

# 6, 7 September, 2014 \* Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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Season of Pentecost

<http://www.sjmaronite.org>

### “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:</b> 3-5 <sup>th</sup> Lenore Boles K-1 <sup>st</sup> Rosanna Joseph 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee	
<b>Parish Council:</b>	Sheila Bonenfant, David Elias, Lisa Grard, Frank Griffin, Lowell Hawes. Rosanna Joseph, Pearly 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	

#### Luke 10:38-42

As they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

#### Dear Parishioners and Friends:

This is a repeat from a previous year.

We have to be careful to not think that by Jesus saying "Mary chose the better part" that what Martha was doing was not also good and important. It's just that there is a time and a place for these tasks to be done. Sometimes work becomes an addiction and an escape from coping and accepting significant other responsibilities and dimensions of living a satisfying life.

It is a distorted spirituality when our activities are used to justify not taking the time to listen to the Lord as He reveals Himself to us. How often we hear the phrase I do these good things, so that should cover and exempt me from worship activities.

In a sense, Martha represents those who have unresolved issues. Her worries and distractions prevent her from finding peace and harmony in her life.

Culturally we are "freeing ourselves" from the demands of God and His Sabbath, and exchanging them for chronic consumption of distractions of addiction. Never have we needed more medication – legal and illegal, endless wants to alter our mood, reshape our bodies, and the list goes on. Our hungers put billions in the hands of criminals, and trillions feed the greed of a few.

Life is filled with distractions. There was a recent article on how our need for distractions and worries is increasing especially among young men. The high tech era has made it possible to be immersed in distractions at all times. We all know someone who can stay up all night on the computer playing some sort of a game, while at the same time neglecting their relationship with their spouse, children, friends and even jeopardizing their job.

We may have visited someone, and rather than spend conversing with you, they remained absorbed with something on their smart phone.

Even with text messaging, one can become so absorbed in their own thoughts and emotions rather than a genuine connection with the other, that on physically meeting they find it difficult to relate to each others actual personality. It is so much easier to have a make believe world, where we control all the information and block out the rest. These characteristics and habits have always existed in some

manner. It is much easier now remain anonymous. Face to face conversations are simply different from a text message, or email, and for that manner the telephone also.

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For the person who is naturally shy and feels socially clumsy, it becomes easier to retreat into cyberspace. To remain distracted we can lose out on the "better part of life" with real people and fail to learn the skills to socialize with a wide spectrum of ideas and people.

Society is so immersed in the latest distractions and worries; we can become obsessed with our interests and ignore others. Fewer and fewer people are even willing to put themselves in a situation where they can "hear" Jesus say to them stop what you are doing, and come in to listen to the Gospel proclaimed. Stop what you are doing and keep the Sabbath with those gathered around to worship and give praise to the heavenly Father. Fewer and fewer believe what Mary is doing is the better part of life, accepting a message of hope.

When we can filter out anything that challenges our way of thinking and behavior, we run the risk of creating our own concept of God that can be quite different from what God actually reveals to us. This has always been a part of human history, but now it is even easier to do. **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

**Maronite Cathedral in Brooklyn is filmed with a** history of the Maronites in New York  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Zldb8aLchA>

#### **September Food Pantry**

Ravioli                      Condiments  
Stews                        Toilet Paper

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

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

To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love. In return you will receive untold peace and happiness.

~Robert Muller

#### **Liturgy Helps:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Sept. 7 Catholic University of America  
Sept. 14 School Subsidy

**Liturgy: Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

Entrance chant: Pg. 493 (B), Creed: Pg. 748,  
Anaphora of St. Mark Pg. 835

#### **Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 6 4:00 p.m.**

† **Gerard Nadeau**

By Jackie Doucette

**Sun 7 10:00 a.m.**

† **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**

By John Sleiman

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

Mon 8 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 9 9:00 a.m.

† **Timothy C. Violette (Baby)**

By Doris Labranche

Wed 10 9:00 a.m.

† **Michael, Tina & Grace Murphy**

Thu 11 9:00 a.m.

† **Eva & Mitchell (Buddy) Mitchell**

By Janet George

Fri 12 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 13 4:00 p.m.

† **Kaalil & Abousleiman, & Frangieh Harfouch**

By John Sleiman

Sun 14 10:00 a.m.

† **Evelyn Blaschke (40 Day Liturgy)**

By The Family

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

#### **Movie and Article on St. Sharbel**

To read about and watch a movie on St. Sharbel you can follow this Link.

<http://te-deum.blogspot.com/2014/07/saint-charbel-movie.html>

#### **November 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.

## September Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

### St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For **Fred & Evelyn Blaschke**  
By Joe & Lyn Rowden

### St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For **Fred & Evelyn Blaschke**  
By Joe & Lyn Rowden

### Altar Bread:

For **Bernie Thomas**  
By The Family

### Altar Wine:

For **Bernie Thomas**  
By The Family

### Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,557.00

God bless you for your generosity.

Please don't forget to send in your contributions while gone during the summer, our monthly bills still continue to arrive during the summer.

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

### Remember St. Joseph in your will

Consider including your parish in your will.

### READERS SCHEDULE

#### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 Luke 10:38-42

4 p.m. Sept 6 Lila Hollowell

10 a.m. 7 Joe Rowden

#### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 12:20-32

4 p.m. 13 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 14 Joe Rowden

### EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun 7 Festival at the Falls 12-4 pm

Sat 13 Bus Trip to Boston

Contact person Emily Fournier 314-8607

Sun 14 Rosary Sodality Meeting

S&S 27-28 Registration for Religious Education

### Coffee Schedule

For the summer: Larry Mitchell (Muffins)

### E-Mail Bulletins

The **Monthly** and **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.

### **Chaldean Patriarch Sako's prayer for peace follows:**

Lord, The plight of our country is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives, and to grant us patience, and courage to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy. Glory be to you forever.

### Visitation of the Maronite Patriarch

His Eminence and Beatitude Bechara Peter, Cardinal Rai, the **Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and the East** will be celebrating a Divine Liturgy for all the Christians of the Middle East September 11, 2014 in Washington D.C. Several other Cardinals, Bishops, and priests will be attending. If you would like to attend let me know. **Aboona**

*It is the little things  
that fret and worry us;  
you can dodge an elephant, but  
not a fly.*

~Josh Billings

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

***Let us clothe ourselves  
in a mutual tolerance  
of one another's view.** ~St. Clement of Rome*