

## 8, 9 March 2014 \* Sunday of the Man with Leprosy



The Man with Leprosy

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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>	Yvonne Nemer, Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale
<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		
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<b>Ex-officio:</b>	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

### Mark 1:32-45

The Evangelist said: When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, “Everyone is looking for you.” He told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. Then he said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your

cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

### Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The beginning of the Gospel starts with the ill and possessed being brought to Jesus at night. This is a way of telling us that darkness and night were equated with the time of evil. It is at night in the cover of darkness that many sins are committed and when people “wake up” sick.

Jesus is not afraid of the darkness and in fact, confronts the darkness with His healing power. Then, Jesus gets up when it is still dark to go to a deserted place to pray. This is to remind all of us that we need to pray; that we must find a quiet place to face our darkness. Actually we have no choice but face our darkness. The question is, do we want to face it, and choose the way that heals and transforms rather than a way that hides, distorts, and numbs it in some manner that only makes it more difficult to overcome

later on? When we find God; the dawn will come; we become whole and complete.

With His prayer and fasting, Jesus was able to continue to drive out evil, to drive out demons. This is challenging to us; to think about people needing demons cast out of their lives. There is no need to try to prove there are demons or evil powers. We do not have a choice; we are fighting against something. We are fighting against illnesses of all kinds. We know there is an overwhelming abundance of grieving, suffering, in sorrow and people in pain struggling to make it through the day or week, or month.

We all know and have watched some force just take over someone against all logic and begin to destroy this person. Sometimes it is decisions of the mind, and sometimes it is the development of a physical illness.

The Leper was an outcast due to fear. He had an illness that was repulsive to his self and to others. All kinds of opinions and beliefs surrounded the reason for him having it, none of it appealing. Jesus does will for us to be healed, to be made clean, to be made whole. The man knew what he wanted because he knew he had the Leprosy.

For us to be healed, we have to be honest about what we need from Jesus. We are only made clean and whole through our honesty with Him. We have heard that Jesus is a healer, and that He loves us with sacrificial love.

We may not be possessed by a demon, but we all find ourselves at one time or another struggling with some aspect of who we are and no longer want to be. When we know and believe that God loves us, not some external covering, but our real self, we will seek Him. When we truly believe He loves us, the evil and darkness that lurks in all of us, is faced and the gaze of the Savior begins to transform who we are. It is Lent, let us pray and fast and grow strong in the mercy and grace of the Lord. **Aboona**

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

### **March is NAM, National Apostolate of Maronites, Month at St. Joseph's**

NAM is the official lay apostolate of the Maronite Church of the USA. The only lay apostolate of its kind in the Maronite World, it was established in 1964 and has held a national convention every year since. NAM was established before the presence of a Maronite Bishop or diocese in the USA. In fact it was begun to help unify and organize the Maronite faithful in order to petition Rome for a Maronite Bishop. Since 1966, NAM has served the then Diocese of St. Maron and now serves both our Maronite Eparchies and our Eparchial bishops.

### **Liturgy Helps:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 3/9** Catholic School Subsidy

**Liturgy: Sunday of the Miracle of Cana**

Entrance chant: Pg. 198, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Mark Pg. 834

### **Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 8 4:00 p.m.**

† **Gerald Joseph**

By Parish Council

**Sun 9 10:00 a.m.**

† **Tannous & Tamam Sleiman**

By John T. Sleiman

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

**Tue 11 9:00 a.m.**

† **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**

By John Sleiman

**Wed 12 9:00 a.m.**

† **Karen Maroon**

By Paul Maroon and Steve Maroon

**Thu 13 9:00 a.m.**

**SI All our Soldiers**

By Doris Labranche

**Fri 14 10:00 a.m.**

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

**Sat 15 4:00 p.m.**

† **Billy Joseph**

By The Bernie Thomas Family

**Sun 16 10:00 a.m.**

† **Fred Blaschke**

By Gregory & Marianne Gillespie

### **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, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, Kendra 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

### **M'jadra Dinner and Talent Show**

Many thanks to all those who worked and participated in the Dinner and Talent Show last Sunday. As always we had a wonderful time together.

### **Deepest Sympathies**

We extend our Condolences to **Tony Joseph**, of our parish, on the passing of his sister, **Selma Joseph Thompson**. May she rest in peace in the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father.

### **March Devotions**

#### **Sanctuary Candles**

#### **St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**For Subdeacon Deeb Ferris**

By the Family

#### **St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**For John Tardiff**

By Bernice Tardiff

#### **Altar Bread and Wine:**

**For Dominick & Genevieve Rinaldi**

By Dominick Rinaldi, Sr.

**CATCHING FIRE BECOMING A FLAME:** A 6-week journey of spiritual transformation with Fr. Albert Haase, OFM is a Lenten DVD and discussion series hosted by Corpus Christi Parish. These will be offered on two different days and times: Mondays (Mar10 –Apr 14) 7:00–8:30 pm; and Tuesdays (Mar 11–Apr 15) 12:30–2:00 pm. Sessions will be held at the Faith Formation Center next to St. John's School in Winslow. For more information call Joshua Houde.

