

18, 19 April 2015 * Third Sunday of the Resurrection



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Emmaus Sunday

“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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| 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 | |

He took bread into His Holy hands.

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”

They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find

his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the Scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" **Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We can know many things about the Scriptures, we can believe many things about Jesus, but this does not mean that we are following Him. Like those who walked with Jesus on the way to Emmaus, there are times in our life that we need our minds and hearts open to Him in a more deeper and revealing way.

These men had heard all kinds of stories about Jesus by now. They were wondering which stories were true. Did His followers pay the guards to get His body out of the tomb? Did those who claim to have seen Him really see Him or trying to get others to believe for personal reasons? Were some people desperate to believe something to feed their imagination and needs? Were these tricks of the tempter to get people to abandon the true path of God?

These types of questions and stories and feelings remain a part of human history everywhere. There are clever dynamic speakers that stir people into a frenzy. Just having a burning in the heart is not a sign that it is a true "religion". The struggle of religion today is to be able to engage people to experience the presence of God that brings peace and healing. The mark of following the teachings of Jesus, is the message of compassion and forgiveness.

This is not giving permission to walk in sin, but an invitation to receive a power that compels a person to overcome the sin in their life and to want grace and mercy be the driving message.

Through the power of the Breaking of the Bread, we who believe in the Eucharist, have a leader in Pope Francis who is not afraid to confront evil. Whether it is the mafia in Italy, or the genocide of the Armenians, or the persecution of minorities. He stands strong in confronting evil and offers the mercy and compassion that Jesus taught even from the cross. It takes courage to be a true Christian leader, and to live it each day. Not just in words but in action. **Aboona**

April Food Pantry

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| Variety soups | Ravioli |
| Jelly | 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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: May 3 Shrine

Liturgy: Sunday of the Resurrection

Entrance chant: Pg. 317, Creed: Pg. 748, Anaphora St. Mark Pg. 848

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 18 4:00 p.m.

† **John Nimon**
By Geraldine Nimon

Sun 19 10:00 a.m.

† **Yvonne Nemer**
By Frank & Maria Bouchard

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

Tue 21 9:00 a.m.

† **Harriet King**
By Elaine Pooler & Family

Wed 22 9:00 a.m.

† **Bertha Jensen**
By Rodney & Lee Jensen

Thu 23 9:00 a.m.

H **Jerry Fortin**
By Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Fri 24 9:00 a.m.

† **Ethel M. Violette**
By Dan & Pam Casavant

Sat 25 4:00 p.m.

† **Larry & Paula Mitchell** (50th Anniversary)
By Their Children

Sun 26 10:00 a.m.

† **Adam Hikel**
By Barbara Joseph

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,345.00

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.

Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:

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| Fuel Budget | \$20,000.00 |
| Collected last week | \$690.00 |
| Collected previously | \$13,315.00 |
| Total yet to collect | \$(5,995.00) |

**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: **Richard Ayoob, Dianne Fjeldheim, Jerry Fortin, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Dr. Ronnie Marrache, Mary Morneau, Hope Murphy, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin.**

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

April Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For All our Soldiers
By Doris Labranche

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For All our Soldiers
By Doris Labranche

Altar Bread and Altar Wine:

For All our Soldiers
By Doris Labranche

TODAY

Today can be a day to remember.

***You can make it so. Today is yours to do
with as you see fit. You can use it, delight in
it, accomplish as much as your capabilities
permit, and enjoy today to the fullest.***

***Use a portion of today's 24 hours in a helpful
way. Spend a part of today's 1440 minutes
in meaningful meditation.***

***Share some of today's 86,400 seconds in
service to others.***

***Today will soon disappear. Make the most
of it, for once it passes, its opportunities will
never return again.***

***If you take time each day to pray, play, work,
laugh, love profusely, and to thank God with
all your heart,
you will always have a day to remember.***

***The real friend is he or she who can
share our sorrow and double our joy.***

~B.C. Forbes

READERS SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of the Resurrection

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| 2 Timothy 2:8-13 | Luke 24:13-35 |
| 4 p.m. April 18 | Lila Hallowell |
| 10 a.m. | 19 Mary Jo Hodgkin |

Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

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| Hebrews 13:18-25 | John 21:1-14 |
| 4 p.m. April 25 | Lenore Boles |
| 10 a.m. | 26 Joe Rowden |

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sun 26 5 p.m to 6:30 p.m. Lebanese Supper

EVENTS FOR MAY

Sun 3 May Crowning
Wed 6 6:30 Parish Council Meeting
Sun 10 Mothers' Day
Sun 17 First Holy Communion

Coffee Schedule

Apr 12 Mary Hawes, Mary Jo Hodgkin
Apr 19 Alice Lachance, Jane Lee
Apr 26 **No Coffee – Kitchen in use.**

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.

Apr 19 Nancy Fairfield
Apr 26 Larry & Paula Mitchell
May 3 Lowell & Mary Hawes

Maronite Center

After over 4 years of not finding a renter for the school and 3 years without using heat in the building, we have to seriously consider the need to tear down the building and use that space for parking.

There are many ideas for using the building, but so far none of these ideas have become a reality. We are soon going to have to start the process of how to go about funding the cost of its removal and putting in more parking.

Song Books are located in the pews.

LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Third Sunday of the Resurrection

Entrance Hymn: LB - Pg. 315

Women Bearing Spices

Entrance Chant: LB - Pg. 317

Glory: SB - Pg.01 # 02 Glory

Hymn: SB – Pg. 02 # 05 I will Lift

Liturgy of the Eucharist – After the (748) Creed

Transfer of Gifts:

SB – Pg. 179

Incense Hymn: SB – Pg. 3 #08

Peace Hymn:

SB Pg. 12 # 116– Gift of Peace

Holy, Holy: LB

Anaphora Acclamations after Consecration:

when Sung: SB - Pg. 4 # 10

Communion: Holy Ground

After Communion:

Closing Song: SB Pg. 38 # 172 The Lamb

Questions regarding the Maronite Traditions

Over the years I was asked a variety of questions, regarding the Liturgy, here are some samples.

Are Maronites Catholics? Yes. The definition of being Catholic is not according to ethnicity, language or what rituals a church use. The Catholic Church consists of those Churches in which the Bishops are in union with the Bishop of Rome. In English we use the word Pope for Papa. In other languages, they use their word for a father figure.

To believe that Maronites are not truly and equally Catholic is a ignoring or denying the definition of what it means to be Catholic. It would also be the rejection of the beliefs of two very well loved Popes who recently were declared Saints.

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, the sacredness of the gathering, your witness of Christian modesty, offer no confusion to who is your Lord to those around you and as to where you are heading on Sunday mornings. **Aboona**

Maronite Charity Appeal

You will soon receive information regarding the Maronite Charity Appeal. This year we are asked to raise \$4,000 for the needs of the Maronite Church. This money goes for the education of Seminarians, support of the retired priests, and other charities of the Maronite Church. Ordinarily this is done during Lent, but due to the collection for fuel, we delayed this Appeal.

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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***