

14, 15 March 2015 * The Healing of the Paralytic



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The Paralytic

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

Pope John XXIII

- 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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Mark 2:1-12 When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?” Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, “Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth” — he said to the paralytic, “I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.” He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were

all astounded and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

It is not wise to tear someone’s roof apart but it does get the point across. For the longest time I had this image of them up on the roof tearing it open. Actually if I had lived there, I would know that as this newer translation says, “they opened up the roof” meaning that many roofs had little doors to go up on the roof to dry food to preserve it for later. Even so, hoisting up a grown man up to a roof and then lowering him down was no easy task. We can ask our self, what kind of effort do we make to bring someone closer to Jesus, because we know He is a healer.

How many “roofs” do we have blocking out the will of God for our lives? Staying close to the Lord is not always easy; believing in His power is even more of a challenge. It is difficult to change our life style even when we know it will make us a more healthy and happy person in the future. We struggle to give up the short-lived pleasure of certain foods and behaviors even when we know it is not good for us.

Good friends help us get through our barriers. When we really trust someone, and are able to share our deepest thoughts, our barriers and challenges come

into the healing light. Friends that are true and concerned about what is best for us, encourage us to grow toward the Lord and grow in physical and spiritual health. They are not afraid to challenge us. Forgiving sins is difficult because we have to face and admit we need forgiveness. When we are hurt our emotions do not tell us to forgive, but to get even or nurture the hurt rather than the healing. Faith asks us to use our will and beliefs rather than our impulse to attack or run away.

Most serious illnesses are obvious and the discomfort and pain thrusts us forward to plea for a remedy to find relief and healing. The pain of sin is not nearly as obvious as physical pain, and so we are tempted to ignore our spiritual and moral health. Keep nurturing the Faith, trust in the Lord and He will bring us to the light. Jesus is a Divine light that opens the path to wholeness. Let not let the shadows of the sins and failings of others we encounter on this path confuse us and discourage to continue this living path. **Aboona**

LENTEN REGULATIONS

GREAT FRIDAY, April 3, marks the end of Lent. Abstinence from meat is observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all faithful from the ages of 18 to 65. Fasting from all food and drink (except water and medicine) is to be observed from midnight until noon **on Great Friday of the Crucifixion**. Optional would be the traditional abstinence from meat on Wednesdays. Those who are unable to fast because of health must perform other penances and acts of charity.

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, 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.

Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, no food or drinks in church, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: April 3 For the Holy Land

Liturgy: Healing of the Paralytic

Entrance chant: Pg. 238, Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of St. Peter: Pg.774

The Song number and page is on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 14 4:00 p.m.

† **Carroll Plourde**

By Peter Maroon

Sun 15 10:00 a.m.

† **Brent Williams (40 day)**

By The Family

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

Mon 16 Father's day off for prayer,
reflection, and relaxation

Tues 17 12:00 Noon

† **John "Jackie" Thomas**

By The Family

Wed 18 12:00 Noon

† **Louis DeRosby**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Thu 19 12:00 Noon

SI Don & Marcia Kendra

By Don & Marcia Kendra

Fri 20 12:00 Noon

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 21 4:00 p.m.

† **Gerry Joseph**

By Lea Williams

Sun 22 10:00 a.m.

† **Evelyn Blaschke**

By Sue & Gordon Webber

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

Weekday Liturgy Schedule During Lent

Weekday Liturgy will be at 12 noon throughout the season of Lent. I strongly encourage you to make weekday Liturgy during the Lenten Season if it is possible.

March Food Pantry

Stews

Condiments

Jiffy Mixes

Toilet Paper

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,920.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:

Fuel Budget	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$2,828.00
Collected previously	\$4,679.00
Total yet to collect	\$(12,493.00)

We will soon have our annual mailing for the fuel collection. This will be necessary to hopefully cover the cost of the fuel used.

2014 – 2015 Fuel Collection

The letters were sent out. Thank you for your generosity and helping ease the burden of this winter expense.

March Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Christopher Langlais

By Rosanna Joseph & Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For All our Soldiers

By Doris Labranche

Altar Bread:

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph & Janis McGhee

Altar Wine:

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph & Janis McGhee

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

READERS SCHEDULE

Healing of the Paralytic

1 Timothy 5:24-6:5 Mark 2:1-12

4 p.m. Feb 14 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 15 Joe Rowden

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

2 Corinthians 10:1-7 Mark 10:46-52

4 p.m. Feb 21 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 22 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Thu 19 6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Fri 20 4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder

20 6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions

Sat & Sun 21-22 Anointing of the Sick

At the end of Liturgy

Thu 26 6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Fri 27 4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder

27 6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions

Sun 29 Hosanna Sunday

Holy Week Schedule

Thu 2 7 p.m. Washing of the feet

Fri 3 12 Noon Signing of the Chalice

7 p.m. Burial of Our Lord and Savior

Sat 4 10 a.m. Service of Light

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Sat 4 Sundown, time yet to be determined

Sun 5 10 a.m. Sunday of the Resurrection

Sun 26 Lebanese Supper

Coffee Schedule

We will continue to serve muffins at the coffee hour - thanks to Larry Mitchell and Gareth Belton

Mar 15 Lenore Boles, Sharon Crowe

Mar 22 Jan Bourque, Emily Fournier

Mar 29 Palm Sunday

Apr 5 Easter Sunday - Laya Joseph,
Rosanna Joseph

Apr 12 Mary Hawes, Mary Jo Hodgkin

Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015

4/8, 5/3 May Crowning.

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.

Mar 22 Gregory & Marianne Gillespie

Mar 29 Larry & Lisa Gard

Apr 5 Joe & Lyn Rowden

Apr 12 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Apr 19 Nancy Fairfield

Apr 26 Larry & Paula Mitchell

May 3 Lowell & Mary Hawes

Link for "Our Sunday Visitor" on Maronites helping the Christians in the Middle East.

https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/ByIssue/Article/TabId/735/ArtMid/13636/ArticleID/17063/Maronite-Catholics-in-US-assist-those-abroad.aspx?utm_source=OSV+eNewsweekly+031515&utm_campaign=OSVNW031515&utm_medium=email

Song Books are located in pews.

LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Liturgy of the Word: Healing of the Paralytic

Entrance Hymn: SB - Pg. 44 # 303

Lord Let Me Walk

Entrance Chant: LB - Pg. 218

Glory: SB - Pg.01 # 03 Glory for Lent – Psalm 51

Hymn: SB – Pg. 305 Qamat Maryam (Purple Sheet)

Liturgy of the Eucharist – After the (748) Creed

Transfer of Gifts:

SB – Pg. 26 # 145 O Bread of Life

Incense Hymn: SB – Pg. 3 #08

Peace Hymn:

Peace Like a River

Anaphora Acclamations after Consecration:

when Sung: SB - Pg. 4 # 10

Communion:

Lamb of God

On These Clouds 40 Day SB - Pg. 29 # 152

Closing Song:

SB – Pg. 21 #136 Joyful, Joyful

Questions regarding the Maronite Traditions

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

Why do we stand during the Words of Institution and the calling down of the Holy Spirit during the prayers that turn the Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of our Savior?

The oldest Traditions of the Church were to stand, it is not exactly certain when kneeling became customary in the Catholic Church of the Latin Rite, the Catholic Church of the Eastern Rites did not switch to the kneeling rubric unless they were in recent centuries pressured, or "wanting to fit it" when they immigrated to places where the Latin Church was the majority.

The tradition of the Eastern Church is to stand as a sign of readiness for the return of Jesus the Messiah. This reference of faith is still found emphatically in all the Liturgies of the Apostolic Churches. The priest is leading the way to the New Jerusalem to greet the return of the Savior. For many centuries all churches were designed so that the worshipers faced east, the direction in which Christ returns from. This also symbolized the rising sun, the raised Son. We now refer this facing the Liturgical East when it is not possible to build facing East.

When we are being led, the leader does not walk backwards, but forward. This is why up until just recently the priest at the altar faced the same direction as the congregation because all were praying facing Liturgically East, leading to the Heavenly Jerusalem our final

destination on the journey back into the place of paradise. Once we were evicted from the Garden of Eden and now we are returning.

Church Benefit Dance and Silent Auction:

Thank you everyone for all the help and support for Dance and Auction. It was a very enjoyable time!

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breaths as two lungs in the same body"***