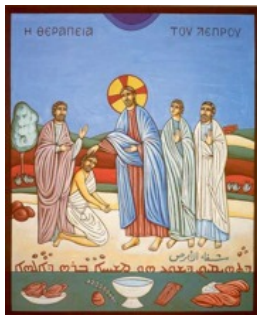


4, 5 March 2017 * Healing of the Leper



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Man with Leprosy

The Weekly Video of Our Sunday Liturgy can be found on our Web Site <http://www.sjmaronite.org>

"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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Mark 1:32-45

The Evangelist said: When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to Him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and He drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew Him. Rising very early before dawn, He left and went off to a deserted place, where He prayed. Simon and those who were with Him pursued Him and on finding Him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, **"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."** So He went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. A leper came to Him [and kneeling down] begged Him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, **"I do will it. Be made clean."** The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, He dismissed him at once. Then He said to him, **"See that you tell no one anything,**

but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to Him from everywhere.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The beginning of the Gospel starts with the ill and possessed being brought to Jesus at night. This is a way of telling us that darkness and night were equated with the time of evil. It is at night in the cover of darkness that many sins are committed and when people "wake up" sick.

Jesus is not afraid of the darkness and in fact, confronts the darkness with His healing power. Then, Jesus gets up when it is still dark to go to a deserted place to pray. This is to remind all of us that we need to pray; that we must find a quiet place to face our darkness. Actually we have no choice but face our darkness. The question is, do we want to face it, and choose the way that heals and transforms rather

than a way that hides, distorts, and numbs it in some manner that only makes it more difficult to overcome later on? When we find God; the dawn will come; we become whole and complete.

With His prayer and fasting, Jesus was able to continue to drive out evil, to drive out demons. This is challenging to us; to think about people needing demons cast out of their lives. There is no need to try to prove there are demons or evil powers. We do not have a choice; we are fighting against something. We are fighting against illnesses of all kinds. We know there is an overwhelming abundance of grieving, suffering, in sorrow and people in pain struggling to make it through the day or week, or month.

We all know and have watched some force just take over someone against all logic and begin to destroy this person. Sometimes it is decisions of the mind, and sometimes it is the development of a physical illness.

The Leper was an outcast due to fear. He had an illness that was repulsive to his self and to others. All kinds of opinions and beliefs surrounded the reason for him having it, none of it appealing. Jesus does will for us to be healed, to be made clean, to be made whole. The man knew what he wanted because he knew he had the Leprosy.

For us to be healed, we have to be honest about what we need from Jesus. We are only made clean and whole through our honesty with Him. We have heard that Jesus is a healer, and that He loves us with sacrificial love.

We may not be possessed by a demon, but we all find ourselves at one time or another struggling with some aspect of who we are and no longer want to be. When we know and believe that God loves us, not some external covering, but our real self, we will seek Him. When we truly believe He loves us, the evil and darkness that lurks in all of us, is faced and the gaze of the Savior begins to transform who we are. It is Lent, let us pray and fast and grow strong in the mercy and grace of the Lord. **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 Mar. 11, 12 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Healing of the Leper

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

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 4 4:00 pm**
† **Ann Jensen**
By Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Jensen
- Sun 5 10:00 am**
† **Cathi Lee (40 Day Liturgy)**
By The Family

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

- Mon 6 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 7 12:00 noon
SI Don & Marcia Kendra
By Don & Marcia Kendra
- Wed 8 12:00 noon
† **Theresa Casavant, John & Marietta Thomas**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- Thu 9 12:00 noon
† **Peter Muzzerole**
By Ann Giguere
- Fri 10 12:00 noon
† **William Elias**
By Janet George
- Sat 11 4:00 pm**
† **Khalil & Abou Sleiman & Frangieh Harfoush**
By John Sleiman
- Sun 12 10:00 am**
† **Theresa Lee (40 Day Liturgy)**
By The Family

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.

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Alfred Joseph**, especially his beloved wife **Ruth**. May the angels of paradise carry him to the Heavenly kingdom of peace and joy.

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 \$1,549.00
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 7 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

Healing of the Leper

Romans 6:12-23	Mark 1:35-45
March 4	Lila Hallowell
5	Joe Rowden

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

2 Corinthians 7:4-11	Luke 8:40-56
March 11	Ruth Lunn
12	Lauraine Mansur

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Tue	7	6 pm Parish Council in the Hall
Fri	10	Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm 6 pm Lenten Devotions Stations & Veneration of the Cross
Sun	12	Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30/45 am
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

Coffee Schedule

Mar	5	April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell
Mar	12	Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton
Mar	19	Shana Page & Dale Sturtevant
Mar	26	Jody Veilleux & Susan Webber
Apr	2	Elizabeth Wilson & Rosanna Joseph
Apr	9	Mary Bard & Jan Bourque (Palm Sunday)

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

We will be changing the way we schedule the Vocation Icon to allow more options. For now, we will schedule a person once a month or less often.

Aramaic/Syriac Bible

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

Mar	5	Pearley & Alice Lachance
Mar	11	Ann Giguere (Sat)
Mar	12	Larry & Lisa Gard
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

Hope to see you at Friday Stations of the Cross at least once.

Sometimes circumstances are such that song choices must be changed at the last minute.

Song Books are located in the pews.

LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Healing of the Leper

Lighting of the Church: SB - Pg. 21 #135 or

LB -Pg.5 Jesus, Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: LB - Pg. 196

In His Great Love

* **Entrance Chant:** LB - Pg. 167

Glory: SB - Pg. 1 # 03

Glory(for Lent)

Hymn: SB - Pg. 60 #305

Qamt Maryam

Creed Pg. 748

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Transfer of Gifts: LB - Pg. 750

The Lord Reigns

Incense Hymn: SB – Pg. 3 #08

Anaphora: St. James

LB - Page 794

Peace Hymn: SB Pg. 40 #176

Tooba Lisa

Anaphora Acclamations after Consecration:
when Sung: SB - Pg. 4 # 10

Communion:

Psalm 100 (Choir)

After Communion:

Closing Song:

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***“The Catholic Church, East and West,
breathes as two lungs in the same body.”***

St. John Paul II, Pope of Rome

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

- Anon