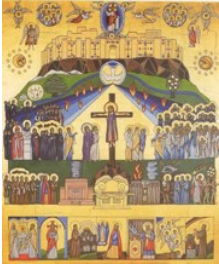


5, 6 November 2016 * Consecration of the Church



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Consecration Sunday

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
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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.	

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:

Today's Gospel is the most quoted verses to explain the role of Peter and the ministry of the Pope as the successor to the ministry and call of Peter. The role

of the Pope is to make sure the teachings of Jesus are handed down through history accurately and when there is division and confusion over what to believe, to keep unity through safeguarding the correct belief that was held by the Apostles. From the very beginning there were false beliefs, some were misunderstandings, some were grave in the error, insisting that Jesus was not the Son of God, was not crucified, and not brought back from the dead.

There were many opinions on the true identity of Jesus and there still are. Through the Holy Spirit, Simon was able to give the deepest and most profound answer, **“You are the Messiah, Son of the Living God.”** Jesus changed Simon's name at this point to Peter, which means rock. Fundamentalists, using the Greek, say it means “little pebble”. In Aramaic or Syriac, the language that Jesus spoke to Peter, it is the word for rock. The reason the Greek word for pebble is used is because rock, in Greek, is feminine. When the Gospel was written in Greek, they had to use the masculine form to refer to a man.

Jesus didn't speak to His apostles in Greek, but in Hebrew and Aramaic. He said Rock (Kepho). Jesus entrusted to Peter "the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you declare loosed on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Jesus had also said the jaws of death shall not prevail against it (the church).

These promises of protection took on deeper meanings as the church grew, developed, and spread throughout the world. The role of Peter has taken on many shapes and positions. Not every Pope holding the keys was of respectable character, just as every baptized Christian, is not always of a respectable character.

We, the church of Peter, have the character of Peter, a man who, one day, expressed the deepest of faith and trust, and the next day, was rebuked for listening to Satan; one day kissing the feet of Jesus in humility, the next day acting proud and haughty. These were his personal traits reflecting His humanity. Our weaknesses do not nullify what we believe to be true. Peter even personally denied he knew Jesus. Peter's redeeming quality is that after hearing the rooster crow, he wept, repented, and was brave enough and through faith, to pray in the upper room to receive the Holy Spirit.

Jesus does work through flawed humans, but in the case of Peter, when the answer to the confusion of what to believe, the Holy Spirit does make it known through Peter. **Yes, Jesus did give His Body to eat,** and it is Real Food. Yes, He did give His Blood to Drink, and it is really His Blood. Yes, He is the Messiah, the Son of God. Receiving the Holy Eucharist is our Divine connection to Christ for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.

Peter was human, and Peter died a martyr's death. Death is gnawing at the churches' door, but it will not prevail against us. Repentance is our salvation just like Peter's. **Trust The Lord! He will not fail you!**

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

Liturgy: Consecration of the Church Pg.7/9

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

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 5 4:00 pm**
† **Herb Jabar**
By Louise Saliem
- Sun 6 10:00 am**
† **Deceased children of Sam & Nimerah 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 7** Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 8 9:00 am**
† **Joseph & Martha Kendra**
By Don & Marcia Kendra
- Wed 9 9:00 am**
† **Lester Giguere**
By Lena King
- Thu 10 9:00 am**
† **Tannous Harfouch Boles & Mariam Saad**
By John Sleiman
- Fri 11 9:00 am**
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale
- 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

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

By

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For

By

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 \$2,066.00

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

Consecration of the Church

Hebrews 9:1-12

Matthew 16:13-30

November 5 Lenore Boles

6 Joe Rowden

Announcement to Zechariah

Romans 4:13-25

Luke 1:1-25

October 12 Ruth Lunn

November 13 Lauraine Mansur

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

Nov 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 6 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee

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

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 5 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Nov 6 David & Jane Lee

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

Our Sympathy

Our condolences go to **family and friends of John Sleiman**, who passed away recently.

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