

23, 24 May 2015 * Feast of Pentecost



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.

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We believe in the Holy Spirit the giver of life. ✠ ... وَهِيَ قَبِيْلًا ...

John 14:15-20

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him.

You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

God is all about life. God has no beginning or ending and with His breath, brought life into the world He created. God is love. For us to love God and to know God we have to keep His commandments. All that is life giving builds on the essence of God’s love. There is a part of us that wishes love did not involve commandments because we are apt to think it limits our freedom and freedom is highly desired.

Jesus is an Advocate, He brought truth and life to those who listened to Him and embraced Him as the Messiah and Son of God. He brought peace and joy

into many lives offering a way out of sin not by death, but by offering forgiveness and mercy to change their life. Not everyone finds peace through hearing His message. These people are focused on their own belief that God’s commandments would wreck their life and get in the way of what they believe would make them happy.

Jesus went back to Father, but we are not left alone. Another Advocate is sent to be with us forever. In a mystical way, what is sent to us is the love between a Father and a Son. This love is the Spirit of holiness, the Spirit that transforms the fearful into men and women of courage. The Holy Spirit turned the Apostles who were without direction into men focused on but one thing, to bring Jesus Christ to the four corners of the world.

Without the Spirit of truth we cannot solve our conflicts but find ourselves in an endless war. Sometimes that war of conflict is going on within our self, other times with those around us. There is the spirit of truth, and there is a spirit of falsehood. One spirit brings reconciliation; the other spirit brings more division, hopelessness and death.

The other day I was reading an article on what were some of the questions on an application to join Al Qaida. One question was how much of the Quran do you have memorized. Another question do you want to be a suicide martyr, with options of where and how. One of the questions wanted the name and address of who to contact when you successfully received your martyrs reward.

Truth is not subjective; there cannot be contradictory and opposing truths. Our understanding of what is true can be incomplete or faulty. An over exaggeration of some basic truths sometimes causes a division that opens the path for a false teaching to develop.

As Catholics we believe that the fullness of the Christian message can be found in the Catholic Church. This does not mean that all the members believe or live the fullness of the Christian message, but they could if they chose to learn and live all that the faith teaches through Scripture and Apostolic Tradition.

The scandal and sadness of a divided Christianity is that ultimately it weakens the message. Life giving beliefs become rejected, ignored, or attacked. Billions are spent reshuffling Christians between competing churches rather than used to transform the world with the message of peace and reconciliation.

The power of Christianity is the power of the Holy Spirit. With just information and knowledge of Scripture, feeling glad that Jesus did some miracles, and saying some nice things; the Apostles would have just kept their fishing boats and reminisced about Jesus.

Under the influence of the Holy Spirit, they learn new languages to preach to the world. Life-changing miracles take place through the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit transforming those who listen, receive, and believe the message.

We believe in a Living God because we are a living people. Like a growing body, at different stages of development, there are changes that we discover and adjust to. There are those who only feel secure in the rigidity of the past. There are those who are ready to explode inside if they can't "escape" the confines of boundaries not realizing that some boundaries come from profound wisdom.

The Holy Spirit helps repair, challenge, and guide the church for each new generation. At this time the next generation, according to polls, is increasingly not celebrating Pentecost. There are Advocates out there; applications for living and applications for dying. Sometimes in filling out the application for the life we want to live, it advocates deception and death. The Holy Spirit advocates harmony, joy and peace. The Spirit is life giving. **Aboona**

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: June 14 Fuel

Liturgy: Sunday after the Ascension of the Lord

Entrance chant: Pg. 407, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of The Twelve Apostles Pg. 754

This weeks Songs: The Song number and page are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 23 4:00 p.m.

AV Rev. Chouinard (50th Anniversary)

By the Daughters of Isabella

Sun 24 10:00 a.m.

**† The deceased Family members of
Pearley & Alice Lachance**

By Pearley & Alice Lachance

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

Tue 26 9:00 a.m.

† Bertha Jensen

By John & Jeanne Thomas

Wed 27 9:00 a.m.

† Stephen Campbell

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Thu 28 9:00 a.m.

† Joseph Giguere

By Lester & Ann Giguere

Fri 29 9:00 a.m.

† Khalil & Frangieh AbouSleiman

By John T. Sleiman

Sat 30 4:00 p.m.

