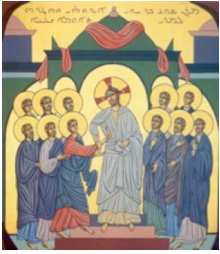


22, 23 April 2017 * New Sunday



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St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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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	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, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Mark Morin, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson	Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.	

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:24-31

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." Now a week later His disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, **"Peace be with you."** Then He said to Thomas, **"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."** Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, **"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."** Conclusion: Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of [His] disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,

and that through this belief you may have life in His name.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

It has always fascinated me that Jesus did so "many other signs" in the presence of His disciples that it was impossible to write everything down. The Scriptures do have enough necessary information for us to believe that Jesus is the Messiah. There comes a time when nothing more can be said to change a person's mind about what they believe. Sometimes the only way a person can grow spiritually is when they are willing to be changed by the reality of the Life of Jesus.

If the Bible tried to give a detailed explanation for every question throughout history a person might think about, the Bible could never be finished. Each one of us, without even knowing it, has criteria for what is necessary for us to believe. Blessed are those who can believe without seeing His wounds. Jesus is not saying

Thomas was not blessed for seeing His wounds, but that there are a variety of ways we come to belief without actually touching His wounds. Sometimes we become “unblessed” because in our pride we come with demands or expectations of what a god needs to be like in order for us to believe. Blessed is the one who does not get to see their definitions of a god, but believes what has been revealed to us through the preaching of the Apostles and the Bishops that followed concerning the faith reveals the true nature of the One true God.

Truth can be found in Scripture and through Sacred Tradition of the Apostles and the Church. History shows without a balanced belief in Scripture, Tradition, and Apostolic authority serious errors can be made in the understanding and actions of believers.

Jesus is always reaching out to us even in our doubts. He respects our free will, and it is up to us to place our life in His hands. Thomas touched His wounds, and Jesus touches our wounds through our coming to Him and accepting what is true about Him.

Jesus cannot offer us something that is not true. So if we pray for something that is not true, we cannot make it true no matter how sincere or convinced we are.

Truth does set us free; free to head in the right direction. In Thomas wanting to touch the wounds of Jesus it becomes a challenge for all of us. Do we use ours to embrace more deeply the wounded Christ, or become absorbed in our own wounds and desire no message from Him that heals? Thomas believed that eternal life was on the other side of suffering through and with Jesus. **Aboona**

Thank YOU!

I wish to thank everyone who was involved in making the Holy Week Services a source of inspiration. The Choir, servers, ushers, clean up, decorators, readers, Apostles, and computer operator for giving of your time and talents.

Thank You Also!

For the many cards and Easter gifts! I certainly appreciate the many ways in which you show your warmth and affection.

Aboona

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections Apr. 29, 30 Catholic Home Missions
 May 6, 7 National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon
 May 13, 14 Fuel Collection

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Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 22** 4:00 pm
 † **John Sleiman**
 By Family in Paris
- Sun 23** 10:00 am
 † **Alfred Joseph (40 Day Liturgy)**
 By Ruth Joseph

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

- Mon 24** Father’s day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 25** 9:00 am
 † **The Thomas & Veilleux Families**
 By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Wed 26** 9:00 am
 † **Bridget Irene Whitman**
 By Ann Giguere
- Thu 27** 9:00 am
 † **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**
 By John Sleiman
- Fri 28** 9:00 am
 † **Theresa & Cathi Lee**
 By John & Jeanne Thomas
- Sat 29** 4:00 pm
 † **Jean Marie Cunningham**
 By John Sleiman
- Sun 30** 10:00 am
 † **Valerie Joy Tieman**
 By Joe & Lyn Rowden

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

April Food Pantry

Ravioli Stews
 Jiffy Mixes Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

READER'S SCHEDULE

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: **Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Sierra Lee, Darrell Mitchell, Mary Morneau, Doreen Nader, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, **no food or drinks in church**, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$3,476.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

April Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For **Special Intention**

By Gerard Brouillard

St. Jude Shrine 7 day Sanctuary Candle

Altar Bread

For **John & Margaret Joseph Family**

By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Sunday,

April 23rd

Notre Dame Church with Fr. Matt:

2 pm – 2:40 pm: Reconciliation

2:50 – 4 pm Exposition/ Chaplet/ Benediction

Fellowship Afterwards.

"No one would have crossed the ocean if he could have gotten off the ship in the storm."

– Charles F. Kettering

New Sunday

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 John 20:26-31

April 22 Ruth Lunn
23 Joe Rowden

Third Sunday of the Resurrection

2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 24:13-35

April 29 Lenore Boles
30 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sun 30 5 – 6:30 pm Lebanese Supper

EVENTS FOR MAY

Sun 7 May Crowning

7 Rosary Banquet 12:00 Joseph's Fireside

Sun 14 Mother's Day

Sun 21 First Holy Communion

Coffee Schedule

Apr 23 Elizabeth Wilson & Rosanna Joseph

Apr 30 NO COFFEE

May 7 Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes

May 14 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton (Mother's Day)

May 21 Cindy Elias & Mary Nader

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 **for the Summer**

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

"Request therefore of The Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest." Matt. 9:38

Apr 22 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Apr 23 Larry & Lisa Grard

Apr 29 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Apr 30 Lowell & Mary Hawes

May 6 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

May 7 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

May 14 Pearley & Alice Lachance