

14, 15 January 2017 * Second Sunday After Epiphany



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Epiphany

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.	

John 1:35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”
The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, **“What are you looking for?”** They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, **“Come and see.”** They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, **“You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas”** (which is translated Peter).

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The more we understand what we are looking for, the more convinced we become that Jesus is the one to follow. The two disciples heard something that held their attention; they wanted to follow Him to find out more about the man called the Lamb of God. Jesus teaches us many profound truths and these truths will set us free.

Did you know that the word personal doesn’t show up in the New Testament? When someone asks you if you have accepted Jesus as your “personal” Lord and Savior, this is not a Bible phrase. Jesus did not start “personal” units of believers, but believers united in one faith, His church, the Mystical Body of Christ. Not personal individual pieces, but one Body. Jesus calls all of us through one another. Each one of us increases or decreases the ability for others to hear the call of Jesus.

The first thing we hear is that He takes away the sins of the world. To the degree we would like to have sin taken away from our self and others, is the

degree we recognize Him as someone worth following.

To use the word "personal" is not wrong; our relationship with Jesus Christ is a relationship of intimacy and one that is person to person. It just needs to be understood in the right context. Jesus is known as a person, and what is true about Him is not according to our personal understanding, but to an acceptance of His revelation to us.

We do not want others to believe false things about us, especially if it means conflict and division among friends. It is our sins that cause the conflict and tension between each other, and tension is not supposed to be the motivation to come up with "new" things to believe. Often it is a call to deepen our understanding and search out how God is calling us to greater holiness. **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: **Fr. Bill Clark, Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Theresa Lee, 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.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,724.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections

Jan. 21, 22 Bishops' Worldwide Charities

Liturgy: Second Sunday After Epiphany

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 14 4:00 pm

† **Hayatte Haddad Abou Sleiman**

By John Sleiman

Sun 15 10:00 am

† **Prinella Mitchell**

By John Sleiman

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

Mon 16 11:00 am

† **Funeral Liturgy for Charles George**

Tue 17 9:00 am

† **Marion Maroon**

By Scott Maroon

Wed 18 9:00 am

† **Lester Giguere**

By Ann Giguere

Thu 19 9:00 am

† **Ann Jensen**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Fri 20 9:00 am

† **Reiner Schoeneck**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

6:00 pm

Sat 21 4:00 pm

† **Theresa Nemer (1 yr. Anni)**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sun 22 10:00 am

† **Mary K. Joseph**

By Joey Joseph

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

January Food Pantry

Variety soups

Bisquick

Jelly

Cake Mixes

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

***Act as if you were already happy,
and that will tend to make you happy.***

~Dale Carnegie

Blessing of Homes

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, for the salvation of all people, You have ordered Your marvelous mysteries through water. Hear our prayers and shower Your blessing upon this blessed natural element. Through it, may Your creation serve Your mysteries, and may it receive the power of Your divine grace. May the homes of the faithful be blessed and protected by the sprinkling of this water. May evil and harm be scattered; guilt and misfortune be washed away; the spirits of malice and darkness be cast out; and the peace that we invoke in Your holy name come and reign among us. We will glorify You, O Christ, Your Father, and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

May this home be purified in the name of the + Father; May it be sanctified in the name of the + Son; and may it be blessed in the name of the + Holy Spirit. May all who enter your home be instruments of God's peace and grace. Amen.

Christ, the Coal of Fire, descended and bathed in the waters of the river. Christ, the Burning Flame, is immersed in the waters. The fiery beings stood in awe at the immersion of Christ, that Flame. His pure body is washed to purify those who are not. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Him!

January Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day

Available

St. Jude 7 Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention

By The Taddeo Family

Altar Bread

For Chris Langlais

By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine

For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph

READERS SCHEDULE

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

2 Corinthians John 1:35-42

Jan 14 Lila Hallowell
15 Joe Rowden

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Galatians 3:23-29 John 5:1-16

Jan 21 Lenore Boles
22 Joe Rowden

- Parish Council Meetings will be in the Social Hall 1st Tuesdays of the month.

Sun 12 Rosary Meeting 11:30/45 am
 Sun 26 Cana Sunday – M'Jadra Luncheon 11:30
 Mon 27 Ash Monday

Coffee Schedule

Jan 15 Lenore Boles & Pam Casavant
 Jan 22 Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes
 Jan 29 Cindy Elias & Mary Nader
 Feb 5 Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin
 Feb 12 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton
 Feb 19 Alice Lachance & Jane Lee

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

Jan 15 Pearley & Alice Lachance
 Jan 21 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)
 Jan 28 Audrey Yotides (Sat)
 Jan 29 Greg & Marianne Gillespie
 Feb 4 Ann Giguere (Sat)
 Feb 5 Jim & Mary Jo Hodgkin
 Feb 12 Larry & Lisa Grard

FUNDRAISER FOR CARITAS:

Lyn Rowden & Dot Gurette have put together a beautiful Valentine basket to raffle for Caritas, Lebanon. We will have it on display to sell tickets on the following Sundays, January 15, 22, 29 and February 5. The raffle will be called on Feb 5th. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Checks can be written to Lyn Rowden. ALL money goes to Caritas, Lebanon to help their volunteers assist with education & mental health services for refugees there.

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sun 5 Super Bowl Breakfast after Liturgy
 Tue 7 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm