

## 20, 21 December, 2014 \* Genealogy Sunday

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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:</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, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson	
<b>Ex-officio:</b>	Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus	

**Matthew 1:1-17** *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. ... Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah, fourteen generations.*

#### **Dear Parishioners and Friends,**

This is the Sunday to listen to the tongue twisters. “Azor was the father of Zadok,” and so on. The writer of the Gospel wants to give names to show that Jesus was a descendent of David, to show that He is the one that was promised by God to restore us to the Father.

This list of names is not just about His ancestors; it is also about who will become His spiritual descendants. Because of the Incarnation our name can be in the Book of Life. Jesus descends to us so we can ascend to Him restored in a manner that glorifies the power of God.

It is still a radical belief that God has a Son named Jesus, both God and man. Every Eucharist is a testimony to the Incarnation, God taking on our

humanity. Every Eucharist is a proclamation that our sins are forgiven, and that in Him we have eternal life.

Jesus didn’t get in trouble for claiming to be a descendent of David, but when the significance of His complete identity began to be known; troubles began. King Herod, in his understanding, saw him as a threat to his kingship and had male children under the age of two destroyed.

In a spiritual manner Jesus will always be a threat to earthly “kings”. Power and greed can distort our understanding of others and ourselves. If we feel no power over our life and lack an understanding of our own dignity and worth we can choose to do horrible things. The opposite is also true; if we have an exaggerated sense of our power we can choose to take horrible actions toward those we perceive as a threat to this power.

There are two Gospels that have names listed; they are not identical because they are for a different group. The Jewish community that embraced the teachings of Jesus would be looking for different details than the Gentiles. This is important to understand, because it is the nature of anyone telling a story to surround the core message with details

that the listener is more able to comprehend and identify with.

Not so long ago we could just present a chapter and verse from the Bible and a Christian would accept it as God's word to us. Many were taught to believe the Scriptures is the Word of God, simply because it claims to be the Word of God, which is not actually a logical statement because anyone could put the same sentence in their writings for "proof". Today, unfortunately, there are many who simply ignore and know very little about what is in the Scriptures.

During the Season of Announcement we have several people experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit. Hearing the experiences of a number of people each relating their story strengthens our faith. They point to the promise and the promised One. Each telling how their lives are forever changed and convinced that God has visited them and God is with them. The Messiah has come to us.

During the Season of Announcement, the Holy Spirit is able to reveal the message to people who are just and open to the faith. It takes faith to believe the Bible used by Christians is the word of God and is a message of salvation.

The Church is human and also supernatural. The history of the Scriptures is the history of the Church's faith. Since the Resurrection of Christ there are many writings regarding Jesus. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church selected the writings that confirmed what Jesus commanded His Apostles to teach to all nations. This is what they believed and practiced. Members of the church can distort the teachings of the church and the Scriptures. Along with the promise made to Peter, the Lord continues to give the church Saints to call us back to a deeper and faithful understanding of His message.

**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, John M. Joseph, Bertha Jensen, Theresa Lee, Dr. Ronnie Marrache, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, Jay Petersen, 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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Jan 11 Fuel (Pink Envelope)

**Liturgy: Genealogy Sunday**

Entrance chant: Pg.67, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. John Pg. 815

The Song Books are done. The Song number and page is on the back of the bulletin.

**Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 20 4:00 p.m.**

† **Marie Aboussi**

By Fefa Deeb

**Sun 21 10:00 a.m.**

† **Brandon Rancourt**

By Pearley & Alice Lachance

**Mon 22** Father's day off for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

**Tue 23 9:00 a.m.**

† **Laurette G. Brouillard**

By Gerard E. Brouillard

**Christmas Eve**

**Wed 24 4 p.m.**

**Intentions of the Parish**

**Christmas Day**

**Thu 25 10:00 a.m.**

**Intentions of the Parish**

**Fri 26 9:00 a.m.**

**No Liturgy**

**Sat 27 4:00 p.m.**

† **Joseph & Mary Smus**

By Paul, David & Patricia Smus

**Sun 28 10:00 a.m.**

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By Ronald & Marian Ciccia

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

**Deepest Sympathy**

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to the **Joseph Family** for the loss of **Deacon Peter Joseph** who died. Peter's death will be felt by the whole parish and we pray that the Lord God may grant him rest in His kingdom and consolation to his family and loved ones.

**December Food Pantry**

Ravioli Condiments

Toilet paper Stews

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

**Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:**

<b>Fuel Budget</b>	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$620.00
Collected before last week	\$641.00
Total yet to collect	\$(18,739.00)

**December Devotions - Sanctuary Candles**

**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**Peter Joseph**

By Joseph & Sara Taddeo

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**Special Intention**

By Joseph & Sara Taddeo

**Altar Bread:**

**Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

**Altar Wine:**

**John & Margaret Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$ 2,923.00

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.

**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**

**Genealogy Sunday**

Romans 1:1-12	Mathew 1:1-17
4 p.m. Dec 20	Subdeacon Steve Crate
10 a.m. 21	Joe Rowden

**The Glorious Birth of Our Lord**

Hebrews 1:1-12	Luke 2:1-20
4 p.m. Dec 24	Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 25	Joe Rowden

**EVENTS FOR DECEMBER**

Sat	20	Cookie Sale after 4:00 pm Liturgy
Sun	21	Cookie Auction after 10:00 am Liturgy
Wed	24	3:30 Christmas Cantata
	24	4:00 Christmas Eve Liturgy
Thu	25	10 a.m Christmas Liturgy

**EVENTS FOR JANUARY**

Sat	3	Madcap Madrigal 6:00 pm
Sat	10	Baked Bean Supper 4:30-6:00 pm

**Coffee Schedule**

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

Dec 21: April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

Dec 28: Theresa Nemer & Jane Lee

Jan 4: Dale Sturtevant & Lenore Boles

Jan 11: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

**Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015**

1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.

**Use of the Hall – Guidelines will be posted.**

We really have a beautiful hall and because it is used more often now, there needs to be more attention to its proper use and care. Sometimes there is a request to use the hall, and without guidelines, it is not always clear what is expected of the group after they are done using the hall. Guidelines will be made available in the hall.

When anyone asks to use the hall, it is expected they will take responsibility to be sure it is clean after each use. We do not have a staff to do this for you.

**Giving Tree**

This year it will be for the local Veterans Home in Augusta. Please feel free to take an ornament from the giving tree. Gifts will be delivered after 10 am Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 21.