

22, 23 November, 2014 * Announcement to the Virgin Mary



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Annunciation to Mary

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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: Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
Teachers	DRE: 3-5 th Lenore Boles, K-1 st Rosanna Joseph, 2 nd Jane Lee	
Parish Council:	Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson	
Ex-officio:	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus	

Happy Thanksgiving!

Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,
Embryo being fed.

The conversation Mary has with the angel lets us know it is all right to ask God questions. It is only logical that we would wonder what His plan is for our life. We have an innate desire to know the meaning and purpose of our life and how He fits into the decisions we make. We also have to understand that some things remain a mystery because the finite mind cannot comprehend the infinite mind of God.

Mary's questions are a form of doubt motivated by faith to make sense out of the ordinary is not believed. She believes what she hears, but has no idea on it will become true. She wants to make sure what she is experiencing from God is actually God and not an evil spirit. The world already has too many people who think they are guided by the voice of God, when it is only their wishful thinking and desire for status, power, and control.

Being a holy, spiritual, faithful follower means you keep seeking understanding and guidance. In order to grow in wisdom, we have to continually be available to God to speak to us; we have to be willing to ponder like Mary. We have to let it become true. Sometimes we don't let a blessing come true, because our questions are looking for how to say no to Him rather than seeking how our yes will happen.

Fear often is a part of the unknown, and we find in the New Covenant that people who encounter the Divine are

told to not be afraid. Reverential fear is spiritually healthy; it protects us from becoming haughty and prideful. It stops a person from having two sets of rules; one rule to control others and one rule that gives permission to not follow the rules we want others to follow.

Even when there is an explanation from the wisdom of God to explain what is happening in our life, we often close our ears, and stick to our distorted way of looking at a situation. This is why it is so hard to completely end wars and divisions within families and communities.

It never ceases to amaze me how stubbornly we stick with the explanations that make us miserable instead of God's ways of miracles, forgiveness and freedom. We might be right about what is wrong, but all wrong about how we choose to resolve our doubts and fears.

Emotional and physical hurt distorts our feelings and thoughts. Our hurts and pains can keep us from being objective in our interpretation of our personal experiences. We need God talking to us through prayer and Scripture to help us make decisions with a wisdom that knows all things and their meaning.

For Mary, she didn't hesitate to make sure it was the voice of "a good angel" proclaiming the truth of the One God of Israel; the one she grew up to know, love, and serve. She was not looking for a way to say no to the will of God, but making sure who she wanted to say yes to with all her heart was the God of Abraham, the God who led Moses from slavery. She wanted to be saying yes to the One, who promised to send a Messiah.

A quick scan of the world reveals the number of times a person said yes to who they think is a message from God, but it wasn't God, it may be attractive, it may claim peace and harmony, but the fruit as the tree matures brings war and hate. For us the yes of Mary brings into the world the Prince of Peace. **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, Deacon Peter Joseph, Theresa Lee, 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.

November Food Pantry

Family sized items – soups, ravioli, etc.

Cake mixes Jelly Bisquick

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Dec 7 Maronite Patriarchal Charities
Dec 14 Fuel (Pink Envelope)

Liturgy: Announcement to the Virgin Mary

Entrance chant: Pg.29, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of the St. Mark Pg. 835

Songs are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 22 4:00 p.m.

† **Marie Aboussi**

By Badiha Spencer

Sun 23 10:00 a.m.

† **Irene Veilleux**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

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 rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 25 **9:00 a.m.**

† **John "Jackie" Thomas**

By Richard Ayoob

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

† **Adam Hikel**

By John & Jeanne Thomas

Thu 27 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Sam & Nimra Maroon**

By Peter Maroon

Fri 28 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 29 **4:00 p.m.**

† **Luis Fris & Family**

By Stephanie Simon

Sun 30 **10:00 a.m.**

† **Frederick Blaschke (1st Anniversary)**

By Joe & Lyn Rowden

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

Fund Raiser: We are going to be doing a Tourtiere (pronounced Too-chay) Pie sale sometime in December. We need your help. We need about 10-15 pork loins (around 8# each) as soon as possible. If you can purchase one please contact Alice & Pearley Lachance at 877-5408. Pearley has offered to grind them up for us. Thank you for supporting yet another endeavor. To order your pie, call Alice Lachance at 877-5408.

Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:

Fuel Budget	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$50.00
Collected before last week	\$456.00
Total yet to collect	\$(19,494.00)

November Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

Dominick & Genevieve Rinaldi

By Dom Rinaldi

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Dominick & Genevieve Rinaldi

By Dom Rinaldi

Altar Bread:

Dominick & Genevieve Rinaldi

By Dom Rinaldi

Altar Wine:

Dominick & Genevieve Rinaldi

By Dom Rinaldi

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$ 2,407.00

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

Announcement to the Virgin Mary

Galatians 3:15-22	Luke 1:26-38
4 p.m. 22	Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 23	Joe Rowden

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

Ephesians 1:1-14	Luke 1:39-45
4 p.m. 29	Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 30	Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Thu 20 6 p.m. Choir Practice

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Thu 4 6 p.m. Choir Practice

Fri 5 "Touchay" pie making

Sat 6 Baked Bean Supper 4:30-6:00 pm

Sun 7 Rosary Sodality Christmas Party

Thu 11 6 p.m. Choir Practice

Sun 14 Children's Christmas Party

Thu 18 6 p.m. Choir Practice

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

Coffee Schedule

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

Nov 23: Mary Jo Hodgkin & Marie McMahon

Nov 30: Rosanna Joseph & Jane Lee

Dec 7: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015

12/14 (Christmas Party) 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.

Parish Council Meeting - November

Buildings: Maronite Center (School), The longer it goes without heat and water, because we do not have an affordable use for it, the more likely we will have to tear it down some day.

The new doors for the three entrances to the Church and Chapel will be available in mid December. Will be installed when weather permits.

Fund Raisers: The Lebanese Supper, Apple Pie Sale, and the Christmas Bazaar were a big help in improving the Finances for this year.

It is also important to know, that even though these are a lot of work, it does help build a closer and caring community that works together and strengthens the commitment to insure a lasting future by building on the hard work of the past.

We hope to continue to improve the financial base of the parish through a variety of ways.