

# 11, 12 October, 2014 \* Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross



## 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> Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale	<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Paula Mitchell
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>DRE: 3-5<sup>th</sup></b> Lenore Boles, <b>K-1<sup>st</sup></b> Rosanna Joseph, <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Jane Lee	
<b>Parish Council:</b>	Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Gard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson	
<b>Ex-officio:</b>	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus	

#### Matthew 24:45-51

“Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ and he begins to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

#### Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Am I a slave? Am I faithful? Am I wise? Who is my Master? What was I chosen to do? Whose household am I in charge of? When is the proper time? How much food is the allowance? Is the master talking to me? Does this story imply that slavery is okay? What would I do in this situation?

Unfortunately, slavery does still exist in many forms, sometimes literally and sometimes in subtle manners that we are not even aware. This story does not justify slavery; it is to respond to the experiences of feeling powerless, humiliated, and broken often due to forms of injustice. This can be the results of our

own decisions and behaviors or the decisions of others.

The story does give hope. Right decisions spring from the wisdom that comes from faith put into action. God desires to share all He possesses with us. In this manner God, owning all, shares all. This does not diminish who we are and what we have. When we believe that what we have is God sharing with us out of His love, it leaves no room for greed and the desire to “own” others. It is irrelevant that He still owns everything, for we lack nothing that we need. This is symbolized in the allowance of food at the proper time as told in the Gospel. We are not ready for everything all at once.

In this story, this slave is not faithful and wise. He wanted the master to be far away so he didn't have to live up to what he had deceived the master to believe about him. His knew his treatment of others was not acceptable, and the reality of this conflict tore him to pieces. This is not meant to be literal otherwise how could he be put with the hypocrites.

Being put with the hypocrites, means that he did not practice what he preached. What he said was to control and manipulate rather than to witness the nature of the master. God cannot “be tricked” into

believing something that is false is true. On the Day of Judgment we see the knowledge of God, and if we are far from God and His household of peace and security, it was our footsteps of decisions that put us there.

One day the faithful will be protected from what is considered harmful. There is no permission to use their slavery/mistreatment as an excuse to abuse themselves/drunkenness or others (beating). For this man who was put in charge, he had pushed out of his life the master. He was not prepared for the return because he did not want him to return. Faithfulness is being prepared, wanting the master to return because everything would be shared.

He sees this slave that he chose to take care of his household as wicked because he did not represent him. In this Master's household there is no mistreatment allowed, no behavior that destroys, no desire to control by humiliation.

To overcome the experience of mistreatment and humiliation takes faith and work joined together. There is the temptation to not act faithfully and wisely. The world is at war with the past. Instead of seeking healing of the past, showing the mercy and compassion they wish they had received, they show brutality and acts of degradation. Instead of embracing the responsibility of finding outer and inner freedom with moral justice, they slip into the power of the wounds and blindness of hate and revenge. They mold a god to become faithful to death instead of life, punishment instead of redemption, and drunk on becoming masters of fear and destruction.

Christ the Prince of Peace brings healing and hope. He wants the world transformed my love, forgiveness and compassion. As Christians we are called to proclaim peace and justice. **Aboona**

**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: **Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Deacon Peter Joseph, Theresa Lee, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams.**

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

*At every moment of our life  
we have the opportunity to choose joy.*

~Henri Nouwen

Liturgy Helps:

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Oct. 12 School Subsidy Envelope will be used toward fuel from now on.

**Liturgy: Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross**

Entrance chant: Pg. 608, Creed: Pg. 748, Anaphora of St. John Pg. 815

Liturgy Intentions

**Sat 11 4:00 p.m.**

† **Malcolm Spencer**  
By Gladys Avcollie

**Sun 12 10:00 a.m.**

† **Deceased Members of Rosary Sodality**  
By Rosary Sodality

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

Mon 13 Father's day off for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 14 **9:00 a.m.**

SI **Tina J.**  
By Randy & Marie Lewis

Wed 15 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Maroon George**  
By Janet George

Thu 16 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Yvonne Nemer**  
By Carol George

Fri 17 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Caroline Nale**  
By Mark & Laurie Nale

**Sat 18 4:00 p.m.**

† **Roy, Elaine & John Scott Joseph**  
By The Family

**Sun 19 10:00 a.m.**

† **Kathleen Hawes**  
By The Family

**Liturgy Codes:** †= Faithful Departed, SI=Special Intention, BD=Birthday, Anv.=Anniversary, H=Health.

**CHURCH DINNER:** The Rosary Sodality will be sponsoring an **Ala Carte Dinner** on October 18 in the Church Hall from 4:30 to 6:30. The menu will include: Meat and Spinach Fataya (turnovers), Salata, Lubi (String Beans) and rice. Items may be purchased separately or a dinner plate may be purchased for \$7 which will include: 2 Fataya, Salata, Lubi & Rice. **Please, support this fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the church.**

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

## October Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

### St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

**For Special Intention**

By Gerard E. Brouillard

### St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

**For Subdeacon Deeb Ferris**

By The Family

### Altar Bread:

**For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

### Altar Wine:

**For John & Margaret Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

### Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,966.00

God bless you for your generosity.

Please don't forget to send in your contributions when you are unable to attend, our monthly bills still continue to arrive every month.

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

### Parish Council & Finance Council

A large portion of our conversations focused on how to improve attendance and the need to become more financially stable. It was necessary to recently transfer \$10,000 from investments in order to pay our expenses. **If this continues to be necessary** each year, we only have reserves for another 10 years. We all need to work together on finding a solution.

***"The Catholic Church, East and West,  
breaths as two lungs in the same body"***

### E-Mail Bulletins

The **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.

## READERS SCHEDULE

### 4th Sunday After Holy Cross

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 24:45-51
4 p.m. 11 Lenore Boles	
10 a.m. 12 Joe Rowden	

### 5th Sunday After Holy Cross

Philippians 2:12-18	Matthew 25:1-13
4 p.m. 18 Lila Hallowell	
10 a.m. 19 Mary Jo Hodgkin	

### EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Sun 12	Rosary Sodality Meeting
Sat 18	Ala Carte Lebanese Dinner 4:30-6:30

### EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sat 1	Baked Bean Supper 4:30-6:00
Wed 5	Parish Council Meeting 6:00
Sat 8	Bazaar 9:00-3:00
Sun 9	Rosary Sodality Meeting

### Coffee Schedule

We will continue to serve muffins at the coffee hour thanks to Larry Mitchell and Gareth Belton

Oct 12	Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton
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### Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015

11/2, 12/14 (Christmas Party) 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.

### Remember St. Joseph in your will

Consider including your parish in your will.

### November 8<sup>th</sup> Bazaar - White Elephant Sale

Any items should be left at the school. Let Larry Mitchell or Aboona know that you are bringing them, and they can be left on the landing if we are not available to unlock the Maronite Center for you. **CRAFT TABLE:** If you are crafty and would like to help now would be a good time to start knitting those mittens or dish cloths, making Christmas ornaments or anything else that we will be able to sell on our Craft table. We are relying on you to make this year's Bazaar a success.

### October Food Pantry

Variety of Soups	Jiffy Mixes
Juices in Plastic	Personal Care Items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

**In the face of uncertainty,  
there is nothing wrong with hope.**

~Bernie S. Siegel, M.D.