

12, 13 November 2016 * Announcement to Zechariah



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Zechariah

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 1:5-25 “.... the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of [the] Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother’s womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.” Then Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” And the angel said to him in reply, “I am Gabriel, who stands before God. I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you this good news. But now you will be speechless and unable to talk until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time.” Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed so long

in the sanctuary. But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He was gesturing to them but remained mute. Then, when his days of ministry were completed, he went home. After this time his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months, saying, “So has the Lord done for me at a time when he has seen fit to take away my disgrace before others.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

If Zechariah allowed bitterness and resentment to take over his life because he had no son or children, he would have not worshiped this day in the temple. There are many who are not going to worship God on His terms today because resentment and hurt are in control rather than faith. This does not mean that Zechariah’s faith was perfect, but he did make good decisions with the faith he did have.

There are certainly times in our life when we do not feel like remaining faithful to worship in the temple. We have faith and we go to church and yet there is still a part of us that prevents us from

experiencing all the joy and excitement that goes with being in the Lord's presence. Our faithfulness with the faith we do have will someday allow us to experience **all the blessings of God**. This happened for Zechariah in his old age.

If Zechariah gave up on the Temple, he would not have experienced the frustration of being mute, but then he would have never experienced the miracle of fathering a very famous man in the history of Christianity. This is a reminder that in doing God's will there are unfortunate things that will happen because we are doing God's will, but they are so insignificant compared with the promises and blessing that come with doing His will.

We in our own way can escape from some of the difficulties of "going to church", but then we also give up Christian worship. God revealed to us what Christian worship is, the Holy Eucharistic celebration. When we follow the Lord, we are lead through darkness at times, but we do get to where he leads us. When you are not following him, you might have escaped some trials, but you don't get to go where He leads His followers. **Aboona**

*Thank you for all the prayers
and kind thoughts and gestures
of kindness and love.
From the Jensen Family*

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.

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.

Raffle Winners

\$500: George Joseph
\$200: Joe Ferris
\$100: Cindy Elias (**Days**)

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Nov. 12, 13 Fuel Collection
Dec. 3, 4 Patriarchal Charities

Liturgy: Announcement to Zechariah Pg.18/19

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 12 4:00 pm
† **Robert M. Sturtevant (1st Anni.)**
By Dale Sturtevant

Sun 13 10:00 am
† **Brent & Jordan 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.

Mon 14 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 15 9:00 am
† **Joseph & Martha Kendra**
By Don & Marcia Kendra

Wed 16 9:00 am
† **Lester Giguere**
By Lena King

Thu 17 9:00 am
† **Eddy Atkins, Sr.**
By John Sleiman

Fri 18 9:00 am
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 19 4:00 pm
† **Jackie Marshall (1st Anni)**
By The Family

Sun 20 10:00 am
† **Prinella Mitchell**
By Judie Lynn Nassar & Family

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.

*"In the face of uncertainty,
there is nothing wrong with hope."
– Bernie S. Siegel, M.D.*

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 \$3,212.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Christmas Bazaar. From the rolling to the baking, to setting up and taking down, for the baking and decorating, and the working the booths and selling. The food was delicious and I think everyone had a great time!

READERS SCHEDULE

Announcement to Zechariah

Romans 4:13-25 Luke 1:1-25

November 12 Ruth Lunn

November 13 Lauraine Mansur

Announcement to the Virgin Mary

Galatians 3:15-22 Luke 1:26-38

November 19 Lila Hallowell

20 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sun 13 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am

Tue 15 6 pm. General Parish Council Meeting
all parishioners are encouraged to attend

Wed 30 Advent retreat at St. John's in Winslow
Fr. Larry is giving the first talk

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

Coffee Schedule

Nov 13 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Nov 20 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon

Nov 27 April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

Dec 4 Shana Page & Dale Sturtevant

Dec 11 Jody Veilleux & Susan Webber

Dec 18 Elizabeth Wilson & Rosanna Joseph

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 13 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Nov 19 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Nov 20 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Nov 26 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Nov 27 Larry & Lisa Grard

Dec 4 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Dec 11 David & Jody Veilleux

Dec 17 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Our Sympathy

Our condolences go to **Aboona** on the loss of his sister-in-law, **Ann Jensen, of Michigan.**

Our condolences go to **the family of Cecile Nadeau**, of our parish, who passed away last week.

May the angels carry them, as well all the faithful departed, into His Kingdom where there is no more pain and every tear is dried.