

# 9, 10 July 2016 \* Ninth Sunday of Pentecost



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Season of Pentecost

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-1<sup>st</sup> Lenore Boles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee 3-5<sup>th</sup> Shana Page,  
**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 4:14-21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, **“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”**

**Dear Parishioners and Friends:**  
**(from a previous reflection)**

Wouldn’t it be great to hear someone read the Scriptures and then say? “What I have read is

fulfilled?” Well, the vast majority of the time what we do hear in the Scriptures is fulfilled. God did send His beloved Son into the world so that we would find eternal life. God declares the method of rescue; now it is up to us to put faith in that message and follow the plan.

Today, Jesus reveals the part of the message that reveals some of the reasons He was sent to us then, and is still with us now. Bring good news to the poor. What would be good for someone who is poor to hear? The possibilities are endless.

For those shackled by addictions and emotional behaviors that bring hurt and pain to themselves and those around them; to be released from that bondage certainly is good news. To feel hope and confidence that the storms of life will make you stronger.

For those with physical ailments, recovery is indeed a divine hope. For all of us, in some way God has a message of transformation and a fulfilling direction that brings into our life a power that fills a type of emptiness that only God knows the right remedy for each individual.

Being in Church on the Sabbath, is an act of faith and consent to believing the “report” about Him. If we believe that the world as we know it needs

transformation and healing, then our next step is to search out ways to make the message of Jesus known and accepted.

The Holy Spirit comes upon the Bread and the Wine in order for it to be transformed into His Body and Blood. We are transformed when our faith is fed through our altar call to come forward to receive Him into our lives.

God created a beautiful and wonderful world for us to enjoy and find inspiration and meaning. We cannot let these be a substitute though for the author of creation. Only through the Sacrifice of Calvary, which is renewed on the Altar, do we see the glimpse of the eternal blessing and the Thanksgiving that He personally asks from each of us.

As wonderful as creation is, it cannot finally end the evil that eats away at our own attempts to form a just and compassionate society. It is God's grace and mercy flowing through His teachings that offers the lasting hope and restful peace for those who put their faith in Him.

**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, 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.

*It is a sign of strength,  
not weakness to admit you don't know  
all the answers.*

~John P. Loughrane

**Liturgy Helps:**

**Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:**

July 9,10 Fuel Collection

**Liturgy: 9 Pentecost (A) Pg. 425/7**

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

**Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 9 4:00 pm**

† **Amin Mikael Saad & Hoda Honeine**

By John Sleiman

**Sun 10 10:00 am**

† **Marion Maroon**

By Judie Lynn Nassar & Family

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

**No Weekday Liturgy**

**Sat 16 4:00 pm**

† **Joseph & Mary Smus**

By Patricia, David & Paula Smus

**Sun 17 10:00 am**

† **Toni Mathieu (10<sup>th</sup> Anni. Liturgy)**

By The Family

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

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$1,986.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

***There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."***

## July Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle Available

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle Available

Altar Bread & Altar Wine Available

## **Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations**

We have two Vocation Icons, so I am hoping that some people on Saturday will sign up to take it home also. You can take it home more than once.

July 9 Ann Giguere (Sat)  
July 10 Larry & Paula Mitchell  
July 17 Larry & Lisa Grard  
July 24 Lowell & Mary Hawes  
July 30 Audrey Yotides (Sat)  
July 31 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

*Progress is the sum of small victories won by individual human beings.*

~Bruce Catton

## **READERS SCHEDULE**

### **Ninth Sunday of Pentecost**

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Luke 4:14-21

July 9 Ruth Lunn  
10 Lauraine Mansur

### **Tenth Sunday of Pentecost**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Matthew 12:22-32

July 16 Lila Hallowell  
17 Joe Rowden

### **EVENTS FOR JULY**

Tue 5 Maronite Priest Conference  
Fri 8 National Apostolate of Maronite  
Convention begins.  
Wed 20 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Fr. Larry being here

### **EVENTS FOR AUGUST**

Wed 24 Endowment Fund "Kickoff Supper"

### **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".**

A recent survey has compiled all of the qualities that people want in the "PERFECT PRIEST". Here we share some of them with you. Results of a computerized survey indicate that the perfect priest preached exactly 12 minutes. He frequently condemns sin, but never upsets anyone. He works from 7am to midnight, and is also an accountant. He makes \$60 a week, wears good clothes, reads good books, drives a good car, and gives about \$50 a week to the poor.

He is 28 years of age and has been preaching for 30 years. He is wonderfully gentle and handsome. He gives himself completely, but never gets too close to anyone, lest he be criticized.

He speaks boldly on social issues, but must never become politically involved. He has a burning desire to work with young children and teenagers, and spends all of his time with senior citizens. He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, visits shut-ins and the hospitalized, spends all of his time evangelizing the unchurched, and is always in his office when needed.

If your priest does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other parishes that are tired of their priest, too. Then bundle up your priest and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week, you will receive 1,643 priests and at least one of them should be perfect.

Have faith in this letter. One parish broke the chain and got its old priest back in less than three months!