

Welcome!

His Eminence and His Beatitude Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai,

Patriarch of Antioch and all the East

25, 26 June 2016 * Saints Peter & Paul



St. Joseph Maronite Gatholic Church

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Saints Peter and Paul

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, 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

SATURDAY John 3:31-36

The Lord Jesus says:

"The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath."

SUNDAY

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The question of who Jesus is continues to be asked. For some it is asking about a man who lived long ago, for some it is a question of searching for a deeper relationship with a Savior and Lord, a Redeemer, the Messiah. We cannot exhaust the answers to the question, for Jesus is not just a man, not just a "John the Baptizer" whose central message is repentance, not just an Elijah or Jeremiah, who only speaks like a prophet to make known the will and presence of God. He is all these things and more.

Who would feel threatened by a wise, caring, holy man? Peter professed something beyond natural understanding. It took the Spirit of Holiness working inside of him to declare He is the Messiah. It was the choice of the Trinity, the action of the Holy Spirit to confess Christ as the Messiah.

The church, the assembly of believers, is built on this confession guided by the Holy Spirit. The key, the binding confession of faith is bound and protected by the Holy Spirit sharing its truth with Peter. Even though Peter was a sinner and made mistakes of personal judgment and actions, the Holy Spirit could still proclaim the truth of whom Jesus is because of the Holy Spirit.

The role of Peter is still found in our belief in the role of the Pope, the successor of Peter. This role is not always understood and sometimes not even believed. There is no time in the history of the Christian Church when it was not believed. With this belief found in the Catholic Church, the wholeness of the Gospel can be found.

I emphasize, "can be found" because even as a baptized Catholic, this <u>does not</u> mean every Catholic bothered to look and accept the whole Gospel. Unfortunately, as the number of Catholics not dedicated to living or seeking to know all the truth found in the Faith increases, the number increases that believe the truth is not even there to consider converting to the Catholic Faith. **Aboona**

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to the family and friends of **John M Joseph**, of this parish who passed away Thursday morning. We pray that the Lord God may grant him rest in His kingdom and bring consolation to his family and friends as they mourn their loss.

Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be here, Tuesday, June 28th at 10 a.m.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections:

June 25, 26 Peter's Pence July 9,10 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Saturday (A) Pg. 482/3 Sunday Pg. 562/4

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 25 4:00 pm

† The Faithful Departed of our Parish

Sun 26 10:00 am

† John Thomas
By The Family

† Joseph & Mary Smus
By Patricia, David & Paula Smus

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

No Weekday Liturgy

Sat 2 4:00 pm

† Raymond Veilleux By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Sun 3 10:00 am

† Jibryne & Jeannette Karter By The Family

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,641.00

God bless you for your generosity. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

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, John M. 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.

WELCOME!

To His Eminence and Beatitude Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East for the Maronites throughout the world. To Archbishop Paul Sayah, retired Bishop of Haifa, and Secretary to the Patriarch; Bishop Gregory Mansour, our Bishop of Brooklyn; Chorbishop Michael Thomas, Vicar General to our Bishop; Deacon Simon Abi-Nadar, security detail for the Patriarch's visit; and Walid Ghayad, personal secretary to the Patriarch.

Would also like to give a special welcome to the leaders in Faith who were able to attend this historical moment in the life of our parish. Many have traveled from afar to be a part of this spiritual and community building celebration.

July Devotions
St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle
Available

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle Available

Altar Bread & Altar Wine Available

June Food Pantry

Stews Jiffy mixes

Ravioli Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

READERS SCHEDULE

Liturgy of the Faithful Departed: Celebrated by

the Patriarch

Acts 13:44-52 John 3:31-36

June 25 Lenore Boles

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul

2 Corinthians 11:21-30 Matthew 16:13-20

June 26 Joe Rowden

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 12:14-21

July 2 Lenore Boles 3 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR JUNE

Sat 25 4 pm Liturgy with Maronite Patriarch

Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai

Wed 29 Leave for vacation with Family

EVENTS FOR JULY

Tue 5 Maronite Priest Conference

Fri 8 National Apostolate of Maronite

Convention begins.

Wed 20 10th Anniversary for Fr. Larry being here

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Wed 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".

Coffee Schedule

For the Summer Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton July 3 NO COFFEE HOUR

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.

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.

June 25 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

June 26 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

July 3 Jim & Rachel Kilbride

July 9 Ann Giguere (Sat)

July 10 Larry & Paula Mitchell

July 17 Larry & Lisa Grard

July 24 Lowell & Mary Hawes