† Joseph & Mary Smus

By Paula, David & Pat Smus

Sun 31 10:00 a.m.

† Yvonne Nemer

By Herb Joseph, Sr.

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

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, Jerry Fortin, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Hope Murphy, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Kevin Scully.**

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

May Food Pantry

Family sized items- soups, ravioli, etc. Bisquick
Juices in plastic Containers Cake mixes

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.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,127.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Maronite Charity Appeal	\$ (4,000.00)
Collected last week	\$225.00
Collected before last week	\$3,334.00
Total yet to collect	\$ (441.00)

Any amount over the \$4,000 we can use toward repairing our Church steps on Appleton Street

May Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Bertha Jensen

By Fr. Larry

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention

By Doris Labranche

Altar Bread and Altar Wine:

For All our Soldiers

By Doris Labranche

SUMMER COMFORT

Dress with modesty for a sacred and special place.

Opening Prayer for Pentecost Sunday

Holy Father, at the appointed time you sent us your only-begotten Son. Through his death and resurrection, he gave us life, and he poured the Holy Spirit upon us, the Spirit of adoption, through whom we call you "Our Father". With joy and holiness, make us worthy to celebrate this Pentecost Sunday, the feast of the descent of your Holy Spirit on the pure disciples in the upper room, and we thank you, your only Son, and your Holy Spirit, for ever.

Religious Humor

- I don't know why some people change churches; What difference does it make which one you stay home from?

- Be ye fishers of men. You catch 'em - He'll clean 'em.

READERS SCHEDULE

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 John 14:15-20

4 p.m. May 23 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 24 Joe Rowden

Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

Romans 11:25-36 Mathew 28:16-20

4 p.m. May 30 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 31 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR JUNE

Wed 3 5: 30 Parish Council Meeting

Wed 17 5: 30 Parish Council Meeting

F&S 19&20 Recycled Shakespeare

Sun 21 Fathers' Day

Mon 29 Maronite Priest Conference begins

EVENTS FOR JULY

Wed 1 NAM Convention starts in Cleveland

Mon 20 9th Anniversary for Fr. Larry being here

Coffee Schedule

May 24 Shana Page & Marie McMahan

May 31 Jeanne Thomas & Susan Webber

June 7: Elizabeth Wilson & Mary Bard

June 14: Mary Jo Hodgkin & Jody Veilleux

June 21: Larry and Gareth

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.

May 24 Pearley & Alice Lachance

May 31 Larry & Lisa Grard

June 7 Nancy Fairfield

June 14 Larry & Paula Mitchell

June 21 Lowell & Mary Hawes

The Daughters of Isabella St. Theresa Circle 447

would like to congratulate our State Chaplain, Rev. Lionel Chouinard, on 50 years in the priesthood.

The Daughters of Isabella is an international nonprofit service organization for Catholic women ages 16 and up, founded on the principles of Unity, Friendship, and Charity. We have a monthly meeting the first Tuesday of every month, September through June, and complete volunteer services both privately and as a group. FMI or to join our circle, please call Emily Fournier, Regent, at 314-8607.

**May the memory
of our loved ones be eternal.
God bless America!**

Song Books are located in the pews.

LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Pentecost Sunday

Entrance Hymn: SB – Pg 10

Come Holy Ghost (Spirit)

Entrance Chant: LB - Pg. 407

Glory: SB - Pg.01 # 02 LGlory

Hymn: LB – Pg. 410 On This Day the Spirit Dwelt

Liturgy of the Eucharist – After the (748) Creed

Transfer of Gifts:

SB – Pg. 08 #108 Blessed Are You Lord

Incense Hymn: SB – Pg. 3 #08

Peace Hymn: SB Pg. 07 # 106

America The Beautiful

Anaphora Acclamations after Consecration:

when Sung: SB - Pg. 4 # 10

Communion: Kumbaya (Choir)

After Communion:

Closing Song: SB Pg. 14 # 120

God Bless America

When you thought I wasn't looking

(by a child).

[A message every parent should read, because your children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.]

"When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good night and I felt loved and safe.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

Each of us, parent, grandparent, relative or friend, influence the life of a child. Today I said a prayer for you. How will you touch the life of someone today?

Just by sending this to someone else, you will probably make them at least think about their influence on others.

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***"The Catholic Church, East and West,
breaths as two lungs in the same body"***
St. John Paul II, Pope of Rome