

10, 11 October 2015 * Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross



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Holy Cross

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“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”

St. John XXIII, Pope of Rome

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
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Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, & Aaron Rowden, Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus		

Matthew 24:45-51

“Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ and he begins to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Am I a slave? Am I faithful? Am I wise? Who is my Master? What was I chosen to do? Whose household am I in charge of? When is the proper time? How much food is the allowance? Is the master talking to me? Does this story imply that slavery is okay? What would I do in this situation?

Unfortunately, slavery does still exist in many forms, sometimes literally and sometimes in subtle manners that we are not even aware. This story does not justify slavery; it is to respond to the experiences of feeling powerless, humiliated, and broken often due to forms of injustice. This can be the results of our

own decisions and behaviors or the decisions of others.

The story does give hope. Right decisions spring from the wisdom that comes from faith put into action. God desires to share all He possesses with us. In this manner God, owning all, shares all. This does not diminish who we are and what we have. When we believe that what we have is God sharing with us out of His love, it leaves no room for greed and the desire to “own” others. It is irrelevant that He still owns everything, for we lack nothing that we need. This is symbolized in the allowance of food at the proper time as told in the Gospel. We are not ready for everything all at once.

In this story, this slave is not faithful and wise. He wanted the master to be far away so he didn't have to live up to what he had deceived the master to believe about him. His knew his treatment of others was not acceptable, and the reality of this conflict tore him to pieces. This is not meant to be literal otherwise how could he be put with the hypocrites.

Being put with the hypocrites, means that he did not practice what he preached. What he said was to control and manipulate rather than to witness the nature of the master. God cannot “be tricked” into

believing something that is false is true. On the Day of Judgment we see the knowledge of God, and if we are far from God and His household of peace and security, it was our footsteps of decisions that put us there.

One day the faithful will be protected from what is considered harmful. There is no permission to use their slavery/mistreatment as an excuse to abuse themselves/drunkenness or others (beating). For this man who was put in charge, he had pushed out of his life the master. He was not prepared for the return because he did not want him to return. Faithfulness is being prepared, wanting the master to return because everything would be shared.

He sees this slave that he chose to take care of his household as wicked because he did not represent him. In this Master's household there is no mistreatment allowed, no behavior that destroys, no desire to control by humiliation.

To overcome the experience of mistreatment and humiliation takes faith and work joined together. There is the temptation to not act faithfully and wisely. The world is at war with the past. Instead of seeking healing of the past, showing the mercy and compassion they wish they had received, they show brutality and acts of degradation. Instead of embracing the responsibility of finding outer and inner freedom with moral justice, they slip into the power of the wounds and blindness of hate and revenge. They mold a god to become faithful to death instead of life, punishment instead of redemption, and drunk on becoming masters of fear and destruction.

Christ the Prince of Peace brings healing and hope. He wants the world transformed my love, forgiveness and compassion. As Christians we are called to proclaim peace and justice. **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: **Yvonne Budd, Jerry Fortin, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Kevin Scully.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Oct. 10-11 Fuel Collection
Oct. 17-18 Mission Sunday

Liturgy: Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

Entrance chant: Pg. 608 Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of Saint John Pg. 815

This week's Songs: The Song number and page are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 10** 4:00 p.m.
† **Dale Ferris**
By Dominick Rinaldi, Sr.
- Sun 11** 10:00 a.m.
† **Deceased Members of the Rosary Sodality**
By The Rosary Sodality

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

- Tue 13** 9:00 a.m.
† **Dominique Casavant**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Wed 14** 9:00 a.m.
† **Jackie Karter**
By Al & Ruth Joseph
- Thu 15** 9:00 a.m.
SI Don & Marcia Kendra
By Don & Marcia Kendra
- Fri 16** 9:00 a.m.
† **Brenda Deady**
By Lester & Ann Giguere
- Sat 17** 4:00 p.m.
† **Richard Ayoob**
By Herb Joseph, Sr.
- Sun 18** 10:00 a.m.
† **Prinella Mitchell (40 day)**
By The Family

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

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

25th Annual Interfaith Memorial Service

Hosted by Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area, November 1, at 4 P.M. here at St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church. All are welcome.

October Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For **Clarence Jensen**
By The Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For **Special Intention**
By Gerry Brouillard

Altar Bread

For **Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph**
By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine

For **John & Margaret Joseph & Family**
By **Rosanna Joseph**

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

We have two Vocation Icons, so I am hoping that some people on Saturday will sign up to take it home also. You can take it home more than once.

Oct	11	Larry & Lisa Grard
Oct	18	Pearley & Alice Lachance
Oct	25	Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Nov	1	Nancy Fairfield
Nov	7	Ann Giguere (Sat)
Nov	8	Larry & Paula Mitchell
Nov	15	Lowell & Mary Hawes

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,459.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

READERS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

1 Thes 5:1-11	Matthew 24:45-51
October 10	Lenore Boles
11	Lauraine Mansur

Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross

Philemon 2:12-18	Matthew 25:1-13
October 17	Lila Hallowell
18	Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Sun 11 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sun 1 Religious Education 11:30 am
Sun 1 4 p.m. 25th Annual Interfaith Memorial
Service here at St. Joseph
Wed 4 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Sun 8 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am
Sat 14 Christmas Bazaar 9 - 2

Coffee Schedule

Oct 11 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

October Food Pantry

Bisquick Variety soups
Cake mixes Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Hello God,

I called tonight
To talk a little while
I need a friend who'll listen
To my anxiety and trial.
You see, I can't quite make it
Through a day just on my own...
I need your love to guide me,
So I'll never feel alone.
I want to ask you please to keep
My family safe and sound.
Come and fill their lives with confidence
For whatever fate they're bound.
Give me faith, dear God, to face
Each hour throughout the day,
And not to worry over things
I can't change in any way.
I thank you God for being home
And listening to my call,
For giving me such good advice
When I stumble and fall.
Your number, God, is the only one
That answers every time.
I never get a busy signal,
Never had to pay a dime.
So thank you, God, for listening
To my troubles and my sorrow.
Good night, God, I love You too,
And I'll call again tomorrow