

8, 9 October 2016 * Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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Holy Cross

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
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Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, 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.	

Matthew 24:45-51

“Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ and he begins to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Am I a slave? Am I faithful? Am I wise? Who is my Master? What was I chosen to do? Whose household am I in charge of? When is the proper time? How much food is the allowance? Is the master talking to me? Does this story imply that slavery is okay? What would I do in this situation? Unfortunately, slavery does still exist in many forms, sometimes literally and sometimes in subtle manners that we are not even aware. This story does not

justify slavery; it is to respond to the experiences of feeling powerless, humiliated, and broken often due to forms of injustice. This can be the results of our own decisions and behaviors or the decisions of others.

The story does give hope. Right decisions spring from the wisdom that comes from faith put into action. God desires to share all He possesses with us. In this manner God, owning all, shares all. This does not diminish who we are and what we have. When we believe that what we have is God sharing with us out of His love, it leaves no room for greed and the desire to “own” others. It is irrelevant that He still owns everything, for we lack nothing that we need. This is symbolized in the allowance of food at the proper time as told in the Gospel. We are not ready for everything all at once.

In this story, this slave is not faithful and wise. He wanted the master to be far away so he didn't have to live up to what he had deceived the master to believe about him. His knew his treatment of others was not acceptable, and the reality of this conflict

tore him to pieces. This is not meant to be literal otherwise how could he be put with the hypocrites. Being put with the hypocrites, means that he did not practice what he preached. What he said was to control and manipulate rather than to witness the nature of the master. God cannot "be tricked" into believing something that is false is true. On the Day of Judgment we see the knowledge of God, and if we are far from God and His household of peace and security, it was our footsteps of decisions that put us there.

One day the faithful will be protected from what is considered harmful. There is no permission to use their slavery/mistreatment as an excuse to abuse themselves/drunkenness or others (beating). For this man who was put in charge, he had pushed out of his life the master. He was not prepared for the return because he did not want him to return. Faithfulness is being prepared, wanting the master to return because everything would be shared.

He sees this slave that he chose to take care of his household as wicked because he did not represent him. In this Master's household there is no mistreatment allowed, no behavior that destroys, no desire to control by humiliation.

To overcome the experience of mistreatment and humiliation takes faith and work joined together. There is the temptation to not act faithfully and wisely. The world is at war with the past. Instead of seeking healing of the past, showing the mercy and compassion they wish they had received, they show brutality and acts of degradation. Instead of embracing the responsibility of finding outer and inner freedom with moral justice, they slip into the power of the wounds and blindness of hate and revenge. They mold a god to become faithful to death instead of life, punishment instead of redemption, and drunk on becoming masters of fear and destruction.

Christ the Prince of Peace brings healing and hope. He wants the world transformed by love, forgiveness and compassion. As Christians we are called to proclaim peace and justice. **Aboona**

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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Oct. 8, 9 Fuel Collection
Oct. 15, 16 World Mission Sunday

Liturgy: 4th Sunday after Holy Cross Pg.606/8

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

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 8 4:00 pm**
† **Gene & Jackie Marshall**
By The Family
- Sun 9 10:00 am**
† **Deceased Members of the Rosary Sodality**
By The Rosary Sodality

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

- Mon 10 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 11 9:00 am
SI Don & Marcia Kendra
By Don & Marcia Kendra
- Wed 12 9:00 am
† **Eleanor Foster**
By Pearley & Alice Lachance
- Thu 13 9:00 am
† **Hilda Cook Hoda**
By John Sleiman
- Fri 14 9:00 am
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale
- Sat 15 4:00 pm**
† **Reggie Michaud**
By Sheila Bonenfant
- Sun 16 10:00 am**
† **Kathleen Hawes**
By The Family
† **Robert M. Sturtevant (70th Birthday)**
By Dale Sturtevant

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

October Food Pantry

- Variety Soups Bisquick
- Jelly Cake mixes

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Mount Merici Academy - Fall Festival

10/14 -5-9 & 10/15 – 10-3, Childrens' games, Craft Sales, Baked Goods Sale, Silent Action, White Elephant.

October Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Available

By

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 \$1,681.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Bazaar Info: The annual bazaar, set for November 5, is fast approaching. It is time to dig out your knitting needles, thread and sewing machine, etc. and think about what you will be donating to our craft tables this year. Also time to clean out your jewelry and treasures for our white elephant tables. To make the bazaar a success we need your help. Please, do what you can.

READERS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

1 Thes 5:1-11 Matthew 24:45-51

October 8 Lila Hallowell

9 Lauraine Mansur

Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross

Philemon 2:12-18 Matthew 25:1-13

October 15 Lenore Boles

16 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Fri 7 50th Anniversary of Maronite Eparchy

Sun 9 Rosary Meeting

Sat 15 Ham Dinner 5:00-6:30 pm \$9.

Dates to remember: Christmas Bazaar Nov. 5; Rosary Christmas Party, Dec. 11; Children's Christmas Party, Dec. 18.

Coffee Schedule

Oct 9 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Oct 16 Cindy Elias & Mary Nader

Oct 23 Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin

Oct 30 Laya Joseph & Rosanna Joseph

Nov 6 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee

Nov 13 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

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

Oct 8 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Oct 9 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Oct 16 Larry & Lisa Gard

Oct 22 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Oct 23 Mary Jo Hodgkin

Oct 30 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Nov 5 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Nov 6 Jane Lee

Nov 13 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Ann Giguere** of this parish on the loss of her husband, **Lester**, who died recently.

We pray that the Lord God may grant him rest in His kingdom and consolation to his family and loved ones.