

4, 5 October, 2014 * Third Sunday after 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: Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
Teachers	DRE: 3-5 th Lenore Boles, K-1 st Rosanna Joseph, 2 nd Jane Lee	
Parish Council:	Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson	
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:

Jesus was talking to His people and when He used this word “Messiah” they understood Him according to how they understood what they were taught. Some of them were taught that the Messiah would be a warrior that would free them from the rule of the Romans. Even within Christianity you can find some over emphasizing a political and prosperity message rather than the healing of the sick and the lifting of the poor, and the clothing of the naked.

The most spiritually humble of any religions seeks the restoration of the human being to one of peace and healing. There is the symbolic desire to restore humanity to the status of Adam and Eve before the fall from friendship with God. The Messiah would be a person anointed with a message that if it is followed, all evils and misfortune would come to an end.

Jesus believed that He was the Messiah, that if we follow Him we will be able to regain friendship with God, be freed from the scourge of death and illness, be delivered from being subjected to rulers that enslaved them. The list

can go on and on, as we experience what hurts us as we discover more and more of what we think will make our life better.

The false messiahs are those who think they are speaking for God, but actually are not. They can become so delusional they even began to think they are divine. Any study of world religions shows how prevalent this is and how hard it is to discern what is true and what is false.

There are caring and thoughtful people found in all religions. There can be powerful and uplifting natural and wise truths that can appeal to the soul and spirit. It is also true within all religions you can find disturbed people who grossly express the worse in the fallen nature of humanity and magnify the false teachings.

When Jesus talks about a false messiah, He is talking about the repercussion of false teachings about God, which leads the follower to believe in what is not true about God the Father, and can sometimes lead them to no longer recognize Jesus as the Son of God, who is the way to eternal life.

A Christian can still be just as much in need of repenting of sin and the perfecting power of God's grace as the one who does not recognize Jesus by name. There are those who do not know Jesus by His name, but live internally the message that leads to eternal life.

For those who know Jesus as He truly is, the trumpets will be the sound of a joyous return. It is obvious that many have embraced what is false. What was believed for centuries is now unbelievable. What was never acceptable is now desired, and what was believed as necessary for salvation is judged to be unnecessary. Jesus has promised the church will survive as the beacon of truth to proclaim Jesus. Let us put our trust in Him. **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

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Oct. 12 School Subsidy

Liturgy: Third Sunday after Holy Cross

Entrance chant: Pg. 608, Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of St. Peter Pg. 774

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 4 4:00 p.m.
† **Joseph & Mary Smus**
By Paul, David, & Patricia Smus

Sun 5 10:00 a.m.
† **Marion Maroon**
By Peter Maroon

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

Mon 6 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 7 **9:00 a.m.**
† **Yvonne Nemer**
By George Peters

Wed 8 **9:00 a.m.**
† **Rose Lombardo**
By Janet George

Thu 9 **9:00 a.m.**
† **Helga Pamucina**
By Barbara Atkins

Fri 10 **9:00 a.m.**
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale

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

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

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

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.**

October Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention

By Gerard E. Brouillard

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For

By

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 \$2,416.00

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.

READERS SCHEDULE

3rd Sunday After Holy Cross

Philemon 3:17-4:1	Matthew 24:23-31
4 p.m. 4 Lila Hallowell	
10 a.m. 5 Joe Rowden	

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	

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Sat 4	Bean Supper 4:30 – 6:00
Sun 5	Religious Education
Sun 12	Rosary Sodality Meeting
Sat 18	Ala Carte Lebanese Dinner 4:30-6:30

Coffee Schedule

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

Oct 5	Elizabeth Wilson & April Mitchell
Oct 12	Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Charismatic Renewal Conference

October 18th at Sacred Heart Church here in Waterville. 8 a.m. concluded with Mass after the healing service.

Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015

10/5, 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 8th 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.

***“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.

***The worst loneliness is not to
be comfortable with yourself.***

~Mark Twain