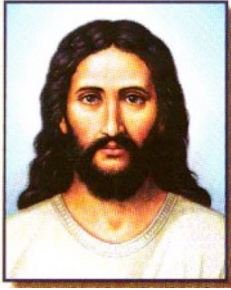


## 29, 30 August 2015 \* Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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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.

<b>Choir Director:</b> Fefa Deeb	<b>Sacristans:</b> Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale	<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Paula Mitchell
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<b>Parish Council:</b> Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, & Aaron Rowden, <b>Ex-officio:</b> Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus		

### **Luke 7:36-50**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair.

Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner."

Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman?

I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

### **Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

We cannot escape from being touched by sin. For healing to take place there cannot be a spirit of judgment and the desire to remain separated. In the end, Jesus does the separations. These Pharisees did not know that they were separating themselves from the healing and forgiving power of God. It is also true that healing of oneself and society's ills when we deny sin or that some actions are a sin.

This woman knows she has sinned and has sorrow and tears of grief. In humility she bows down in

worship. The sorrow and repentance cleanses her, and in a ritual way, washes the feet of Jesus. Jesus does not have to be cleansed but in a mysterious way our cleansing of Him cleans us; for Jesus is the naked, the hungry, the imprisoned, the thirsty, the ones who need forgiveness and mercy.

The woman's humility and sorrow allowed her to be completely open, not looking for permission to continue in sin without a need to feel sorrow, but to gain inner healing and dignity to be truly free to experience genuine life changing compassion.

Many in this world would not invite Jesus over for a meal, they have already rejected His challenge. The sinner would not enter the religious "hypocrites" home and would have never "stooped" in front of anyone. Many still use the deceptions of sin to try to feel loved. Unconditional love is not permission to live immorally nor is it some power that removes the consequences and effects of evil.

This woman was willing to go into the home of a person she knew judged her without love, to be healed and transformed by a person, who loved her and would forgive her. She found grace and mercy to overcome her sins. Sometimes this may happen immediately; but more often, over a period of time through patient prayer.

Unfortunately, large numbers no longer enter a church because in their mind, they are entering place of judgment without love. Others might not enter because they have no desire to see themselves as a sinner in need of forgiveness. We are in the process of forgetting that God is the One to worship, listen to, praise, and receive His graces. It was He who wanted a Sabbath, it was He who gave His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.

It is sad that in so many places it is not forgiveness and love that makes the big decisions in life, but fear and hatred. These types of judgments are closing churches throughout the world. In some places it is due to severe persecution by the radicals of other faiths, and in other places it is the indifferent and hostile judgments of "our own". **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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** Sept. 12-13 Fuel Collection

**Liturgy: Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

Entrance chant: Pg. 493(B), Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Peter Pg. 774

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

#### **Liturgy Intentions**

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

† **Marion Maroon**

By Dan & Katrina Plourde

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

† **Ferris Ferris**

By Joe Ferris

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

**Tue 1** 9:00 a.m.

† **Bertha Jensen**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

**Wed 2** 9:00 a.m.

† **Ernest Peters**

By Al & Ruth Joseph

**Thu 3** 9:00 a.m.

† **Kevin Dutil**

By Lester & Ann Giguere

**Fri 4** 9:00 a.m.

† **Dominique Casavant**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

**Sat 5** 4:00 p.m.

† **Deacon Peter Joseph**

By Geraldine Nimon

**Sun 6** 10:00 a.m.

† **Ferris Family**

By Joe Ferris

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

#### **September Food Pantry**

Bisquick      Variety soups

Cake mixes    Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

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

## September Devotions

### St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For **Bernie Thomas**

By Michelle Cothran

### St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For **Special Intention**

By Gerry Broulliard

### Altar Bread & Altar Wine

**Available**

### Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

A family or an individual takes home with them a devotional of prayers and an Icon to pray for a week for vocations. It is returned at the end of the week and the next individual or family takes it home.

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.

Aug 23 Lowell & Mary Hawes  
Aug 30 Greg & Marianne Gillespie  
Sept 6 Pearley & Alice Lachance  
Sept 13 Larry & Lisa Gard  
Sep 20 Nancy Fairfield  
Sep 27 Larry & Paula Mitchell

### READERS SCHEDULE

#### Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thes. 1:1-10 Luke 7:36-50

August 29 Lenore Boles  
30 Joe Rowden

#### Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Romans 8:18-27 Luke 18:27

September 5 Lila Hallowell  
6 Joe Rowden

### EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Wed 2 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm  
Sat 12 K of C Chicken BBQ 5:00-6:30 \$8.00  
Sun 13 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am  
Sat 19 Flu Shot Clinic 10 – 2 pm @ church hall  
Sun 20 Religious Education Registration

### Coffee Schedule

Larry and Gareth for the Summer

**Religious Education Note:** As of this year Religious Education registration will be \$10. For over 20 years the fee has remained at \$5. The

cost of the Religious Education books increased many years ago and has not been covered by the registration fee. We feel the registration fee should cover the cost of the books. If you are unable to afford the \$10.00 please talk to Lenore Boles. We will accept all students from Kindergarten - 5th grade.

### Capital Improvements

School Building removal – it is with sadness to see it gone. It does symbolize the shrinking population of the area and lack of need and ability to afford to keep it maintained either through our use and the area community. However, the parking area was filled three rows solid for the recent funeral. Between the Building Fund and last year's transfer from investments we were able to cover the cost.

### Entrances to the Church

We were able to have new doors installed through the generosity of an anonymous donor. We now have to repair the external entrances. The steps on Appleton Street are deteriorating rather quickly due to two harsh winters, with another forecasted for this winter.

Before this can take place we have to find out the water, mold and high humidity builds up in the hall entrances under the entrances.

We are in the process of getting bids for these projects, and we will need donations to cover the cost for these major projects.