

1, 2 February 2014 * Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



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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.		

John 4:5-7, 9-26

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me

this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

A person who knows the culture of the Middle East would know that this has all the potential of a scandal; a man talking to a woman who is alone and of a different religion. Even now, you can read in the papers of the Middle East of explosive violence just based on accusations. Churches have been burned down under similar perceptions.

Jesus made it perfectly clear that he was not intimidated or controlled by our cultures, but daringly through listening, truth, and compassion, He brings hostility to an end and transforms the heart to desire the broken hearted and lost. In a peaceful and loving manner, Jesus became not only a prophet for this woman, but the promised Messiah, her Savior, Jesus didn't recognize the fifth marriage of this woman, but he didn't stay focused on this fact, but moved to heal the reason she hadn't found lasting faithfulness. We cannot be sure of the reason but we can ponder possible reasons. It appears that instead of knowing the true substance of what makes up a stable loving and caring relationship, she falls for the illusions of what she thinks is love.

We are all aware of the trait of falling for the wrong person over and over, or going from one abusive relationship to the next. Regardless of the circumstances and details of why a marriage might not work out; the focus cannot remain on the anger and bitterness, the blindness of infatuation mistaken for love, or thoughts of guilt and shame.

Jesus offers healing vision to help us see what offers a stable foundation to build a true loving relationship on. We can learn to hear the truth rather than the emotion, feed the life giving spirit rather than the shallow enticements.

Jesus wants to be worshiped in spirit and truth. Truth cannot have contradictions. When I use the Anaphora of St. John Chrysostom, I am reminded of how important this is in the prayer of peace. The living water that Jesus gives is what she wants now, because her way of satisfying her wants did not work.

Cel: Lord God and Father, holy and glorious is your name. You deliver those who love you from all that is contrary to your will. May we, who have remained in your divine love, be made worthy to give one another the greeting of peace with a holy kiss. May we always speak words of peace, think of peace, and work for peace. Through the grace of your only Son and his love for all people, we raise glory to you, and to your living Holy Spirit, now and forever.

The greatest tragedy is when a person of any religion is not speaking and working toward peace. Aboona

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: 2/9 School Subsidy

Liturgy: 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Entrance chant: Pg. 108, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Mark Pg. 834

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 1 4:00 p.m.

† **Elias Karam, wife Rosa Saad**
By John Sleiman

Sun 2 10:00 a.m.

† **Sam Deeb Family**
By Freda Nassar & Judie Lynn Nassar

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

Mon 3 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 4 9:00 a.m.

† **Carroll Plourde**
By George & Jean Deeb

Wed 5 9:00 a.m.

† **Jackie Karter**
By The Family

Thu 6 9:00 a.m.

SI All Our Soldiers
By Doris Labranche

Fri 7 10:00 a.m.

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

Sat 8 4:00 p.m.

BD Sally Derosby
By James & Nancy Jurdak

Sun 9 10:00 a.m. FEAST OF ST MARON

† **Gerard Nadeau**
By the Nadeau Family

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: **Theresa Clark, 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.

Valentine Dance: We are holding a **Valentine Dance** in the Church Hall on Saturday, February 15 from 7-10 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person. The dance will feature a Middle Eastern band and also American music. Please feel free to bring your own snacks. Tickets are available from Sub-Deacon Steve Crate or at the door.

Also, on February 15, there will be a **Spaghetti & Bean Supper** to Support our **Wounded Warriors**, the S/Sgt. Travis Mills Foundation sponsored by area Knights of Columbus from 5-7 pm at the American Legion Post #5. Donations for the supper are: Adults \$8, Children, \$5. **Make a night of it. You can have supper at the Legion and then come to the Valentine Dance.**

February Devotions

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Bernie Thomas
By The Bernie Thomas Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread and Wine:

For Mary B Maroon
By Paul & Steve Maroon

Super Bowl Breakfast

- sponsored by the **MYO**. Tickets are on sale after Liturgy. Breakfast includes eggs, choice of bacon or sausage, pancakes, toast, coffee, and juice. Adults - \$4.00 / children ages 5-10 and under - \$2.00 / under 5 - Free. Chances for the pool will be available after final teams have been determined.

Old iPod or iPad? If you have one of these just laying around gathering dust, the church has a use for it.

READERS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Romans 7:5-7	John 4:5-7, 9-26
4 p.m. Feb 1	Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 2	Joe Rowden

Sunday of the Priests

1 Timothy 4:6-16	Luke 12:42-48
4 p.m. Feb 8	Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 9	Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sat 1	Bean Supper
Sun 2	Super Bowl Breakfast
Wed 5	Parish Council
Sun 9	Rosary Sodality
Sat 15	7- 10 Valentines Dance in Hall

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Sat 1	Bean Supper
Sun 2	Cana Sunday - Mjadra Dinner
Wed 5	Parish Council
Fri 7	Fish Chowder Supper
Sun 9	Rosary Sodality
Sun 16	St. Patrick's Dinner (Corned Beef, Ham, Cabbage)

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 2: MYO
Feb 9: Larry Mitchell & April Mitchell (Muffins)
Feb 16: Cindy Elias & Kelly Elias

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 \$2, 091.00

God bless you for your generosity. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

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.