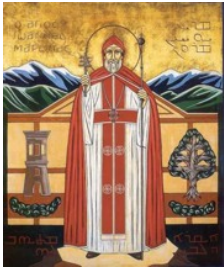


23, 24 January 2016 * Sunday of the Righteous & Just



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“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
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Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me,

I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no

food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The gospel is not about giving out a list to follow, and if you follow it you will be saved and if we don't we will not be saved. Ultimately we are saved by God's loving grace and mercy. Salvation is a relationship with God, our self and our neighbor.

Jesus presents Himself in a manner that makes Him very vulnerable and in some ways unappealing. We can't fake empathy, the ability to feel with the other person. It is a tempting to observe a characteristic or action, and due to our perception and attitude write them off, and declare them unworthy of mercy and understanding.

Every day we make decisions. Some are small,

some are big, but they all add up to something that can become very significant in who we become by the time we stand before the Lord.

Even if a person did not believe in God or Satan, he cannot escape from the difference between truth and lies. When Jesus sits on His throne, He does not turn us into a goat. He simply identifies our chosen characteristics. Until our physical death, we can choose how we will exist for eternity. Jesus has to be presented as the one who identifies and separates; this is because the liar to others is a liar to one's self. By Jesus telling a story of those doing good without knowing they were doing it for Him; He is able to say their goodness came truly from their love for others and not simply motivated to do good as a "form of bribery" to have Jesus ignore the evil they do.

The deceitful know exactly how to charm, who to charm, who to look good in front of, how to make it sound true, how to play on fears, to be convincing ... to get what they want. History is filled with tragedies of leaders who misled with convincing deception. Rich, poor, weak, powerful; no group is immune to having a hardened heart.

It would be great if it were easy to distinguish between those truly in need and those who are manipulating the system. It is better to err on the side of compassion.

Jesus offers a leadership that is motivated by compassion and mercy. The best hand out is the one that is combined with giving the inner moral character Jesus gives to those who believe in Him, that provides dignity, confidence and hope. There are ways of giving that enslaves others, and ways that provide dignity and a means of providing hope and the inner qualities to become free of what it is that enslaves them. **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, Richard Elias, Sr., Jerry Fortin, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Rachel Tode.**

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: Jan 24 Worldwide Charities

Liturgy: Sunday of the Priests

Entrance chant: Pg. 158 Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of St. Peter Pg. 774

This week's Songs: The Song number and page are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 23 4:00 p.m.

† **Abed Daou**

By John Sleiman

† **Brent Williams**

By Paul & Stephen Maroon

Sun 24 10:00 a.m.

† **Charles & Brent Maroon (40 day Liturgy)**

By Mary Maroon & Family

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

Mon 25 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 26 9:00 a.m.

† **Ferdinand Mathieu Family**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Wed 27 9:00 a.m.

† **George Thomas**

By Aboona

Thu 28 9:00 a.m.

† **Prinella Mitchell**

By John & Jeanne thomas

Fri 29 9:00 a.m.

† **Robert Sturtevant**

By Frank & Maria Bouchard

Sat 30 4:00 p.m.

† **Nancy Joseph**

By The Family

† **Khalil & Abou Sleiman & Frangieh Harfoush**

By John Sleiman

Sun 31 10:00 a.m.

† **Prinella Mitchell**

By Frederick Turlo

† **Andrew W. Marozzi Harfuch**

By John Sleiman

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

*The best preparation for good work tomorrow
is to do good work today.*

~ Elbert Hubbard

January Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

Available

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Available

Altar Bread

Available

Altar Wine

Available

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.

Jan 24 Nancy Fairfield
Jan 30 Ann Giguere (Sat)
Jan 31 Jim & Rachel Kilbride
Feb 7 Larry & Paula Mitchell
Feb 14 Larry & Lisa Grard
Feb 21 Pearley & Alice Lachance
Feb 27 Audrey Yotides (Sat)
Feb 28 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

January Food Pantry

Variety soups egg cartons cake mixes
Bisquick Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

M'jadra Luncheon and Talent Show Sunday, February 14 after Liturgy

If you attended the Talent Show, then you already know how much fun it is to participate in the fun. Share with your community of faith your song or dance, or maybe as a musician or magician or entertainer. Come and be entertained and have a great meal too.

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Hebrews 12:18-24	Matthew 25:31-46
Jan 23 Lenore Boles	
24 Joe Rowden	

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

1 Thessalonians	Luke 16:19-31
Jan 30 Ruth Lunn	
31 Joe Rowden	

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Sat 23 4:30-6 p.m. Turkey Dinner \$8.00

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Wed 3 Parish Council 6 p.m.
Sun 7 Cana Sunday – Super Bowl Breakfast
Mon 8 Ash Monday 12 noon, 6 pm Liturgies
Fri 12 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm
6 pm Lenten Devotions
Stations & Veneration of the Cross
Sun 14 M'jadara Luncheon & Talent Show
Fri 19 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm
6 pm Lenten Devotions
Stations & Veneration of the Cross

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Wed 2 Parish Council Meeting 6 p.m.
Fri/Sat 4-5 Parish Retreat
Sun 20 **Hossana Sunday**
Sun 27 **Easter Sunday**

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sun 10 Lebanese Supper
Thur 28, 29 Relics of St. Sharbel will be here at the parish.
Sat 30 Spring Dance in Church Hall

Coffee Schedule

Jan 24 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee
Jan 31 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahan
Feb 7 Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast
Feb 14 M'jadara Luncheon
Feb 21 Shana Page & Jodi Veilleux
Feb 28 Susan Webber & Elizabeth Wilson
Mar 6 Audrey Yotides & Mary Bard

MYO Schedule: 3/6, 4/3, 5/1

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,209.00

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