

24, 25 December 2016 * The Glorious Birth of Our Lord



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Birth of Our Lord

The Weekly Video of Our Sunday Liturgy can be found on our Web Site <http://www.sjmaronite.org>

“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.

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb	Sacristan: Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
Teachers DRE: Lenore Boles, K-1st Lenore Boles, 2nd Jane Lee 3-5th Shana Page,		
Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Mark Morin, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson	Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.	

Luke 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus

The Evangelist writes :In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a

sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Dear Parishioners and Friends,
This is what the Heavenly Father has told us
when He sent His only-begotten Son into the**

World, into a stable. The Word of God became flesh and when born, was wrapped in poor clothing, and after falling asleep in the arms of His mother, He rested in a manger, a food bowl used for animals.

We might have forgotten that God didn't have to do this. He could have made sure He would be born of prestige and splendor, maybe to a Multimillionaire, or a ruling King with wealth in the billions. Instead, he let us all look in a place that smelled, a place where you might find anxiety, a place where envy, resentment and bitterness could easily grow.

Jesus is not always easy to find, because we are not looking for this kind of Savior. The truth is we don't know all the places and situations where we can find Jesus. This is because He can be found anywhere we might be struggling or hiding.

Christmas is one of those moments where he is the easiest to find. This is the season where we intensely want peace because for some reason this seems when we are most emotionally vulnerable; more sensitive to world conflicts as well as personal conflicts.

For years, maybe there is anger and bitterness between a couple of family members. Is this the year to make peace? Maybe this is the year you will be touched in a manner you cannot hold back the tears?

Christmas has its power, the grumpy act friendly, the sour looks are replaced with sweet smile, Christmas can help everyone, including businesses, and all the modes of travel. Christmas, let's you say I love you to people you are too shy to say at any other time.

You can inherit eternal life if you choose to live as His child. He chose to have you be His child, but you have to agree to be His child.

Many have gone through some very trying times this year, some try to get through their problems without Christ. Is that really what you want to do? Are you sure you want to keep your crib or manger empty? Emptiness is meant to provide a place for the Savior.

You are not going to get everything you wished for. Everything you wished for cannot happen. The more we are able to treasure what we do have, and have a grateful heart and spirit, we are far more apt to feel joy in the simple things of life. The love that comes from God transforms us and changes us with knowing we are loved rather than relying on possessions. **Aboona**

*Merry Christmas and a Very
Happy New Year*

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections Jan. 7, 8 Fuel Collection

Jan. 21, 22 Bishops' Worldwide Charities

Liturgy: The Glorious Birth of Our Lord

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Page numbers for the Prayers and Songs are on the back cover of the Bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Christmas Eve

Sat 24 4:00 pm

Intentions of the Parish

Christmas Day

Sun 25 10:00 am

Intentions of the Parish

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

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| Mon | 26 | Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation |
| Tue | 27 | 9:00 am
† Lester Giguere
By Ann Giguere |
| Wed | 28 | 9:00 am
† Najla Joseph
By Janet George |
| Thu | 29 | 9:00 am
† Ann Jensen
By Raymond & Mabel Jensen |
| Fri | 30 | 9:00 am
† Elie Sleiman & Josephine Salomon
By John Sleiman |
| Sat | 31 | 4:00 pm
† Joseph & Mary Smus
By Patricia, David & Paula Smus |
| Sun | 1 | 10:00 am
† John M. Joseph
By Janet Mitchell |

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

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: **Fr. Bill Clark, Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Gordon Webber.**

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

December Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Raymond & Georgette Veilleux

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention

By Gerard Brouillard

Altar Bread

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,658.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

December Food Pantry

Ravioli Stews

Jiffy mixes Personal care Items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

READERS SCHEDULE

The Glorious Birth of Our Lord

Hebrews 1:1-12

Luke 2:1-20

December 24 Ruth Lunn

25 Joe Rowden

Finding the Lord in the Temple

Hebrews 7:11-19

Luke 2:41-52

4 p.m. Jan 31 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 1 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Wed 4 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Sun 8 Rosary Meeting 11:30/45 am

Coffee Schedule

Dec 25 NO COFFEE

Jan 1 Mary Bard & Jan Bourque

Jan 8 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Jan 15 Lenore Boles & Pam Casavant

Jan 22 Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes

Jan 29 Cindy Elias & Mary Nader

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

We will be changing the way we schedule the Vocation Icon to allow more options. For now, we will schedule a person once a month or less often.

Aramaic/Syriac Bible

“Request therefore of The Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest.” Matt. 9:38

Dec 24 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Dec 31 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Jan 1 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Jan 8 Larry & Lisa Grard

Jan 15 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Jan 21 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Jan 28 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Jan 29 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Christmas Bazaar Report

We finally received the last bill for the Christmas Bazaar.

Income \$7,847.74

Expenses \$1,452.83

Net Income \$6,384.91

Don't fall for a SCAMS!

IRS – They never demand money through a phone call. **NEVER** “click” on the link to verify email being shut down, or a financial verification, or an emergency solicitation. Always go to the official site and verify through some other source than the phone call or email.