

6, 7 August 2016 * Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost



Season of Pentecost

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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

Icon of the Martyrdom of the Coptic Christians by Isis

- 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		

Luke 8:1-15

Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: **“A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.”** As he said this, he called out, **“Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”**

Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, **“To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables,**

so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’ “Now the parable is this:

The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The Kingdom of God, is not the same as the earthly kingdom we are experiencing now. A common danger is to think that there is no need for us to be open or even hear the word of God. We have trouble identifying what is fertile ground for the good wheat to sprout and provide a nutritious meal of peace and security. One of the greatest threats to the message of peace, is the growing attitude

that the followers of Jesus and the multiple and sometimes contradictory interpretations of the Gospel are responsible for the lack of peace and security.

When we fail to do what makes the ground fertile. When we fail to believe in the importance of the seed to be planted. When we ignore and deny the damage and effect of loving riches and pleasures over the value of protecting the growing wheat of faith the transformation of the broken hearted and hurting ends. What happens is the broken and downtrodden not experiencing the authentic living of the faith become susceptible to a different kingdom; the kingdom of death instead of life. We are witnessing the withering of the good and the sprouting of the evil.

When Jesus tells the meaning of the parable, He obviously believes there is an evil power ready and willing to snatch His message from their heart. That implies that a person could have personally received the message in his or her heart, but remains there briefly. We don't lose freewill when we accept the Word of God, nor are we held against our will. Like the story of Adam and Eve, we can be fooled to accept what is false about God and through misinformed arguments we can be led from the truth.

Sometimes we worship the joy we felt, like a mood altering experience, the focus is too lopsided on the entertainment, feel good, rather than the endurance of patience of following even when it is difficult. Christianity is not what we "get out of it" but what can transform and change us by Mercy and Compassion. Too many people give up, letting the thorns and trials of life drive them away rather than strengthening them into a mature living of the faith.

Jesus transforms the good wheat into His Body, and His Body through the Eucharist transforms us into Him. Not that we become a duplicate of Jesus, but that our lives are meant to manifest His power over evil, His light over darkness.

To neglect the Word of God, to not provide a fertile ground for the seed of faith to be planted, to not learn how to survive among the thorns and rocks; the world we leave will be one starved ravenously feeding on evil and an endless litany of grievances of hate against one another. To know truth from the Giver of truth is necessary to conquer the giver of falsehood.

The successful farmer is the one that knows what is harmful to his plants and what is beneficial and acts upon this knowledge. **Aboona**

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,235.00

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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections:

Aug 13, 14 Fuel Collection

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 6 4:00 pm
† **Neil Avcollie (1st Anni.)**
By The Family

Sun 7 10:00 am
† **Richard Elias**
By Gene & Dot Marshall

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

Mon 8 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 9 9:00 am
† **John M. Joseph**
By Mark & Jeannie Joseph

Wed 10 9:00 am
† **Richard Elias, Sr.**
By Martha Patterson & Mary Ayoob

Thu 11 9:00 am
† **Carole Pooler**
By Lester & Ann Giguere

Fri 12 9:00 am
† **Georges T. Abou Sleiman**
By John Sleiman

Sat 13 4:00 pm
† **Jeannette M. Sleiman**
By John Sleiman

Sun 14 10:00 am
† **Robert M. Sturtevant**
William A. Foster
John M. Joseph
By Dale F. Sturtevant

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

BBQ Chicken Dinner

When: Saturday, August 13,
Where: Parish Social Hall
Cost: \$8.00
Time: 5:00 pm to 6:30 PM
Served by the Knights of Columbus

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, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Reginald "Mitch" Michaud, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin.**

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

August Food Pantry

Condiments Family sized items-soups, ravioli
Toilet Paper Juice in plastic containers

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

We have two Vocation Icons, so I am hoping that some people on Saturday and Sunday will sign up to take it home; also, the Icon can be taken home more than once.

- Aug 6 Ann Giguere (Sat)
- Aug 7 Larry & Paula Mitchell
- Aug 14 Larry & Lisa Grard
- Aug 20 Audrey Yotides (Sat)
- Aug 21 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

August 24th "Endowment Kickoff" Banquet

Formal Invitations were sent out Friday. We need an exact count for the Dinner. You must reply to attend. Since this is a formal event for parishioners and former parishioners with limited space, do not make casual verbal invites to the general public. If a parishioner or former parishioner was overlooked and wants to be involved in contributing to the Endowment fund please contact the parish office so we can respond accordingly. Your RSVP can be left in the collection basket, left through the mail slot, email (put Endowment in the subject line) or mailed back.

August Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

Available

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention

By Gerard Brouillard

Altar Bread

For Deceased Mem. Simon Stevens Fam.

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Altar Wine Available

READERS SCHEDULE

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 3:1-11	Luke 8:1-15
August 6	Lila Hallowell
7	Joe Rowden

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thes. 2:1-13	Luke 8:10:38-42
August 13	Lenore Boles
14	Lauraine Mansur

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Sat 13	Chicken BBQ 5-6:30 pm \$8
Wed 24	Endowment Fund "Kickoff Supper"

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Wed 7	6 PM Parish Council Meeting
Sun 11	Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30/11:45

Coffee Schedule

For the Summer: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Mark YOUR calendars!

August 24 – Kickoff Supper for the Endowment Fund. George Mitchell will be attending and share his experience of growing up here at St. Joseph's. We will also officially recognize our "new members".

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Patriarch's visit something we will all remember for the rest of our lives. The letter from the Archbishop says it all. A copy can be found at the entrances of the church.

Thank you to all those who shared their time and talents. There was a lot of work including behind the scenes that maybe were not noticed, but thank you. His Beatitude and Delegation noticed the personal open touch of the Spirit here at St. Joseph's.

I cannot remember all those who offered to help with the expenses, so if you remember, your donation to defray the cost will be helpful.

Donations \$ 1,225.00

Expenses

Security	\$ 2,100.00
Meals	\$ 1,128.05
Flowers	\$ 390.00
Videoing	\$ 2,024.08
Total	\$ 5,642.13