

7, 8 December 2013 * Birth of John the Baptist



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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, Lowell Hawes, Aaron Rowden, Lisa Gard & Elizabeth Wilson		
Ex-officio:	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

Luke 1:57-80 When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, “No. He will be called John.” But they answered her, “There is no one among your relatives who has this name.” So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, “John is his name,” and all were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, “What, then, will this child be?” For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. Then Zechariah his father, filled with the holy Spirit, prophesied, saying: “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people. He has raised up a horn for our salvation within the

house of David his servant, even as he promised through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old: salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, to show mercy to our fathers and to be mindful of his holy covenant and of the oath he swore to Abraham our father, and to grant us that, rescued from the hand of enemies, without fear we might worship him in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death’s shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace.” The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The prophet Isaiah says God wants to comfort His people by speaking kindly to them, to remove their guilt, make straight their wasteland,

fill their low valleys and make their rough mountains smaller. He reminds all of us that our earthly life is **grass soon to wither**, not very long at all.

Very often, sadness in our life is because we lose our perspective of what is most important in living. There are many sad things happening in the world, and for most people, this sadness hits home at some time in our lives - for some more, some less.

The reason God offers His comfort to us is because He knows we are in need of it. **We have fallen, and we have hurt ourselves. This we all have in common. The place where we hurt may be different, but, nonetheless, there are compassionate reasons why our Father wanted to send His Son into the world.**

Our turmoil, sickness and shame now have a healthy direction to go. Now Zechariah through the power of the Holy Spirit begins to speak and we read it in today's Gospel. Reread his canticle; it is simply beautiful and never out of date.

John's mission was to prepare us for the Savior, to prepare our hearts to be open to happiness, to be open to compassion by first experiencing forgiveness.

God named John. Who has not been called "names"? Maybe it was, ugly, clumsy, blind, deaf, dying, maybe an Alcoholic, maybe stupid. Our real name is the name God calls us by. Our name is, son or daughter. Our name is loved one. Our name is redeemed, beautiful, who can now see, hear, walk, restored health, sober, living forever. John will preach and our life can be cleansed, changed and restored to wholeness, for God is gracious. **Aboona**

*Do not complain
that there are thorns on roses.*

Be thankful there are roses on thorns.

~Henry Ward Beecher

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 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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: 12/8 School Subsidy

Liturgy: Birth of John the Baptist

Hymn Entrance chant: Pg. 49, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. James Pg. 794

Sat 7 4:00 p.m.

† **Ida George**

By the Sturtevant Family

Sun 8 10:00 a.m.

† **Raymond & Georgette Veilleux**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

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

Mon 9 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 10 9:00 a.m.

† **Special Intention**

By Mary Ticken

Wed 11 9:00 a.m.

† **Leo Paul Labranche**

By Doris Labranche

Thu 12 9:00 a.m.

† **Helen Corsen**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Fri 13 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 14 4:00 p.m.

† **Anthony Marin**

By Carole Levine

Sun 15 10:00 a.m.

† **Marion L. Maroon**

By Sylvia Plourde

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, Alice Lachance, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, Kendra Maroon, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin.**

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

**A thankful heart
is not only the greatest virtue,
but the parent of all other virtues.**

~Cicero

