

11, 12 February 2017 * Sunday of the Righteous and Just



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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.	

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in

prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Recently someone asked me if someone who is not a Catholic can go to heaven; what if a person is not a Christian, can they go to heaven. Certainly, as

Catholics we believe that salvation comes through Jesus Christ. The Word made flesh, the Son of God, died for our sins so that we would not have to pay the price of death, but have eternal life. In this Gospel, we are provided a context in which to understand this teaching.

Sometimes people are saved by someone they don't know; a stranger that happened to be there to pull them out of the water before they drowned, a quick-thinking stranger who knew what to do when someone is choking or need emergency care. There are a variety of ways in which saving acts can be accomplished by an unnamed person. There are people who do not reject the actions of compassion and mercy. In this is the story here.

There are people who know the story of Jesus, they believe in Him in an emotional and intellectual way but they may be actually rejecting the essence of who He is in this Gospel. The hungry, the naked, the imprisoned, the thirsty, those who need to be welcomed. There are those who can't believe in Jesus because of the self-righteousness and hypocrisy of some professing Christians. They might be rigid fundamentalists who take the Scriptures, but when it comes to this parable, they place so many conditions that they are no longer seeing Jesus, but are blind, not able to see through their judgments.

There is a danger in separating faith from works. One without the other; is haphazard ideals or brittle laws. Leave it up to Jesus to sort through the complexity of humanness. He knows when He is hungry and thirsty and who responded. **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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections Feb. 11, 12 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Sunday of the Righteous and Just
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Page numbers for the Prayers and Songs are on the back cover of the Bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 11 4:00 pm
† **Georges T. Abou Sleiman**
By John Sleiman

Sun 12 10:00 am
† **Georgette Veilleux**
By Larry & Paula Mitchell

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

Mon 13 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 14 9:00 am
† **Lester Giguere**
By Ann Giguere

Wed 15 9:00 am
† **Simone Laviec**
By John Sleiman

Thu 16 9:00 am
† **Theresa Casavant & John & Marietta Thomas**
By Dan & Pam Casavant

Fri 17 9:00 am
† **Susan Surette**
By Dan & Pam Casavant

Sat 18 4:00 pm
† **John Sleiman**
By Relatives in Paris

Sun 19 10:00 am
† **Reginald Michaud**
By Knights of Columbus 11303

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 \$2,651.00
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 & Lynn Rowden

Altar Bread

Special Intention of Aaron & Heather Rowden

By Joe & Lynn 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

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to, **the Lee Family**, for the loss of their beloved sister, **Cathi**, and mother **Theresa**, who passed away recently. We pray that the Lord God may grant her rest in His kingdom and consolation to her family and loved ones.

Fundraiser for Caritas - Winner of the Valentine

Basket – Elizabeth Wilson.

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Hebrews 12:18-24 Mathew 25:31-46

Feb 11 Lila Hallowell
 12 Lauraine Mansur

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

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

Feb 18 Ruth Lunn
 19 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sun 12 Rosary Meeting 11:30/45 am

Sun 26 Cana Sunday – M'Jadra Luncheon 11:30

Mon 27 Ash Monday

Coffee Schedule

Feb 12 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton
Feb 19 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee
Feb 26 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon
Mar 5 April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell
Mar 12 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

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 12 Larry & Lisa Gard
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 Gard
Mar 19 Lowell & Mary Hawes

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.