

22, 23 February 2014 * Sunday of the Faithful Departed



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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.

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		
Ex-officio:	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

Luke 16:19-31 “There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.’ Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s house, for I have five

brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.’ But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’ He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’ ”

Dear Parishioners and Friends, Cross over before its too late.

One of the concepts I find quite interesting in today’s Gospel is that those who did not choose to live according to the will of the Father are aware of those who did. The one that lived in comfort cannot quench is thirst, the one sick and hungry is for ever in the embrace of love and comfort. They are close enough to see each other, but they exist experiencing the opposite. The rich man failed to ensure eternal peace and consolation.

One of the theological understandings in Syriac and Maronite Theology regarding the after-life is that all go to the same place before the general resurrection that happens at the end of the world as

we know it. God did not create an evil place, but we are capable of creating a place for ourselves of complete misery.

Hell is seeing everything that was rejected that provides inner and lasting peace and being aware of everything that caused misery; for our self and for others. Jesus spent His life teaching how to make the right choices. Only through the power of God can we move from death to life.

Through the Church's teaching of the Biblical message, we discover Baptism robes us in His glory, and by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, it offers the protection necessary to enjoy what awaits us. As the Maronite Hymn indicates; the saving cross is our bridge across, and the Body and Blood protects us from the flames.

I am sure there is more than one person wishing they could send a warning, "Heed the prophets, Heed the One Who came back from the dead." **In the church, there are serious and grave errors taking control, the error that to not practice the faith has no bearing on our eternal destiny.** When we take off the incorruptible robe of Christ, we are not on the road of salvation, we are now corruptible. The gates are opened to us, but we are not walking toward them. The Scriptures and the Church provide the guide, but only the guided enter. **If the unguided, the unenlightened, the self-guided, and self-planners enter on their own thoughts and goodness, then the crucifixion of the Son of God was unnecessary.** When the Eucharist is no longer their Bread of Life come down from heaven, they are losing the protective fragrance of Christ. Each day, each week, each month, each year, we are either moving closer to sitting next to Lazarus, or the one who wishes he could send a warning to his five brothers.

Today's Gospel is a warning; a very serious warning. Lent will soon be here. This is the time to do the crossing. Now is the time to do everything possible to make sure our life journey is crossing to the side of consolation. **Whether a priest or minister gives a nice sermon at the funeral has no effect on their salvation.** It is whether or not he or she crossed over in their walk while here. Did they have the odor of God's presence through the protection of the Eucharist? Were they under the Blood? Was the Lamb's Blood on their doorpost? **ABOONA**

Check the Maronite Voice for Lenten Fasting.

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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: 2/23 Catholic Home Missions

Liturgy: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

Entrance chant: Pg. 167, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Peter Pg. 774

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 22 4:00 p.m.

† **Jeannette Marie Sleiman**
By John Sleiman

Sun 23 10:00 a.m.

† **Mary B. Maroon**
By Paul & Steven Maroon

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

Mon 24 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 25 9:00 a.m.

† **Gerald Joseph**
By Dan & Pam Casavant

Wed 26 9:00 a.m.

† **Thomas Namer**
By Gerry Joseph

Thu 27 9:00 a.m.

† **Gerard Nadeau**
By Mr. & Mrs. George Rodrigue

Fri 28 10:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 1 4:00 p.m.

† **Simone Vashon**
By John & Jeanne Thomas

Sun 2 10:00 a.m.

† **Gerald Joseph**
By Al & Toni Duguay

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

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

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

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.

February Devotions

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Bernie Thomas

By The Bernie Thomas Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For John Tardiff

By Bernice Tardiff

Altar Bread and Wine:

For Mary B Maroon

By Paul & Steve Maroon

HAVE A HEART SUPPER: Saturday, February 22, from 5:00 to 6:30 at Pleasant St. United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St., Wtvl. Delicious soups, breads, and desserts. Tickets Adults \$7, Children 4-8 \$4, 3 and under, free. Snow date will be on Sunday, February 23.

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.

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Luke 16:19-31

4 p.m. Feb 22 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 23 Joe Rowden

Sunday of the Miracle at Cana in Galilee

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

4 p.m. Feb 1 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 2 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 Fish Chowder Supper

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.

Feb 23: Nancy Elias & Elizabeth Wilson

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 - February

Canned ravioli Jelly Cake mix Soup

Thank you for caring!

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,382.00

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 (Mar 10 – 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.

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

