressive by some in the fact they did believe in life after death.

Today we equate being a Pharisee with being judgmental and self-righteous because of these Gospel stories. These Gospel stories are no longer literally about the Pharisees but about anyone who is considered to be very religious, but lacks the inner qualities of humility and compassion. They know the laws of God, but not the compassion of God.

We have to be careful to not reject good and wholesome qualities that are also in the plan of God just because some other qualities are missing. Jesus Himself told His Disciples to fast, in fact there were some types of evil that can only be overcome through fasting and prayer.

To give ten percent was God’s command. According to one’s means, we are called to give sacrificially and through this we learn the wisdom of self-control. Not only through their finance do they have virtuous priorities, but also with their talents and time. Without having God first in our life, as the object of our worship, it is not long before our self-centered decisions leave us emotionally and physically

exhausted. We will feel that our culture and life is out of control.

The Pharisee made the disastrous mistake of thinking his own evaluation of himself could justify himself through by a comparison of his morality with another's. He was a good man, but redemption comes through the mercy and grace of a Savior. In everything Jesus says, He is asking us to be good to others for He is the other.

In this man's concern for the sins he listed, hopefully he came to experience and believe that Jesus transforms the sinner into the virtuous. In our neglect of truly embracing Jesus, we leave unjustified, and offer no solution to what we judge as the sins and failing of those around us.

The tax collector found salvation because he realized that the way he was living was wrong. We do not know what sins he repented of, since the sins that the Pharisee listed were not necessarily the sins of the tax collector.

He did not present a list of reasons to justify his wrongdoing. He was sorry, and prayed for the grace to stop. It is the power of the Holy Spirit when this Spirit of holiness comes into our heart that transforms our mind to be open to live according to the will of the Father.

Demonizing others is no solution to the ills of the world. Bringing the Light of the Gospel to the darkness in our life and the lives of others is the message He continually teaches. Using the wrong medicine to treat a person's illness does not heal them. The most difficult challenge of today is convincing the self-righteous and the sinner to embrace the solution Jesus provides. **Aboona**

*It is a sign of strength,  
not weakness to admit  
you don't know all the answers.*

~John P. Loughrane

#### **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.

#### **September Devotions**

##### **- Sanctuary Candles**

**St. Joseph** 14 days Sanctuary Candle

**Intention Available**

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

**For Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren**

By Ida George

#### **Altar Bread & Wine:**

**M/M Maroon Joseph**

By Barbara Joseph

#### **Liturgy Helps:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Sep 9: School Subsidy**

**Liturgy: Sunday of Pentecost B: Pg. 493**

**Creed: Pg. 748 Anaphora St. John Pg. 815**

#### **Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 31 4:00 p.m.**

† **The Mazzucco Family**

By The Taddeo Family

**Sun 1 10:00 a.m.**

† **Ferris Ferris**

By The Ferris Family

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

**Mon 2** Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

**Tue 3 9:00 a.m.**

† **Fr. Peter Boulos**

Fr. Larry Jensen

**Wed 4 9:00 a.m.**

**H Jerry Reddinger**

By Gregory & Marianne Gillespie

**Thu 5 9:00 a.m.**

† **Fr. Peter Boulos**

Fr. Larry Jensen

**Fri 6 9:00 a.m.**

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

**Sat 7 4:00 p.m.**

† **Indrani**

By The Taddeo Family

**Sun 8 10:00 a.m.**

† **Lee & Van Peters**

By Daughter & Son-in-law

#### **PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Heal Your servants, who are sick,

○ 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, 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 - August**

Jelly & Jam

Toilet tissue

Jiffy Mix

Juice in Plastic Bottles

Thank you for caring!

**2nd Banns of Marriage:  
Philip Joseph & Lauren Veilleux**

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$1,324.00

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.

**Humor from the Internet**

A preacher was making his rounds on a bicycle when he  
came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower.  
"How much do you want for the mower?" asked the  
preacher. "I just want enough money to go out and buy me  
a bicycle," said the little boy. After a moment of  
consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike  
in trade for it?"  
The little boy asked if he could try it out first, and, after  
riding the bike around a little while, said, "Mister, you've  
got yourself a deal."  
The preacher took the mower and began to crank it. He  
pulled on the rope a few times with no response from the  
mower. The preacher called the little boy over and said, "I  
can't get this mower to start."  
The little boy said, "That's because you have to cuss at it  
to get it started."  
The preacher said, "I can't cuss. It's been so long since I  
became a Christian that I don't even remember how to  
cuss."  
The little boy looked at him happily and said, "You just  
keep pulling on that rope. It'll come back to ya."

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

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

*Birthdays in September*

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Tony Karter        | 19 Daniel Crate        |
| 4 Dana Hallowell     | 19 Madisyn Pendexter   |
| 4 Liana Hawes        | 21 Jaime Hodgkin       |
| 4 Brandon Nale       | 21 Mary Bawcum         |
| 5 Kevin Pendexter    | 22 Aboona Larry        |
| 6 Dustin Bearce      | 23 Herbert Joseph, Jr. |
| 8 Cynthia Elias      | 23 Donna-Jo Mitchell   |
| 10 Beth Nale         | 23 Nina Mitchell       |
| 10 Tristan Belton    | 26 Melissa Trinward    |
| 11 Mark Joseph       | 26 John M. Joseph      |
| 12 Richard Elias, Sr | 27 Fefa Deeb           |

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| 14 April Mitchell | 28 Herbert Karter |
| 15 Andrew Roy     | 28 Richard Karter |
| 17 Joseph Karter  | 28 Vicki Mitchell |

**READERS SCHEDULE**

**Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

Romans 8:18-27 Luke 18:9-14  
4 p.m. Aug 31 Lenore Boles  
10 a.m. Sep 1 Kevin Michaud

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Corinthians 1:18-25 John 12:20-32  
4 p.m. Sept. 7 Lila Hallowell  
10 a.m. Sept. 8 Sub-deacon Steve Crate

**EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

- Wed 4 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
- Sun 8 Noon till 5 p.m. Franco-American Festival  
at Head of Falls. We will be serving  
Lebanese Food. All proceeds will benefit  
St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church.  
Come and support the church.
- Sun 15 Rosary Sodality Meeting  
**(Please Note: change in date.)**
- Sun 22 Religious Education Registration

**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.  
Donuts will resume on Sept. 22.

**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.

**Hafli Jar**

If you start now putting in **\$3.50** a day or **\$6** a week  
in your Hafli jar, you will have the amount for the  
Hafli ticket.

**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.

*Anniversaries for September*

- 2 Jibryne & Sara Karter
- 9 Mark & Jennifer Wescott
- 15 Susan & Gordon Webber
- 21 Ruth & Alfred Joseph