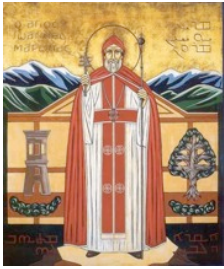


31, 1 February, 2015 * Sunday of the Righteous and Just



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St. Maron, our Patron

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

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me,

I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil

and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The gospel is not about giving out a list to follow, and if you follow it you will be saved and if we don't we will not be saved. Ultimately we are saved by God's loving grace and mercy. Salvation is a relationship with God, our self and our neighbor.

Jesus presents Himself in a manner that makes Him very vulnerable and in some ways unappealing. We can't fake empathy, the ability to feel with the other person. It is a tempting to observe a characteristic or action, and due to our perception and attitude write them off, and declare them unworthy of mercy and understanding.

Every day we make decisions. Some are small, some are big, but they all add up to something that can become very significant in who we become by the time we stand before the Lord.

Even if a person did not believe in God or Satan, he cannot escape from the difference between truth and lies. When Jesus sits on His throne, He does not turn us into a goat. He simply identifies our chosen characteristics. Until our physical death, we can choose how we will exist for eternity. Jesus has to be presented as the one who identifies and separates; this is because the liar to others is a liar to one's self. By Jesus telling a story of those doing good without knowing they were doing it for Him; He is able to say their goodness came truly from their love for others and not simply motivated to do good as a "form of bribery" to have Jesus ignore the evil they do.

The deceitful know exactly how to charm, who to charm, who to look good in front of, how to make it sound true, how to play on fears, to be convincing ... to get what they want. History is filled with tragedies of leaders who misled with convincing deception. Rich, poor, weak, powerful; no group is immune to having a hardened heart.

It would be great if it were easy to distinguish between those truly in need and those who are manipulating the system. It is better to err on the side of compassion.

Jesus offers a leadership that is motivated by compassion and mercy. The best hand out is the one that is combined with giving the inner moral character Jesus gives to those who believe in Him, that provides dignity, confidence and hope. There are ways of giving that enslaves others, and ways that provide dignity and a means of providing hope and the inner qualities to become free of what it is that enslaves them. **Aboona**

February Food Pantry

Ravioli	Jelly
Bisquick	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, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Theresa Lee, Dr. Ronnie Marrache, Hope Murphy, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams.**

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

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Jan 25 Bishop's World Wide Charity
Liturgy: Sunday of the Righteous & Just, (Saints)

Entrance chant: Pg.158, Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of Peter, the Apostle: Pg. 774

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 31 4:00 p.m.

† **Nancy Joseph**
By Herb Joseph, Sr.

Sun 1 10:00 a.m.

† **Jordan Maroon**
By Brent & Lea Williams

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

Mon 2 Father's day off for prayer,
reflection, and relaxation

Tue 3 9:00 a.m.
† **Jackie Thomas**
By The Family

Wed 4 9:00 a.m.
† **Madeline Vachon**
By Dan & Pam Casavant

Thu 5 9:00 a.m.
† **Evelyn Blaschke**
By Gordon & Sue Webber

Fri 6 9:00 a.m.
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale

† **Yvonne Nemer**
By Louise Saliem

Sat 7 4:00 p.m.
† **Nancy Joseph**
By Herb Joseph, Sr.

Sun 8 10:00 a.m.
† **Yvonne Nemer**
By Dan & Pam Casavant

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

Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:

Fuel Budget	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$0.00
Collected previously	\$2,194.00
Total yet to collect	\$(17,806.00)

Faith is what makes life bearable, with all its tragedies and ambiguities and sudden, startling joys.

~Madeleine L'Engle

February Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

Available

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread:

Available

Altar Wine:

Special Intention

By Doris Labranche

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,719.00

God bless you for your generosity.

With these weekend storms, I am reminded of how it effected our collections last winter.

Please don't forget to send in your contributions when you are unable to attend, our monthly bills still continue to arrive every month.

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.

2015 Calendars

The Calendars are here. They are available at both entrances. I am not going to joke about wanting calendars without a January and two Junes again.

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.

Peace depends on knowing and willing to stop what fosters hate, injustice and war.

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Righteous & the Just

Hebrews 12:18-24 Matthew 2:31-46

4 p.m. Jan 31 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. Feb 1 Joe Rowden

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

1 Thessalonians Luke 16:19-31

4 p.m. Feb 7 Lila Hollowell

10 a.m. 8 Subdeacon Steve

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sun 1 Religious Education

Super Bowl Breakfast

Wed 4 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Sun 8 Rosary Sodality Meeting

Fri 13 Bishop's Pastoral Visit & Retreat

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

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

Mon 16 12 Noon Service - Ash Monday

Fri 20 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30-6:00 pm

Coffee Schedule

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

Feb 1: MYO Super Bowl Breakfast

Feb 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.

Thank You!

Your prayers, your words, your hugs, and thoughtful shows of understanding and compassion are deeply appreciated. I have so much to be grateful for in the midst of the turmoil that comes from the loss of a loved one. God bless you always.

O Lord, adorn our souls with your truth and sanctify us by your holy Gifts. May you dwell among us that we may feel secure. May your peace live in our hearts, your faith abide in our consciences, and your cross be a true sign of protection for your Church. May our tongues proclaim your truth and repeat your holy prayer, and our lips pour forth glorious thanks to you, that with you, we dare to call the Father "Abba", saying:

Anaphora of St. John Maron, before the Our Father.

Song Books are located in pews.

LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Liturgy of the Word: Righteous and Just

Entrance Hymn:

LB - Pg. 157 [In the Paradise of Life](#)

Entrance Chant: LB - Pg. 148

Glory:

SB - Pg.01 # 02 English

Hymn: SB – # 164 [Seek Ye First the Kingdom](#)

Liturgy of the Eucharist – After the (748) Creed

Transfer of Gifts:

LB – Pg. 750 [The Lord Reigns](#)

Incense Hymn: SB – Pg. 3 #08

Peace Hymn:

SB – Pg. 40 #176 [Tooba Lisa](#)

Anaphora Acclamations after Consecration:

when Sung: SB - Pg. 4 # 10

Communion:

Pg. 42 # 179 [Your Body is our Food](#)

Closing Song:

SB – Pg. 38 # 172 [The Lamb](#)

MYO SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST

The Super Bowl Breakfast is this Sunday **February 1 at 11:00 am**. We will have breakfast (scrambled eggs OR pancakes, home fries, bacon OR sausage, toast, beverage).

Adults: \$4.00, 10 & Under: \$2.00, Under 5: Free. Tickets may be purchased after liturgy or at the door. The Super Bowl "lottery" will also be coming up. Please see David Lee for details.

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.

St. Joseph Dance and Silent Auction:

to be held on Friday, March 13 at the Waterville Elks Club. DJ David Lee will provide the music for this fun filled evening. Mark your calendars, dust off your dancing shoes and join us for the evening. More information to come.

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

***Amazing things start happening
when we start praying!***

~Anon.