

14, 15 February, 2015 * Cana Sunday – Entrance into Lent

St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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Cana Sunday

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“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	

WELCOME BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR!

John 2:1-11 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” [And] Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Very often we think the ordinary simple aspects of life are not enough for us to feel fulfilled. Actually it is how we accept and respond to the ordinary that is fulfilling. Jesus

can take our emptiness and intoxicate us simply by us taking the ordinary aspects of our life and transform them into moments of excitement and lasting satisfaction.

Doing the will of the Father might have periods of struggle and doubt, but the path always leads in the same direction, the dwelling of lasting peace and joy. Mary knew this when she petitioned her Son. She had complete trust that whatever her Son chose to do, it would be the right thing to do, at the right time, for the right reason. We are called to have this same faith and sometimes accept, that He does give the right answer, but doesn't always match what answer we wanted.

Jesus does listen; and He does care. He listened to His Mother, and when we listen to His mother, the same voice is heard saying, “do whatever He tells you to do”. Doing the will of the Father can be frightening or sound boring. Yet when we act on it, something beautiful becomes possible all in due time.

When people consider the validity of Christianity, they almost always look to who else is following Him, who else believes what He is saying, who else cares about my life. The first miracle shows that faith in Jesus very often involves the concerns of others who are around Him. If those who claim to represent the message of Jesus make their decisions based on authentically understanding the

**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, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Theresa Lee, Dr. Ronnie Marrache, 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	\$490.00
Collected previously	\$2,894.00
Total yet to collect	\$(16,616.00)

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

February Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Bertha Jensen

By Joe & Lyn Rowden

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread:

For Fred & Evelyn Blaschke

By Joe & Lyn Rowden

Altar Wine:

Special Intention

By Doris Labranche

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,166.00

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

If you are itemizing your charitable contributions and you need your total for 2014 church contributions before we send them out, please call the office.

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Brent Williams**, especially his beloved wife **Lea**, their children; **Brea, Lacey, and Luke**. May the angels of paradise carry him to the Heavenly kingdom of peace and joy.

READERS SCHEDULE

Cana Sunday – Beginning of Lent

Romans 14:14-23 John 2:1-11

4 p.m. Feb 14 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 15 Joe Rowden

Cleansing of the Leper

Romans 6:12-23 Mark 1:35-45

4 p.m. Feb 21 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 22 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Fri 13 Bishop's Pastoral Visit & Retreat

Sat 14 Knight's Turkey Supper 5:00-6:30 pm

Tickets: \$8 per person

Sun 15 40 Day Liturgy for Deacon Peter and Bertha Jensen

Sun 15 M'Jadara Luncheon/Talent Show 11:30

Mon 16 Bishop returns to Brooklyn to celebrate Ash Monday

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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

Coffee Schedule

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

Feb 15 M'Jadara Luncheon

Feb 22 Alice Lachance & Jan Bourque

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.

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.

Church Benefit Dance and Silent Auction:

Come join the fun at the Waterville Elks Lodge on Friday, March 13th from 7:00 to 12:00. Dance to songs from the 60's, 70's, and 80's, with a little Dubke' in between! Bid on some fabulous silent auction items and come support our church! Invite family and friends (21 and older).

Tickets are \$12 each, or purchase a table of 10 for \$100. We are also looking for donations of Silent Auction items from parishioners. Gift cards, themed baskets, goods and services, vacation stays, game tickets, etc...all proceeds will go to the Church Fund. **Tickets will be on sale after all Masses until March 8th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact Jane Lee, Jody Veilleux, Mary Jo Hodgkin, Emily Fournier, April Mitchell, or Paula Mitchell for tickets, questions, and donations.**

M'jadra Luncheon and Talent Show

Sunday, February 15th at 11:30 AM

A great Lenten meal and free entertainment.

Menu: Salad, yogurt, olives, Lebanese Bread, M'jadra (Lentils), Macaroni & Cheese, and dessert.

If you attended the Talent show in the past, then you already know how much fun it is to participate in this yearly event. From the singing of the 10 days of "Lent" using Lebanese words for foods, Aboona playing his accordion, and the sharing of other talents by young and less young alike makes for an enjoyable time to be together.

Share with your community of faith your song or dance, or maybe as a musician or magician or entertainer. Come and be entertained and have a great meal too. See Marie Deeb to add your name to the list of distinguished entertainers.

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

Retreat Theme: Joy of the Gospel

Schedule: Friday 13 – Sunday 15

Friday: 1st talk 6:30 p.m.,

Saturday 2nd talk 10:30, Bag lunch, (BYL)
3rd talk 1:00,

Liturgy 4:00 p.m.

Dinner: Turkey Supper \$8 per person

Sunday: Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

* Lunch - M'jadra, Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Dessert

Talent Show: following Luncheon

***“The Catholic Church, East and West,
breaths as two lungs in the same body”***