### **Church Etiquette**

Refrain from long and loud conversations, no food or drinks in church, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off.

## **READERS SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday of the Man with Leprosy**

Romans 6:12-23                      Mark 1:35-45

4 p.m. March 8    Lila Hallowell

10 a.m.            9    Mary Jo Hodgkin

### **Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman**

2 Corinthians 7:4-11                Luke 8:40-56

4 p.m. March 15    Lenore Boles

10 a.m.            16    Joe Rowden

### **EVENTS FOR MARCH**

Sun    9    Rosary Sodality

Fri    14    4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder

14    6:45 p.m. Lenten Devotions

Sun    16    St. Patrick's Dinner (Corned Beef, Ham,)

Wed    19    26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood

Fri    21    4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder

21    6:45 p.m. Lenten Devotions

Sat    22    9:30 Retreat Begins

Sun    23    Retreat ends after Liturgy.

See detailed information in Bulletin.

Fri    28    4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder

28    6:45 p.m. Lenten Devotions

**There is coffee and donuts** served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Liturgy.

Muffins will be served the second Sunday of each month.

Mar 9    Larry Mitchell & April Mitchell (Muffins)

Mar 16    Jane Lee & Laya Joseph

### **Religious Education Schedule**

4/6 - 5/4

### **MYO Schedule**

4/13 Hosanna Sunday Celebration.

### **Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection                \$2,522.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

### **Parish Retreat: Sat, March 22**

9:30 a.m. coffee, 1st session 10 till noon in the Hall, bring your own brown bag lunch, 2nd session goes until just before Divine Liturgy at 4 p.m. followed by simple lentil supper and sharing for those who attend the retreat.

**Theme of retreat is on Great Lent and Maronite spirituality along with the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary by Sister Marla.**

Sunday 10 a.m. Liturgy, Sr. Marla will speak 5-7 minutes about the new Maronite mission she is with.

## Food Pantry - March

Biszuick, Canned Stew, Juice in plastic bottles, & Toilet tissue. - Thank you for caring!

### Entrance: Lord Let Me Walk

1. Lord, let me walk that lonely road with you. Under the weight of the wood. Lord let me walk that last mile in your shoes Under the weight of the wood.

**Refrain: Freedom can be found laden down, Under the weight of the wood.**

2. Lord, let me cool your lips baked like clay. Under the weight of the wood. Dried up like rain on a hot, dusty day, Under the weight of the wood. **Refrain**

3. They gave you gall and sour wine for your food, Under the weight of the wood. Father, forgive them, they don't know what they do. Under the weight of the wood. **Refrain**

**Entrance Chant: Pg. 198**

### Glory :

Er-ham-ni Ya Allah. Ca-a zi-mi-rah-ma-tac. Wa camets li cas-rat-ra fa-tac. Om-hi-ou ma-a-si-migh sil-ni ca-si-ran min is-mi-wa min kha tif ay-ti ta he-ran-l Li-a-na-ni a-na ea ri-fon bi-a-sam I wa kha ta ya ya-ma-mi fi cou-l-hi-nen. Wa-la-ca ya li-qoul maj-dou ya Al-lah.

### Hymn: O Daughter of David

1. Qamat Maryam bentoo Dawood behzal 'hood. Tan dob ebnaha almas loob be-eye diljoo-nood. Rom-hool hosnee ghes foonafseeha. Wamenalamaihee gha bat han hes-see ha. Somma fa'at alwaleedat wasa hat -ah ya wa-la dah.

### Transfer of Gifts:

### Your Body is Our Food:

**Refrain: Your body is our food indeed O Lord. Your blood is our drink indeed, O Lord. blessed are they who partake of them both.**

2. Like those who go through a desert place. Looking for water everywhere. So does my heart also lean on you. You who watch with tender care.

### Refrain

### Incense Hymn: Ik Bal

Iq-bal ya wad da tayeebeen bih noo hil-mak wa'thooba-tak al-ba khor al moo-qaddam lak Min-al moomeenee ab-na bee'a tak bi-dee ar-bab-eel kah-noot lee-ree-dak re-ba-na, (w)ra-hat la-hoo-tak.

Wa-ka-ma qa-bil-ta bee-ra-see toor qoorban l-br-heem kha-lee-lak (w)shib(ha) ma lath-that-lak (too)(yoob) Ha-roon ka-hin sha'-bak, ya-lath-thoo lak rab-ba-na ba khor-na war da 'an-naMowla-na bee-(w)-foor rah-ma-tak.

### Peace: Peace Like a River

### Anaphora Parts when Sung

**Cong: We remember Your death! We proclaim Your resurrection! We await Your coming!**

**Cong: Have mercy on us, Almighty Father, have mercy on us.**

**Cong: We praise You! We bless You! We worship you, Hear us, O Lord.**

## Closing – From the Depths

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

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### LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all faithful from the ages of 18 to 65.

Fasting from all food and drink (except water and medicine) is to be observed from midnight until noon on **Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion**. Optional would be the traditional abstinence from meat on Wednesdays.

Those who are unable to fast because of health must perform other penances and acts of charity.