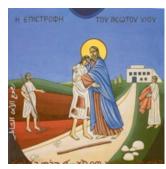
## 18, 19 March 2017 \* Parable of the Prodigal Son



# St. Joseph Maronite Gatholic Church

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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

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

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## **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
By Bob Asselin, Susan Mitchell

**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.

Lent is here; now would be a good time to pray for discernment in how you can make this Holy Season a spiritually enriching one for you.

## **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.

### **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.

## **March Food Pantry**

Ravioli Stews

Jiffy Mixes Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

#### **Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$1,331.00 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** 

#### READERS SCHEDULE

## Parable of the Prodigal Son

2 Corinthians 13:5-13 Luke 1:11-32

March 18 Lenore Boles 19 Joe Rowden

## **Healing of the Paralytic**

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

March 25 Lisa Hallowell 26 Joe Rowden

## **EVENTS FOR MARCH**

Fri 17 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm 6 pm Lenten Devotions Stations & Veneration of the Cross Lenten Retreat Begins 6:30 pm

Sat 18 Second Session of retreat 10:30 am

Break for lunch

Retreat Continues 1:00 pm

Liturgy 4:00 pm

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Supper

4:30 - 6:00 pm \$10

Sun 19 Retreat concludes with 10 am Liturgy

Thu 23 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Fri 24 Haddock Supper – Station of the Cross

Thu 30 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Fri 31 Haddock Supper – Station 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 Lenten Retreat Begins 6:30 pm

Sun 9 Palm Sunday – Holy Week Starts

Sun 16 Easter Sunday

Sun 30 Lebanese Supper

## **Coffee Schedule**

Mar19 Shana Page & Dale SturtevantMar26 Jody Veilleux & Susan Webber

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)

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Apr 23 Elizabeth Wilson & Rosanna Joseph

## **Vocation Icon - Prayers for Vocations**

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

Mar 19 Lowell & Mary Hawes

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