

28, 1 March, 2015 * Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

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The Hemorrhaging Woman

“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
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	

Mark 5:21-34.

When Jesus had crossed again [in the boat] to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, “My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live.” He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him. There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, “If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.” Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who has touched my clothes?” But his disciples said to him, “You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ” And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had

happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Jarius was willing to be humble in his approach to Jesus. He was officially a religious leader in an organized religion. He was Jewish like Jesus, and on the level of status outranked Jesus. He understood something that made it possible to have his daughter healed; he didn't care about his position, he cared about the healing power that Jesus was sharing with those who came to Him.

We need this example to remind us that we should never try to outrank Jesus by not letting him into our lives. We are saying we “outrank” Him when we have seven Sabbaths and He has none, or profane His name, put other things (idols) before Him, or treat others and ourselves with deceit.

On the way to heal a child, a woman lets Jesus be more powerful than the many discouragements and disappointments she experienced over the years. She wanted only to touch the tassel of His clothes. That touch was all she felt she needed and it would be enough. And it was enough.

Through no fault of her own, she had an image of herself as being unclean, unacceptable, and unworthy to get too close to what is holy, for she was bleeding and that made her too unclean to pray in the synagogue or to be touched. If she were touched, the other person would need a purification ceremony.

She was scared, even with touching the furthest edge of the garment, and not even that, but the tassels that hang from the edge of the garment. Even so, power flowed out unlimited, uninhibited, and unafraid of this situation. She was healed, she was no longer unclean, and she was now acceptable.

Healing of the body is not all that Jesus is concerned about. In fact, He is more concerned about what is within the heart and soul. Jesus wanted to know this woman, wanted to know her story and she came to Him trembling with fear and fell before Him. She told Him the whole truth and because of this, she could leave in peace cured beyond just the physical, but within the spirit also.

We come before Jesus, and the more truthful we dare to be with Him regarding our sins, and feelings of being unclean and bleeding with turmoil, the more it can be replaced with His peace. We can go in peace cured of what affliction it is that brought us suffering.

There is no caste system, we are all touchable, and His power will flow in through the total truth we surrender to Him. No matter how big the crowd, He knows you by name and how you need to be touched in a healing way. **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.

A Change in the Weekday Liturgy Schedule

I strongly encourage you to make weekday Liturgy during the Lenten Season. I am hoping that with Liturgy at noon more people will find it possible to attend. After a period of time we will evaluate whether to continue during Lent to have it at noon.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: March 8 Fuel Assistance

Liturgy: Hemorrhaging Woman

Entrance chant: Pg.208, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Sixtus: Pg.856

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

Liturgy Intentions

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| Sat | 28 | 4:00 p.m. | † Gerard Nadeau
By Gene & Dot Marshall |
| Sun | 1 | 10:00 a.m. | † Joseph & Evelina Lachance
By Jim & Rachel Kilbride |
| Mon | 2 | | Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation |
| Tues | 3 | 12:00 Noon | † John "Jackie" Thomas
By Gladys Avcollie |
| Wed | 4 | 12:00 Noon | † Jeanette Pratt
By Dan & Pam Casavant |
| Thu | 5 | 12:00 Noon | † Yvonne Nemer
By Martha Patterson |
| Fri | 6 | 12:00 Noon | † Caroline Nale
By Mark & Laurie Nale |
| Sat | 7 | 4:00 p.m. | H Neal Avcollie
By Badia Spencer |
| Sun | 8 | 10:00 a.m. | † Yvonne Nemer
By The Sturtevant Family |

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

March Food Pantry

Stews	Condiments
Jiffy Mixes	Toilet Paper

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

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. Details later

**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.

Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:

Fuel Budget	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$185.00
Collected previously	\$3,514.00
Total yet to collect	\$(16,301.00)

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

March Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Christopher Langlais

By Rosanna Joseph & Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread:

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph & Janis McGhee

Altar Wine:

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph & Janis McGhee

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,975.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

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

2014 Contributions

Your 2014 Contribution report were sent out, let us know if you did not receive it and need it for your tax purposes.

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.

READERS SCHEDULE

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

2 Corinthians 7:4-11 Luke 8:40-56

4 p.m. Feb 28 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 1 Joe Rowden

Parable of the Prodigal Son

2 Corinthians 13:5-13 Luke 1:11-32

4 p.m. Feb 7 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 8 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Sun 1 Religious Education

Wed 4 Parish Council 6:00 pm

Fri 6 4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder

6 6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions

Sun 8 Rosary Sodality – 11:30 am

Fri 13 4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder

13 6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions

Fri 20 4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder

20 6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions

Fri 27 4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder

27 6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions

Sun 29 Hosanna Sunday

Coffee Schedule

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

Mar 1 Mary Bard & Cindy Elias

Mar 8 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015

3/1, 4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.