

26, 27 November 2016 * Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth



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Visitation to Elizabeth

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 st Lenore Boles, 2 nd Jane Lee 3-5 th 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 1:39-45 During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on all ages will call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he

has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Holy Spirit brings joy into the hearts of those who believe. The Holy Spirit is a comforter in time of trouble and confusion, not through magic, but by removing fear and giving hope; just those two things can change a life forever.

The six weeks of Announcement are happy announcements because the word "yes" is there. There were dramatic changes in the people involved, and they were able to do extraordinary works because of it. The Holy Spirit is a living power that keeps announcing coming joy and strength. When we allow our spirit and heart to keep being transformed by the message God reveals to us, our life is transformed and lifted up with lasting joy. Just feeling hope can turn a depressed person completely around. Sometimes we do not always

notice when the Holy Spirit is at work. Most of the time it is through subtle steps of faith and trust.

Some are uncomfortable with the attention we show Mary. Sometimes it is because of a particular persons misinformation or excessive devotions to her. From the moment Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary; Mary has a son, and Jesus has a mother. This is the choice of the Trinity. The miraculous child of Elizabeth leaped for joy because the Holy Spirit let them see Jesus by looking through the eyes of Mary. How blessed are all generations that we can do the same.

The Holy Spirit proclaims the greatness of the Lord with the voice of Mary who rejoices in her Savior. The Holy Spirit uses a humble virgin and lifts her. So why should there be a problem of venerating the works of the Holy Spirit? Why should anyone be surprised that a lot of blessings and joy are found in those who have a spiritual balanced love for Mary?

The more we give our lives to the working of the Holy Spirit, the more we are lifted up and resemble what we love most about God.

Veneration of Mary and the saints is to recognize the Holy Spirit's power in their lives and wanting it in our lives. This helps us focus on magnifying and proclaiming the glory of God. All can see the wondrous works of God, and with different degrees of understanding and belief see God in what He has created.

God calls us to serve Him. Some do this in extraordinary ways. Mary is one of those people. We in like manner use that same bridge of communication back to God, not as a replacement but as a part of how God acts in our life. It works both ways. In a concrete way, God uses special people to reach us, and we use these special people to reach Him.

During this Season of Announcement we are called to deepen our understanding and belief through what Heaven reveals to us: to raise us above the natural to receive the supernatural. **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: Dec. 3, 4 Patriarchal Charities
Dec. 10, 11 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 26 4:00 pm
† **Simone Laviec**
By John Sleiman

Sun 27 10:00 am
† **Herb Jabar**
By John Mitchell

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

Mon 28 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 29 9:00 am
† **Zaine Hikel**
By Janet George

Wed 30 9:00 am
† **Lester Giguere**
By Betty Deblois

Thu 1 9:00 am
† **Eileen Plesu**
By Dan & Pam Casavant

Fri 2 9:00 am
† **Jack & Marietta Thomas**
By The Family

Sat 3 4:00 pm
† **William Marozzi & Violettet Sleiman**
By John Sleiman

Sun 4 10:00 am
† **John Sleiman (40 Day Liturgy)**
By Susan Mitchell & Bob Asselin
SI Joe & Marie Kendra
By Don & Marcia Kendra

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

November Food Pantry

Variety Soups Bisquick
Jelly Cake mixes

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

November Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Subdeacon Deeb Ferris

By Steve & Allison Crate

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Dale Ferris

By Steve & Allison Crate

Altar Bread

For Msg. James Khoury

By Fefa Deeb

Altar Wine

For Sam & Lottie Deeb

By Fefa Deeb

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 \$1,436.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

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.

READERS SCHEDULE

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

Ephesians 1:1-14 Luke 1:39-45

November 26 Lenore Boles

27 Joe Rowden

Birth of John the Baptizer

Galatians 4:21 – 5:1 Luke 1:57-66

December 3 Ruth Lunn

4 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Wed 30 Advent retreat at St. John's in Winslow

Fr. Larry is giving the first talk 6:30 pm

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Thu 1 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Wed 7 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Thu 8 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Sun 11 Rosary Christmas Party 11:45 am

Thu 15 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Sun 18 Children's Play during Liturgy

Sun 18 Children's Party after Liturgy

Thu 22 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Coffee Schedule

Nov 27 April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

Dec 4 Shana Page & Dale Sturtevant

Dec 11 Jody Veilleux & Susan Webber

Dec 18 Elizabeth Wilson & Rosanna Joseph

Dec 25 NO COFFEE

Jan 1 Mary Bard & Jan Bourque

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

Nov 26 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Nov 27 Larry & Lisa Gard

Dec 4 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Dec 11 David & Jody Veilleux

Dec 17 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Dec 18 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Dec 24 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Dec 31 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Jan 1 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Dedication: The dedication for the St. Francis de Sales Cross will be held on Nov. 30 at 2:00 pm at St. Francis Cemetery in Waterville (weather permitting). The ceremony will be performed by, Bishop Robert Deeley, of the Portland Diocese.