

# May 28, 2017 Sunday after the Ascension



## St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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*"The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church"*

St. John XXIII, Pope

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 9:00 a.m. weekdays are 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 the rectory.
- Confessions:** One half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** Please call the rectory.
- Marriage:** Call the rectory a **minimum 6 months** before finalizing the date of your wedding.

\*Suggested donations: Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$25  
Mass Stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15

**Choir Director:** Fefa Deeb    **Sacristan:** Laurie Nale    **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell

**Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1<sup>st</sup>; Jane Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Shana Page, 3-5<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Council:** Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Gard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Paula Mitchell, Mark Morin, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson

**Ex-officio:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, Catechism; Shana Page, Rosary Sodality; Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

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### This Day's Gospel

#### Saint John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, **"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."**

### Aboona's Weekly Reflection

The last couple weeks I have been impressed by the generous work and devotion of many of you to the parish. These have been hard times. It is a tribute to your faith and charity to see you step forward in these difficult days. It is edifying to witness, and gratifying to share in this apostolate. May the Compassionate One shed His light, grace and blessings on you and your families for such generosity.

We the baptized are all members of the one Church that is an extension through time and space of the divine Mystery of the Messiah – the Word-made-

flesh. Once glorified at the Right Hand of the Father in His Ascension, Our Lord remains present to mankind, continuing His presence and work of salvation through His Church. The Church is an extension of the Incarnation. In various manners and in a multitude of ways is this accomplished, but especially through the divine Mysteries -- the Sacraments.

In the Mystical Body of Christ, our tradition from the beginning has been to call those men "shepherds" who have been consecrated to the holy priesthood in the Sacred Mystery of Holy Orders. In each generation their vocation is to work with the flock of Christ in all His members as they together move toward the Great Day of the Lord. In the West, we call these men by the Latin term, "pastor." Regionally, the work is accomplished by the bishop, and locally by the parish priest.

As stated in the rites of ordination, and in the sacred canons, the primary and fundamental responsibility of these shepherds is to guide, to teach and to sanctify. They do this through leadership, direction, catechesis, sermons, counsel, and especially as stewards of the Mysteries of God in the sacramental rites, primarily in the Holy Eucharist. For these men, these offices are both privileges and serious obligations.

One of the primary responsibilities of the pastor as laid out by the sacred canons is that of offering each week, on the Lord's Day, the Sacrifice of the Mass for the intentions of the parishioners. As a result, the private intentions for which the Mass may be offered might be limited and subordinated to this scheduled obligation. In the future - perhaps sometime in September - we will begin to schedule the Mass Intention *for the Faithful of the Parish* as the regular Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m. Obviously, there may be exceptions to this, namely when there is an Anniversary of death on the actual date of a Forty Day Mass that will need to be offered on the Sunday itself. We will work to make this happen. On the weekends when this does occur the Mass at 4:00 p.m. will then be offered *for the Faithful of the Parish*.

May the Holy *Qoorbono*, the Divine Eucharistic Sacrifice, ever remain the center and source of our lives as Maronite Catholics.

## **Be sure your cell phone is turned-off or silenced**

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

**May 28 Catholic Communication  
June 10, 11 Fuel collection**

### **LITURGY INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>27</b>	4:00 pm <b>†Georges T. Abou Sleiman</b> (John Sleiman)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>	10:00 am <b>†Andrea Nagem</b> (Joe Ferris)
<b>Mon</b>	<b>29</b>	Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
<b>Tue</b>	<b>30</b>	9:00 am <b>†Lester Giguere</b> (Ann Giguere)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>31</b>	9:00 am <b>†Ferdinand &amp; Antonette Mathieu</b> (Dan & Pam Casavant)
<b>Thu</b>	<b>1</b>	9:00 am <b>†Alfred Joseph</b> (Cindy Elias)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>2</b>	9:00 am <b>†Prinella Mitchell</b> (John Sleiman)
<b>Sat</b>	<b>3</b>	4:00 pm <b>†Kathleen Griffin</b> (Susan Pare)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4</b>	10:00 am <b>†Richard Willette</b> (Larry & Paula Mitchell)

**Liturgical notes:** † = Deceased, SI = Special Intention, AV = Anniversary, H = Health

### **MAY FOOD PANTRY**

Toilet paper    Family Sized items – soups, Ravioli  
Condiments    Juice in plastic containers  
**Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.**

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

**Regular Collection:** \$1,463.00  
*May God richly reward your generosity!*

If you are not receiving envelopes,  
please let the office know.

*Heal Thy servants, who are sick,  
O Lord, and send them help  
and comfort from Thy Holy Place*

**Those for whom we prayer:** Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Sierra Lee, Darrell Mitchell, Doreen Nader, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber.

### **MAY DEVOTIONS**

#### ***St. Joseph 14-day Sanctuary Candle***

Special Intention  
(Gerard Brouillard)

#### ***Altar Bread***

Shackie & Rosemarie Joseph  
(Rosanna Joseph)

#### ***Altar Wine***

Deceased Members of the Philip Veilleux Family  
(Larry & Paula Mitchell)

### **MARONITE CHARITY APPEAL**

You have received information regarding the Maronite Charity Appeal. This year we are asked to raise \$4,000 for the needs of the Maronite Church. This money goes for the education of seminarians, support of the retired priests, and various charities of the Maronite Church. Ordinarily this is done during Lent, but due to the collection for fuel, we delayed this Appeal.

### **Readers' Schedule**

#### **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**

Ephesians 1:15-23                      Saint John 13:31-35

**May 21** Lila Hallowell  
22 Joe Rowden

#### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2:1-21                              Saint John 14:15-20

**June 4** Ruth Lunn  
5 Joe Rowden

### **COFFEE SCHEDULE**

May 28 Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin  
June 4 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee  
June 11 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton  
June 18 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon  
Larry & Gareth (*Summer*)

### **VOCATION ICON**

*"Request therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."* St. Matthew 9:38

May 20 Ann Giguere (Sat)  
May 21 Larry & Lisa Grard  
May 27 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)  
May 28 Jim & Mary Jo Hodgkin  
June 4 David & Jane Lee  
June 11 Lowell & Mary Hawes  
June 17 Audrey Yotides (Sat)  
June 18 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

### **EVENTS FOR JUNE**

June 7 Parish Council Meeting  
June 24 K of C Ham Dinner 4:30-6:00 \$10