

1, 2 March 2014 * The Miracle of Cana 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.

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| Choir Director: | Fefa Deeb | Sacristans: | Yvonne Nemer, Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale |
| Teachers | DRE: 3-5th Lenore Boles K-1st Rosanna Joseph 2nd Jane Lee | | |
| Parish Council: | David Elias, Frank Griffin, David Lee, Rosanna Joseph, Kevin Michaud, Lowell Hawes, Aaron Rowden, Lisa Grard, Elizabeth Wilson & Sheila Bonenfant | | |
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John. 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” [And] Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Anyone giving a party tries to figure out how many people to expect and will try to prepare enough food and beverages to make sure everyone will get their fill. No one wants to be embarrassed by running out of food. On the other hand, no one wants to pay for food that will be wasted. There are personalities that take great delight in the mistakes and shortcomings of others. There are personalities that come to life trying to rescue people who are experiencing the consequences of their mistakes and shortcomings. In various ways both personalities are trying to find fulfillment in what they are doing.

To find fulfillment we cannot find it in rejoicing in imperfections or mistakes of others. God does not take joy in our pains and hurts. He did come to rescue us and fulfill us. He rescues us with our obedience to Him; doing what He tells us. Very often He does it through others.

Sometimes an ignorant person who is trying to help others can be dangerous. The line where we are enabling and crippling a person to stay dependent in areas where they should be independent and self

supportive is not an easy line to see, especially for parents.

Jesus can take what is empty, fill it with what is ordinary, and change it into something extraordinary. Mary was a rescuer in this story; she knew that their hosts would be embarrassed that they were running out of wine. She also knew that if she didn't say something, they were going to run out, and she knew who to talk to about the dilemma.

We need to do the same thing. When we can do something that will save someone an embarrassment, we need to do it. However, there are times when we should not. The person to talk to is still Jesus. Sometimes it is not time for Him to do it, and sometimes it is.

This miracle happened because all involved were obedient. Mary told them the right thing, "Obey Jesus." The waiters did the right thing; they obeyed Jesus. It is the right thing for us also. Obedience rightly understood is fulfillment, our emptiness is transformed, and life becomes filled with a rich flavor of joy. This is because when it comes to what God wants for us, it is motivated by immense love. He is always creating and planning ways for us to grow and drink from His wisdom to find peace and joy.

Jesus did not tell everyone He was going to make the best tasting wine tonight, and then give the directions. Sometimes without knowing how and why we just simply have to listen, do what seems ordinary, like put water in empty water jars. We have to be willing to taste and trust the words of Jesus to give us what we need. God's plans are always better than our own. If you are like me, you still find it hard to do at times, especially if you are hurt, and holding on to the pain or fear of embarrassment. In the end, His words, His plans will bring you to deep feelings of praise and thankfulness to Him. **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

2nd Collection 3/9 Catholic School Subsidy

Liturgy: Sunday of the Miracle of Cana

Entrance chant: Pg. 177, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. John Pg. 815

Liturgy Intentions

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| Sat | 1 | 4:00 p.m. | † Simone Vashon By John & Jeanne Thomas |
| Sun | 2 | 10:00 a.m. | † Tannous & Mariam Harfouch Boles By John T. Sleiman |
| Mon | 3 | Ash Monday 12 Noon | H Paula Mitchell By Pearley & Alice Lachance |
| | | | 6 p.m. |
| | | | † Caroline Boles Nale By John Sleiman |
| Tue | 4 | 9:00 a.m. | † Pauline Picard By Larry & Paula Mitchell |
| Wed | 5 | 9:00 a.m. | † Thomas Namer By Gerald Joseph |
| Thu | 6 | 9:00 a.m. | † Gerald Joseph By Michael, Tina, & Grace Murphey |
| Fri | 7 | 10:00 a.m. | † Caroline Nale By Mark & Laurie Nale |
| Sat | 8 | 4:00 p.m. | † Gerald Joseph By Parish Council |
| Sun | 9 | 10:00 a.m. | † Tannous & Tamam Sleiman By John T. Sleiman |

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, 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 **Sunday, March 2nd at 5:30 PM**

A great Lenten meal and free entertainment.
\$5.00 for an Adult \$2.00 for children under 12
The Nale family has continued their mother's (Caroline) tradition of preparing the M'jadra.

Menu: Salad, yogurt, olives, Lebanese Bread, M'jadra (Lentils), Macaroni & Cheese, and Bahlewe (Baklava) for dessert.

If you attended the Talent show last year, then you already know how much fun it is to participate in this yearly event. From the singing of the 12 days of "Lent" using Lebanese words for foods, Aboona playing his accordion, Deacon Peter's jokes, and the sharing of other talents by young and less young alike makes for an enjoyable time to be together.

Share with your community of faith your song or dance, or maybe as a musician or magician or entertainer. Come and be entertained and have a great meal too. See Marie Deeb to add your name to the list of distinguished entertainers.

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:

Both Intentions Available

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Miracle at Cana in Galilee

Romans 14:14-23 John 2:1-11

4 p.m. March 1 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 2 Kevin Michaud

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

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Sat 1 Bean Supper

Sun 2 Cana Sunday - 5:30 Mjadra Dinner

Mon 3 Ash Monday 12 Noon and 6 p.m.

Wed 5 Parish Council

Fri 7 4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder

7 6:45 p.m. Lenten Devotions

Sun 9 Rosary Sodality

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

Wed 19 26th Anniversary to the Priesthood

22-23 Weekend Lenten Retreat (More info to come)

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 2 Mary Hawes & Emily Fournier

Mar 9 Larry Mitchell & April Mitchell (Muffins)

Mar 16 Jane Lee & Laya Joseph

Religious Education Schedule

3/2 – 4/6 - 5/4

MYO Schedule

3/2 M'jadra dinner, 4/13 Hosanna Sunday Celebration.

Food Pantry - March

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,425.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

CATCHING FIRE BECOMING 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.

Entrance: Pg. 5

Entrance Chant: Pg. 167

Glory: L Glory

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good hope to all.

Praise the Lord all you nations, glorify him all you peoples, for steadfast is his mercy toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures for ever. **Refrain:**

Nuhdiki Salam (Hail Mary, Hail)

Nuhdiki Salam Ya Oum mal lah, EIqa-will-jabbar
Allazi Awaab, Assamou wal Ardo aazan wak tedar
Nuhdiki Salam Ya man ad hat, Oum mal mokhtar
qabla kowni shams, Wa hia batoulon Fakhrol abkar

Transfer of Gifts: The Lord Reigns Pg. 750

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 I-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: Tooba Lisa

1. Peace be with all God's children, Faith, Hope,
and Cha-ri-ty. Show us Your love
and mercy, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
2. Too-ba Lees-sa-ee-na ee-la sa-la-mee Fa-in-na-
hoom ab-na- A-la-hee yoo-d'own. (Arabic)

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.

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness and all these things shall be added
unto you Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall
find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. Allelu,
Alleluia.

Ha salahu – See the Splendor

Refrain: Ha salahu Ilahi wafa, zahiran nahwal anam
Yuksibun nafsa n'itafa, iilmanhabbati wahiyam
See the splendor of God's goodness shown to men
from realms above, Drawing souls to true devotion.
Adoration filled with love.

1. All the souls who dwell in heaven hide behind the
angels wings overwhelmed by God's great glory and
the happiness it brings. **Refrain:**

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

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LENTEN REGULATIONS

CANA SUNDAY, March 2, marks the
beginning of Lent, **GREAT FRIDAY**, April 18, marks
the end of Lent.

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.