

# 16, 17 April 2016 \* Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection



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Sundays of the Resurrection

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    **Sacristans:** 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

### John 21:1-14

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “**Children, you have no fish, have you?**” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “**Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.**” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “**Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.**” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “**Come and have breakfast.**” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they

knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

### Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Being fishermen, this was the logical thing for them to do. Like most fishermen, they enjoyed it and even though it might be frustrating at times, just being out there sure beat sitting around doing nothing. Jesus had changed their lives and I am sure they had plenty of stories to share among themselves and with others if they asked questions. I don't think they knew yet that these stories were going to change the world. At the moment, they were focused on their own interests. They were aware that as wonderful as the stories are, it could make life dangerous for them.

I am sure they felt more secure on the boat, doing what they felt comfortable with. A person doesn't quit fishing just because they didn't catch anything one day. I wonder if any of them thought about “hiring” Jesus so that they could catch more fish, and make a lot more money? Sometimes people want to use God for this very thing. They want Him to only fill the nets of self-importance and self-gratification. Wealth is a blessing when it is received and given properly and virtuously.

In Chapter 6 of John, many wanted to make Jesus a King because He had fed thousands with a miracle of the bread and fish. When He asked them to believe He was the

bread that came down from heaven; and unless you eat His flesh, and drink His Blood you will not have life within you, most turned away. It was Peter, when asked if he would turn away also, replied that he believed Jesus was the Son of God the Messiah. Peter believed that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Peter came to Jesus differently than the others, swimming to Him, but they all began to recognize the need to go to Him in an ever-deeper way. Jesus again uses the breaking of the Bread to let them grow in their recognition of Him. In various degrees we all are still in the process of recognizing Him and are on a journey to know Him, speak of Him, live for Him, serve Him, and love Him in a manner that gives witness to Him to the world.

In some parts of the world, many are "jumping into the water and swimming to Him", recognizing Him as the resurrected Son of God, and discovering Him in the breaking of the Bread; that by faith, they are not letting their own interests stop them from knowing Him in the breaking of the Bread. Letting Him feed them not only all He taught, but His very self for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.

There are places where the number of people who recognize Him in the manner he identifies Himself is increasing. For them, He is the Messiah, and Son of God, the Bread that came down from heaven. There are also places where the opposite is happening. They know about Him, like Him, but are drowning in their self interests, trying to fill nets that one day will break and rot; leaving them far from the shore of what truly brings eternal joy and the fulfillment of their spirit and life. **Aboona**

*Life is not always what one wants it to be, but to make the best of it, as it is, is the only way of being happy.*

~Jennie Jerome Churchill

**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.

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$1,987.00

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

**Liturgy Helps:**

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

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

Apr. 23-24 Catholic Home Missions Appeal  
May 1 National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon  
May 7-8 Fuel Collection

**Liturgy: 4th. Sunday of the Resurrection p. 315/7**

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

**Liturgy Intentions**

- Sat 16 4:00 pm**  
† **Morris Peters**  
By Barbara Atkins
- Sun 17 10:00 am**  
† **Prinella Mitchell**  
By Stephen & Paul Maroon

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

- Mon 18** Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 19 9:00 am**  
† **Theresa Nemer**  
By Joseph & Mary Nader
- Wed 20 9:00 am**  
† **Morris Peters**  
By Cindy Elias
- Thu 21 9:00 am**  
† **Prinella Mitchell**  
By Bernie Thomas Family
- Fri 22 9:00 am**  
† **Elie T. Sleiman & Josephine Salomon**  
By John T. Sleiman
- Sat 23 4:00 pm**  
† **Georges Richard**  
By John T. Sleiman
- Sun 24 10:00 am**  
† **Charlie Maroon**  
By Barbara Atkins

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

**The Relics of a Saint will Soon Be Here!**

Committee, volunteers (and those who are interested in volunteer)

**Meeting: 6 pm, Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>.**

A great deal of time, planning, work, and outreach has gone into the planning of these two days of blessings; now to put it all together. There will be a meeting of the St. Sharbel Relic Committee for all those volunteering and anyone who would like to volunteer.

### April Devotions

**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle** For our Soldiers

By Doris Labranch

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

For For our Soldiers

By Doris Labranch

### Altar Bread

For For Deceased Mem., Jules Cloutier Family

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

### Altar Wine

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph

### 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.

Apr 17 Nancy Fairfield

Apr 23 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Apr 24 Larry & Paula Mitchell

May 1 Larry & Lisa Grard

May 8 Pearley & Alice Lachance

May 15 Lowell & Mary Hawes

May 21 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

May 22 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

May 29 Jim & Rachel Kilbride

### Relics of St. Sharbel – 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Every Maronite Church in the United States will be blessed with the presence of the Sacred Relics of St. Sharbel.

**Please keep the inserts in the Bulletin to keep for the detailed information and to pass on to neighbors and friends.** Make it a special commitment to attend the 6 pm Liturgies. Miracles can happen, do happen, and have happened. Your faith, even if it is only the size of mustard seed, can grow and blossom. "The just one flourishes like a Cedar of Lebanon."

### READERS SCHEDULE

#### Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

Hebrews 13:18-25 John 21:1-14

April 16 Lila Hallowell

17 Joe Rowden

#### Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

Ephesians 2:1-10 John 21:15-19

April 23 Ruth Lunn

24 Joe Rowden

### EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sun 17 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:45 am

Tue 19 6 pm St. Sharbel Committee meeting.  
All volunteers are welcome.

### Thu & Fri 28, 29

Relics of St. Sharbel will be here at the parish.

Thu 28 6 pm Healing Liturgy with Relics (Mass)

Fri 29 6 pm Healing Liturgy with Relics (Mass)

Sat 30 May Day Eve Dance, Church Hall 7-11 \$5

### EVENTS FOR MAY

Sun 1 May Crowning

Sun 1 Rosary Sodality Luncheon (Joseph's)  
12:00 noon

Sun 15 First Communion

### Coffee Schedule

Apr 17 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Apr 24 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

May 1 April Belton & Mary Hawes

May 8 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

May 15 Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin

May 22 Laya Joseph & Rosanna Joseph

May 29 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee

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### May Day Eve Dance:

Let's get together for a fun evening of music and dancing.

**Where:** St. Joseph Church Hall

**When:** Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:00 pm to 11:pm

**Cost:** \$5 per person

You are welcome to bring your own snacks and refreshments.

***Righteousness is the natural and essential food of the soul.***

**~St. Bernard of Clairvaux**