

18, 19 March 2017 * Parable of the Prodigal Son



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The Prodigal Son

“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.

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Luke 1:11-32 “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran

and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of

yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We know this story well; a son brings shame to his family by demanding from his father his inheritance and heading off to some far off place to embrace a lifestyle that leaves him with no money, a rotten reputation, and an identity he himself would reject. He reached a point where his status was to eat what was in a pig trough.

The older son took on the identity of a victim feeding off resentment. Wanting to feel loved but using all the wrong thoughts, judgments, and moral interpretations that almost eliminated the chance to know his blessings and his loving father.

Both reached a level of misery where something needed to change or they would die far from knowing a father’s love. The younger was even far away geographically. The younger came to his senses and returned. He knew he had to change the way he was living his life or he would die, both physically and spiritually.

The older son didn’t know that he had to come to his senses; to change his way of thinking. His first reaction to the return of his brother was understandable anger. His younger brother could have died and never again be home with his father. The older was with his father only physically but not spiritually.

The father in his own way, in responding to the unique situation greeted the younger knowing that he was sorry had come to his senses. With his older son, he came out to talk to him. Gave him a message. To forgive is intimately connected to being forgiven. The hope of the father is that his first born will also come to his senses; to think rightly, to believe faithfully, to live his teachings and be both physically and spiritually alive. **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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections Apr. 8, 9 Fuel Collection
Apr. 29, 30 CatholicHome Missions

Liturgy: Parable of the Prodigal Son

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 18 4:00 pm

H David Joseph

By Sandy Napolitano

Sun 19 10:00 am

† Mary Bellamah Maroon

By Paul & Stephen Maroon

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

Mon 20 Father’s day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 21 12:00 noon

† Theresa Casavant, John & Marietta Thomas

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Wed 22 12:00 noon

† Medelise Summa

By Ann Giguere

Thu 23 12:00 noon

† Alfred Joseph (Birthday)

By Ruth Joseph

Fri 24 12:00 noon

† Tannous K Abou Sleian & Tamam Saad

By John Sleiman

Sat 25 4:00 pm

† Fr. Paul Coury

By The Parish

Sun 26 10:00 am

† JP

By Bob Asselin, Susan Mitchell

† Cathi Lee

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

A Change in the Weekday Liturgy Schedule

I strongly encourage you to make weekday Liturgy during the Lenten Season. I am hoping that with **Liturgy at noon** more people will find it possible to attend. After a period of time we will evaluate whether to continue during Lent to have it at noon.

