

18, 19 February 2017 * Sunday of the Faithful Departed



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St. Maron

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.

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.	

Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers

— that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In Jesus telling this story, what is He trying to get us to think about? For most people who hear this gospel are neither the rich man ignoring a man who is a torturous situation, nor the man who is relying on the comfort of dogs to ease his pain. Actually, we could easily be both at some point in our life.

With the technology of today, we can be aware of every form of misery throughout the world just by searching for it on our computers. We can be numb to the pain of the world, or have the feelings with no action. We can be Lazarus living close enough to every luxury there is and feel wretched. Again, through our computers we can live a virtual life saturated in "alternative" facts overly obsessed with

the likes and approving twitters. Using the symbol of the Gospel, it is the dog that lessens our pain of being human.

God so loved the world He sent His only-begotten Son. This Gospel is not saying to be rich is evil, to love pets, or find comfort, entertainment and knowledge with a computer. They should not be escapes from the real world to feed the brokenness, but feed the part that leads to wholeness.

Good things are given to us, and those good things must be used for good. The Good thing that is given to us is the ability to love and feel loved. Studies on happiness continuously affirm that the societies that rate the happiest are those who have deep loving relationships with their family and friends. Like the rich man we all have to search deeply into our hearts who and why we have Lazarus's in life; that we just can't seem to have empathy for them. We also sometimes need to look deep into our self in how we handle the unfairness of life. When we let the experiences of unfairness dominate our personality, we become less appealing; they become a sore.

When we live according to the will of God, the beauty of God transforms the giver of empathy, and makes beautiful the one who is not. The compassion and mercy of God made Lazarus beautiful and whole. This particular rich man did not extend the nature of God to himself nor to the other. **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.

2016 Contribution Letters were mailed

Let us know of any errors and you need a corrected one if you itemize.

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

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections Mar. 11, 12 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

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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

† **John Sleiman**

By Relatives in Paris

Sun 19 10:00 am

† **Reginald Michaud**

By Knights of Columbus 11303

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 for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 21 9:00 am

† **Lester Giguere**

By Ann Giguere

Wed 22 9:00 am

† **The Thomas & Veilleux Families**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Thu 23 9:00 am

† **Theresa Casavant & John & Marietta Thomas**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Fri 24 9:00 am

† **Prinella Mitchell**

By John Sleiman

Sat 25 4:00 pm

† **John Sleiman**

By Relatives in Paris

Sun 26 10:00 am

SI **Emily & Josh Fournier**

By Joe & Lynn Rowden

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

February Food Pantry

Condiments Family sized items – soups, Ravioli
Toilet paper Juice in plastic containers

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,343.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

February Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention

By Gerald Brouillard

St. Jude 7 Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention of Josh & Emily Fournier

By Joe & Lyn Rowden

Altar Bread

Special Intention of Aaron & Heather Rowden

By Joe & Lyn Rowden

Altar Wine

Available

Endowment Fund Update

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We are proud to announce that our parishioners and friends have pledged \$435,000 to date toward our initial goal of \$500,000. There are still parishioners we have yet to contact so please expect a phone call or letter soon to discuss your participation. We hope to reach our goal before St. Joseph's 90th anniversary in August. Please feel free to contact Fr. Larry or one of the Endowment Committee members for more information. We thank all of you for your continued support of St. Joseph's.

-Endowment Committee

M'jadra Luncheon and Talent Show

Sunday, February 26th at 11:30 AM

A great Lenten meal and free entertainment.

Menu: Salad, yogurt, olives, Lebanese Bread, M'jadra (Lentils), Macaroni & Cheese, and dessert.

If you attended the Talent show in the past, then you already know how much fun it is to participate in this yearly event. From the singing of the 10 days of "Lent" using Lebanese words for foods, Aboona playing his accordion, and the sharing of other talents by young and less young alike makes for an enjoyable time to be together.

Share with your community of faith your song or dance, or maybe as a musician or magician or entertainer. Come and be entertained and have a great meal too. See Marie Deeb to add your name to the list of distinguished entertainers.

"We must constantly build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Luke 16:19-31

Feb 18 Ruth Lunn

19 Joe Rowden

Cana Sunday – Beginning of Lent

Romans 14:14-23 John 2:1-11

Feb 25 Lenore Boles

26 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sun 26 M'jadra Luncheon & Talent Show 11:30

Mon 27 Ash Monday 12 noon, 6 pm Liturgies

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Fri 3 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm
6 pm Lenten Devotions

Stations & Veneration of the Cross

Tue 7 6 pm Parish Council in the Hall

Fri 10 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm
6 pm Lenten Devotions

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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

Sat 18 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Supper
4:30 – 6:00 pm \$10

Coffee Schedule

Feb 26 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon

Mar 5 April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

Mar 12 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Mar 19 Shana Page & Dale Sturtevant

Mar 26 Jody Veilleux & Susan Webber

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

Feb 18 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Feb 19 David & Jane Lee

Feb 25 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Feb 26 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Mar 5 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Mar 11 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Mar 12 Larry & Lisa Grard

Mar 19 Lowell & Mary Hawes

Mar 26 David & Jody Veilleux