

3,4 August 2013 * Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost



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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: 3-5th Lenore Boles K-1st Rosanna Joseph 2nd Jane Lee		
Parish Council:	David Elias, Frank Griffin, David Lee, Gerald Joseph, Rosanna Joseph, Kevin Michaud, Susan Mitchell, 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 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, **“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”** But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” Jesus answered, **“It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”** She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, **“Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”** And her daughter was healed instantly.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We here in America are not apt to think about the reason something is wrong with their child is because of demons. But I don’t know any parent who has not pleaded in prayer for God to protect, guide, help, or heal their child. Evil is the negation of good. There is no place known

where a caring and loving parent doesn’t want their child to live safely and in good health.

The world is very imperfect, and in some places and in some lives it is more than just imperfect, it is heart rendering and violent. There are people who are struggling with overwhelming evil. There are groups that literally are consumed with deadly hate.

In this Gospel’s situation, Jesus responds in a manner that was common for these particular ethnic and cultural groups to talk to each other. He did not ignore the deep-seated suspicions and degrading patterns of speech and actions that marked so much the attitudes we still struggle with. This still is the context in which we follow Jesus. They say there is no more segregated time than on Sunday morning.

Frankly, in the end, victory belongs to Christ who brings all goodness, but the journey of life still is passing through deep issues of judgment and mistaken views toward many things. The Gospel is a living message because until Christ returns,

it is necessary to continuously deepen what we believe to be true and good, and also be open to what is wrong about some beliefs. In this situation, Jesus transcends through all the barriers. She was not sent away.

Jesus reveals to her why He was sent. This is true, but a developing truth. The promises of God were given to His people; He was born of these people. What is revealed to us is the ability for anyone to become "the people of His house".

Unfortunately, often to stay one of His people, we have to endure the misunderstandings and misdeeds of others. I am sure this woman had experienced being made to "feel like a dog" and she was rising above and beyond this feeling. For her it was cultural digs, and maybe wasn't even hurt by this. But for many, it is easy to feel hurt and offended in a variety of ways.

Sometimes there are incredible blessings and healings we never receive because we allow every hurt to accumulate inside of us until there no room for grace and mercy to heal hurts and no message for our loved ones lives to be made whole, We close ourselves off from the source of All Goodness by our rash and blind reactions, giving no consent to allow faith be a part of our lives.

Sometimes our conclusions bring misery because we ignore the context in which to understand God. When she followed Jesus further in the dialogue she discovered that it ends with the destruction of evil, the healing of a loved one, and discovered her dignity and value before God. This is faith.

She will never be identified as dog wanting scraps, or controlled by the values and worth others place on her. Very good, supernatural good, Divine Good, has entered her world.

Just a short glance of the news tells us we are still in the world of demonizing all of one group because of the sins of a few. There are a few who if they would just share their scraps, millions more could go to bed no longer hungry. In the language of Jesus, nothing is just for oneself. **Aboona**

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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection

Aug. 4: Peter's Pence Aug. 11: School Subsidy

Liturgy: Sunday of Pentecost B: Pg. 425-7

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 3 4:00 p.m.

† **Tofe Joseph**

By Badia Spencer

Sun 4 10:00 a.m.

† **Ludwig Zelenkewich**

By Marie Deeb

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

Mon 5 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 6 9:00 a.m.

Intention Available

Wed 7 9:00 a.m.

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Thu 8 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Fri 9 9:00 a.m.

H Christina Zaroogian

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Sat 10 4:00 p.m.

† **Intentions of the Elias Family**

By Gayle Misner

Sun 11 10:00 a.m.

† **Marion L. Maroon**

By Freda Nassar & Judie Lynn Nassar

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

Soup Canned ravioli

Cake Mixes Condiments (mustered, ketchup, Mayonnaise.

Thank you for caring!

Church Security.

After discovering the Censor with the bells missing, we have to accept that the missing brass Hand Cross, New Liturgical Book, and the Censor were stolen and not misplaced. I suspect it is someone who has illegally entered the church to take these items with problems probably "playing priest", rather than a thief looking for something to sell.

Steps will be made to keep the church more secure.

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

August Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 days Sanctuary Candle

St. Jude 7-Day Sanctuary Candle

Intentions Available

Altar Bread & Wine:

Intentions Available

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,814.00

Maronite Charity Appeal

\$134 had to be taken from savings

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.

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 August

1 Reginald Michaud	12 Lacey Williams
1 Nancy Karter	13 Lowell Hawes
2 Steve Crate	14 Brenda Williams
3 Elizabeth Wilson	14 Robert Mower
5 Maria Poirier	17 Kati Joseph
8 Tim Mitchell	19 Jibryne Karter III
8 Cam Mitchell	22 Mary Ayooob
9 Shawn Lee	22 Barbara Joseph
10 Melissa Roy	22 Sheila Bonenfant
12 Patricia Thomas	30 John Thomas, Sr.

READERS SCHEDULE

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 3:1-13 Matthew 15:21-28

4 p.m. Aug 3 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 4 Kevin Michaud

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Corinthians 3:1-11 Luke 8:1-15

4 p.m. Aug 10 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 11 Steve Crate

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Sun 4 11-1p.m.: BBQ Chicken Dinner \$8.00 per person

Wed 7 Parish Finance Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Wed 14 7 a.m. Dead Sea Scroll Trip to Boston

Thu 15 Feast of the Assumption

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 **88¢** a day or **\$2.50** a week in your Hafli jar, you will have the amount for the Hafli ticket.

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 - 4th Degree K&C regalia.

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

Anniversaries for August

- 8 Andre & Salim Nasr
- 11 Charles & Holly Plourde
- 13 Jason & Heather Jabar
- 19 Renee & Joe Jabar
- 20 Jane & David Lee
- 20 Yvette & Paul Mitchell
- 23 Allison & Steve Crate
- 27 Laurie & Mark Nale
- 31 Jeanne & John Thomas

Mahrajan 2013, a Middle Eastern food festival, will be held on the grounds of **Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Catholic Church** at 140 Mitchell St., **Manchester NH** on Friday August 16 from 5-10 PM, Saturday August 17 from 12-10 PM, and Sunday August 18 from 12-5 PM. For more information, go to www.bestfestnh.com. 603-623-8944