

# 25, 26 March 2017 \* Healing of the Paralytic



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### The Paralytic

#### “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.

<b>Choir Director:</b> Fefa Deeb	<b>Sacristan:</b> Laurie Nale	<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Paula Mitchell
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<b>Parish Council:</b> Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Mark Morin, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson	<b>Ex-officio:</b> Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.	

**Mark 2:1-12** When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, **“Child, your sins are forgiven.”** Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?” Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, **“Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth”** — he said to the paralytic, **“I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.”** He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone.

They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

#### **Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

It is not wise to tear someone’s roof apart but it does get the point across. For the longest time I had this image of them up on the roof tearing it open. Actually if I had lived there, I would know that as this newer translation says, “they opened up the roof” meaning that many roofs had little doors to go up on the roof to dry food to preserve it for later. Even so, hoisting up a grown man up to a roof and then lowering him down was no easy task. We can ask our selves, what kind of effort do we make to bring someone closer to Jesus, because we know He is a healer. How many “roofs” do we have blocking out the will of God for our lives? Staying close to the Lord is not always easy; believing in His power is even more of a challenge. It is difficult to change our life style even when we know it will make us a more healthy and happy person in the future. We struggle to give up the short-lived pleasure of certain foods and behaviors even when we know it is not good for us. Good friends help us get through our barriers. When we really trust someone, and are able to share our

deepest thoughts, our barriers and challenges come into the healing light. Friends that are true and concerned about what is best for us, encourage us to grow toward the Lord and grow in physical and spiritual health. They are not afraid to challenge us. Forgiving sins is difficult because we have to face and admit we need forgiveness. When we are hurt our emotions do not tell us to forgive, but to get even or nurture the hurt rather than the healing. Faith asks us to use our will and beliefs rather than our impulse to attack or run away.

Most serious illnesses are obvious and the discomfort and pain thrusts us forward to plea for a remedy to find relief and healing. The pain of sin is not nearly as obvious as physical pain, and so we are tempted to ignore our spiritual and moral health. Keep nurturing the Faith, trust in the Lord and He will bring us to the light. Jesus is a Divine light that opens the path to wholeness. Let not the shadows of the sins and failings of others we encounter on this path confuse and discourage us to continue this living path. **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: **Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Darrell Mitchell, 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.

**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.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

Abstinence from meat is observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all faithful from the ages of 18 to 65.

Fasting from all food and drink (except water and medicine) is to be observed from midnight until noon **on Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion.** Optional would be the traditional abstinence from meat on Wednesdays.

Those who are unable to fast because of health must perform other penances and acts of charity.

**Liturgy Helps:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections** Apr. 8, 9 Fuel Collection  
Apr. 29, 30 Catholic Home Missions

**Liturgy: Healing of the Paralytic**

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**Liturgy Intentions**

- Sat 25 4:00 pm**  
† **Fr. Paul Coury**  
By The Parish
- Sun 26 10:00 am**  
† **JP**  
By Bob Asselin, Susan Mitchell
- † **Cathi Lee**  
By Bob Asselin, Susan Mitchell

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

- Mon 27 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 28 12:00 noon  
† **Theresa Casavant, John & Marietta Thomas**  
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Wed 29 12:00 noon  
† **Marie Morgan**  
By Ann Giguere
- Thu 30 12:00 noon  
† **Elias Karam & Rosa Saad**  
By John Sleiman
- Fri 31 12:00 noon  
† **Theresa Lee**  
By Fefa Deeb
- Sat 1 4:00 pm**  
† **Khalil, Abou Sleiman & Frangieh Harfoush**  
By John Sleiman
- Sun 2 10:00 am**  
† **Richard Elias (1<sup>st</sup> Anni)**  
By Cindy Elias

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

**March Food Pantry**

Ravioli                      Stews  
Jiffy Mixes                  Personal care items

**Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.**

## **Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$2,270.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

## **March Devotions**

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

For Special Intention

By Ruth Lunn

### **St. Jude Shrine 7 day Sanctuary Candle**

For Special Intention

By Ruth Lunn

## **Altar Bread**

For Special Intention

By Ruth Lunn

## **Altar Wine**

For Special Intention

By Ruth Lunn

**"Your past is always going to be the way it was. Stop trying to change it."**

- Anon

**"To dream of the person you would like to be is to waste the person you are."**

- Anon

## **READERS SCHEDULE**

### **Healing of the Paralytic**

1 Timothy 5:24-6:5 Mark 2:1-12

March 25 Lisa Hallowell

26 Joe Rowden

### **Healing of the Blind Man**

2 Corinthians 10:1-7 Mark 10:46-52

April 1 Ruth Lunn

2 Joe Rowden

## **EVENTS FOR MARCH**

Thu 30 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Fri 31 Haddock Supper – Station of the Cross  
6 pm Lenten Devotions  
Stations & Veneration of the Cross

## **EVENTS FOR APRIL**

Sun 2 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30 am

Tue 4 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Thu 6 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Fri 7 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm  
6 pm Lenten Devotions  
Stations & Veneration of the Cross

Sun 9 Palm Sunday – Holy Week Starts

Sun 16 Easter Sunday

Sun 30 Lebanese Supper

### **Coffee Schedule**

Mar 26 Jody Veilleux & Susan Webber

Apr 2 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Apr 9 Mary Bard & Jan Bourque (Palm Sunday)

Apr 16 Betty Michaud & Rosanna Joseph (Easter Sunday)

Apr 23 Elizabeth Wilson & Rosanna Joseph

Apr 30 Lenore Boles & Pam Casavant

## **Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations**

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

Mar 25 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Mar 26 David & Jody Veilleux

Apr 2 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Apr 8 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Apr 9 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Apr 16 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Apr 22 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Apr 23 Larry & Lisa Grard

Apr 29 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Apr 30 Lowell & Mary Hawes