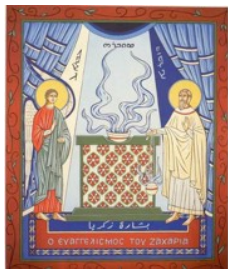


15, 16 November, 2014 * Announcement to Zechariah



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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	

Luke 1:5-25 “.... the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of [the] Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother’s womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.” Then Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” And the angel said to him in reply, “I am Gabriel, who stand before God. I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you this good news. But now you will be speechless and unable to talk until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time.” Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary. But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he

had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He was gesturing to them but remained mute. Then, when his days of ministry were completed, he went home. After this time his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months, saying, “So has the Lord done for me at a time when he has seen fit to take away my disgrace before others.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

If you felt shame and disgrace because you were childless, and now there was a promise that you would be a father or mother even though you believed you were too old; what kind of fame would you want for your child? Would it be for yourself or pride because you are focused on your shame? Would it be all for the glory of God and the salvation of humanity?

God uses the long enduring faithfulness of Zechariah in this Gospel story. His trust is not perfect, but his faith and commitment to his calling in life put him in the place of blessings for the angel’s announcement to come true. For Jesus says, “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all else will follow.” Through God’s promise and the perfecting and transforming love and

grace of God; the fertile ground was prepared for the seeds of preparation of salvation has begun.

Joy and happiness is not a temporary feeling of elation, but a stable balanced conviction of self-worth and awareness of being right with God, themselves and with their neighbor. The right circumstances must be there for the conception and development to become a fully mature being physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Sin is an obstacle to this happening. We are tempted to act on what seems exciting and fulfilling and the answer to whatever we are struggling with. Only afterwards and sometimes a long time afterwards do we realize how much it may have messed up our life and the lives of others. Sin is all that robs us of the perfection we are meant to have physically, mentally, and spiritually. This season of Announcement is the season of the remedy coming to us.

There are times we are wrong about what will make us happy. Sometimes it remains unclear, but if we keep seeking Him within our heart with trust and honesty, we will be delivered through knowing how much He loves us, and this keeps us coming to His temple to worship Him.

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.

The most important single ingredient in the formula of success, is knowing how to get along with people.

~Theodore Roosevelt

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 Zechariah

Entrance chant: Pg.19, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of the St. John Pg. 815

Songs are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 15 4:00 p.m.

† **Gerard Nadeau**

By The Nadeau Family

Sun 16 10:00 a.m.

† **Dale Ferris (40 Day Liturgy)**

By Sub Deacon Steve & Family

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

Mon 17 Father's day off for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 18 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By Steve Maroon

Wed 19 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Mary (Paul) Maroon**

By Peter Maroon

Thu 20 **9:00 a.m.**

† **John "Jackie" Thomas**

By Muriel Veilleux & Family

Fri 21 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 22 **4:00 p.m.**

† **Marie Aboussi**

By Fefa Deeb

Sun 23 **10:00 a.m.**

† **Irene Veilleux**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

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

Winners for the Raffle

1st Prize \$500 Martha Patterson

2nd Prize \$200 Linda Weed

3rd Prize \$100 Laurie Nale

Thank you Everyone!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Christmas Bazaar another success. We had a great time working and enjoying the fellowship. The food was great and the booths had many crafts and items for people to browse over and find something of interest to take home with them. The lights and the Christmas tree were absolutely beautiful.

Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:

Budget Amount	\$20,000.00
Collected in Nov to date	<u>456.00</u>
Balance	\$19,544.00

(In the next mailing of envelopes the pink ones for school should now say for fuel.) We will still need the January mailing for the fuel drive to reach a greater number of registered parishioners.

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 \$ 3,482.00

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 Zechariah

Romans 4:13-25	Luke 1:1-25
4 p.m. 15	Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 16	Mary Jo Hodgkin

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

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sun 9	Rosary Sodality Meeting
Sa&Su 9	NAM Awareness Weekend
Wed 12	Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Thu 13	6 p.m. Choir Practice
Thu 20	6 p.m. Choir Practice

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Thu 4	6 p.m. Choir Practice
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	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 16: Emily Fournier & Mary Hawes
 Nov 23: Mary Jo Hodgkin & Marie McMahan
 Nov 30: Rosanna Joseph & Jane Lee
 Dec 7: Larry & Gareth

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.

Eulogies: The reasons for the Bishop's policy were discussed and more detailed information will be provided soon.

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