

# 23, 24 August, 2014 \* Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost



## St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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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.

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| <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, 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                   |   |

### 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:

There are some studies on human behavior that suggest that humans, as part of a survival mechanism through evolution, believe that it is a primal trait to have prejudicial predispositions toward people we perceive as not quite like us. The dialogue that Jesus has with this woman presents the real world dynamics of a person of one culture and religion relating to someone who belongs to a different religion and culture.

It is by instinct that we have the trait to notice differences. Through observing our family and what we learn in our

cultural environment we learn our responses to these differences. We might become comfortable or intimidated by these differences. In this case Jesus, acknowledged the difference, and in the end cast evil, and worked a miracle.

This reminds me of a father that was so proud of his son when he did not use the racial difference to describe someone he knew even though it would have made it much easier to know which friend he was to supposed to spot at the airport.

Actually, the son of course knew and was aware of his friend’s race, but had learned it wasn’t proper to “notice”. Actually, it is impossible to not notice. We are not asked to be blind; we are called to not use it as criteria for rejection and a message that can influence others to actions of evil and harm. A perfect example is the shooting in Ferguson, MO.

The world is not changed by not noticing, but by having a compassionate, consistent, and fair response with an accurate knowledge concerning what we observe and will do. Ignorance leaves the door open for much harm to be fostered in society.

Jesus in the story of the woman did not pretend or shy away from attitudes between the Canaanites and Jews. He even used the cultural bantering common between different ethnic groups. The honest recognition of each one of them did not stop them from the journey of salvation and healing.

Jesus wasted no time in theological discussions of the exact criteria of “tormented by a demon” or who are dogs, and what can be done with crumbs.

There was an internal message to hear and to listen to. For the woman, it is, “I love my daughter and something horrible is going on in her life. Nothing will stop me from seeking someone I believe can help her.” There are no barriers between those who act out of love for others. Their openness led to a miracle.

In the inner language of Jesus, He listens and speaks in the manner that we hear the world’s tensions and frictions. The inner message is, “the love I have for you transcends all evil, it conquers evil, the horrible things of this world is no match for the healing power I bring to this world that I created.”

Faith is doing the good that you would never do if you didn’t have faith. In this way, supernatural crumbs provide a feast beyond what any earthly feast can provide. The success of God’s redemptive love is all-powerful even in the midst of our failure and disbelief. The moment we began to let Him into our heart the victory begins.

Our culture increasingly neglects a dialogue with God. It reflects bewilderment and fear like lost sheep. Our ignorance of sheep allows us to think they are totally passive and easy to handle. Actually, sheep can be mean and aggressive. This does not mean they have the ability to make smart decisions or avoid dangerous situations and avoid immoral behavior. We are failing in realizing this. All actions matter, whether good or bad.

We can wander so far away from the altar table, that we are not even close enough to even see the healing crumbs or even hear the voice of the Shepherd. It was the desire of Jesus to conquer the evil turmoil. Everyone everywhere benefits from the decisions of those who approach Jesus and choose to step beyond the limitations of hatred and embrace Jesus who conquers the world’s turmoil.

**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, Brent Maroon, Mitch Michaud, 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>

### **August Food Pantry**

Bisquick Jelly Cake Mixes

Family sized items – soups, ravioli, etc.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

### **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: Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost**

Entrance chant: Pg. 493 (B), Creed: Pg. 748,  
Anaphora of St. Peter Pg. 774

### **Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 23 4:00 p.m.**

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By Lorraine & Ray Cyr

**Sun 24 10:00 a.m.**

† **Fr. Marcel Dumoulin**

By Greg & Maryanne Gillespie

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

Mon 25 Father’s day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 26 9:00 a.m.

† **Ronald Stevens**

By Janet George

Wed 27 9:00 a.m.

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By Jed & Lucille Cram

Thu 28 9:00 a.m.

† **Judee St. Pierre**

By Carol George

Fri 29 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 30 4:00 p.m.

† **Eddie & Van Joseph**

By Jo Gottardi

Sun 31 10:00 a.m.

† **Ferris Ferris**

By The Family

Liturgy Codes: †= Faithfull 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.

**August Devotions** - Sanctuary Candles

**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

Available

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

Special Intention

By Gerry Brouillard

**Altar Bread:**

For **Shackie and Rose Marie Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

**Altar Wine:**

For **John and Margaret Joseph Family**

By Rosanna Joseph

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$2,033.00

Aid to the persecuted Christians in Iraq & Syria.  
\$1,188.00

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.

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

**READERS SCHEDULE**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

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

4 p.m. Aug 23 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 24 Joe Rowden

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

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

4 p.m. Aug 30 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 31 Joe Rowden

**EVENTS FOR AUGUST**

Sun 24 Chicken BBQ 11:30 am-1:30 pm

**EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Wed 3 Parish Council Meeting

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

\* information on insert sheet

**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**