

16, 17 May 2015 * Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection



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Sundays of the Resurrection

“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
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:	Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus	

Eh-no no lah-mo dha-yeh ✠ I am the Bread of Life. ✠ اَنَا اَنَا كَسْبَا وَمَسَا

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The world is filled with teachings, customs, sayings, commandments, and expressions of wisdom and feelings. As Christians, we have no reason to feel intimidated by profound insights and highly moral teachings expressed by other religions. This is because this is a universal characteristic of being human. Regardless of the external appearance of our level of civilization, the human spirit ponders and

reflects on how the world is around and how it affects their ideas and perceptions of life.

The external does not always accurately reflect the internal. There are situations, where we can find people that we might judge to be practically living in the “stone age” and yet who have deep insights of understanding human nature. They can develop a culture of value and virtue that surpasses the most modern of cities in feeling connected with one another in compassion and openness.

In the most advanced societies, you can find the deepest levels of despair, sadness, and destructive behaviors toward oneself and others. In God becoming man and living among us; this human discovery, bad and good, can be transformed by what is revealed to us through the Scriptures and the results of what was taught by the Apostles and handed down to us through the centuries.

What glorifies God is when we take the time to focus on Him and not only on our own interests and wants. In Jesus sacrificing Himself to the Father we are now able to become heirs of all that God has to offer. Ultimately, all the knowledge of the world immersed

in the teachings of Jesus, is a message that should convince us that the new commandment to love one another is the most logical, most inspiring, and the most fulfilling action for our humanity. Living this message transforms us, and this can change the future

God glorifies His Son, because the manner in which Jesus followed the will of His Father, were the actions of God's love. All our trials, all our disappointments, struggles and pain, are of no value until with our will, we choose the good that can come from it. Sometimes the good that can come from struggles are not the good things we wish for, but good actions that have lasting benefits for many far beyond what we are able to comprehend.

In this commandment to love, Jesus is presenting a universal truth. We are hungry for love, to fit in, to belong, to be valued. If one can recite from memory verse after verse of Scripture and explain the teachings, without being able to make us feel valued with a sense of belonging, those who hear the message will listen as if they are deaf.

Responding to distorted fear with irrational fear only feeds the power of evil. If Jesus had let his fears control his decisions, we would still be without a savior, and still would not be reconciled with the Father.

Jesus teaches the solution to handling the evil of the world in asking His apostles to go out and preach a gospel of reconciliation and peace. We can distort this message and fail to carry it out, but nonetheless that is His Message.

Without the work of the Holy Spirit, what we love can become nothing more than greed and self-indulgence. When this is the primary pattern of a society, conflict and hate swell, with both sides believing they are glorifying and following the will of God, when in actuality they are providing the power of delusion, division, war and terror. **Aboona**

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

First Holy Communion – May 17, 2015

Congratulations!

Greg Bard, Joseph Page and Max Sanborn will be receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior for the first time. Keep them in your prayers as they begin a very special time in their lives.

“The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is given to you for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.”

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: June 14 Fuel

Liturgy: Sunday of the Ascension of Our Lord

Entrance chant: Pg. 397, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. John Pg. 815

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 16 4:00 p.m.

† **Selma (Joseph) Thompson**

By Herb Joseph, Sr.

Sun 17 10:00 a.m.

For the First Communicants

† **Tutla Hikel**

By Rita Hikel

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

Tue 19 9:00 a.m.

† **Carolyn Campbell**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Wed 20 9:00 a.m.

† **Harriet King**

By Elaine Pooler & Family

Thu 21 9:00 a.m.

† **Laura Williams**

By Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Fri 22 9:00 a.m.

† **Cecile Byrne**

By John & Jeanne Thomas

Sat 23 4:00 p.m.

AV Rev. Chouinard (50th Anniversary)

By the Daughters of Isabella

Sun 24 10:00 a.m.

Deceased Family of Pearley & Alice

Lachance

By Pearley & Alice Lachance

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

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Karen Poirier** and **Nancy Elias**, of this parish on the loss of their father **Richard Ayooob**, also of this parish.

May the angels of paradise greet him and carry him to the place of eternal peace. May his family and friends find consolation in the resurrected Lord.

May Food Pantry

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

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

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.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$3,133.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

The 2014 Financial Report is at the two entrances of the Church. Please help your self.

Maronite Charity Appeal	\$ (4,000.00)
Collected last week	\$ 280.00
Collected before last week	\$ 3,054.00
Total yet to collect	\$ (666.00)

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

*I am the Lord,
You must not treat me
as common and ordinary,
Revere me and hallow me,
for I, the Lord,
made you holy to myself.*

Leviticus 22:31-32 TLB Translation

Please wear clothing reflecting the holiness of the Lord you have come to worship, be a witness of Christian modesty. **Aboona**

Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

Ephesians 1:15-23 John 13:31-35

May 16 Lila Hallowell

 17 Joe Rowden

FEAST OF PENTECOST

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

May 23 Lenore Boles

 24 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR MAY

Sun 17 First Holy Communion

Coffee Schedule

May 17 April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

May 24 Shana Page & Marie McMahan

May 31 Jeanne Thomas & Susan Webber

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 17 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

May 24 Pearley & Alice Lachance

May 31 Larry & Lisa Grard

June 7 Nancy Fairfield

June 14 Larry & Paula Mitchell

June 21 Lowell & Mary Hawes