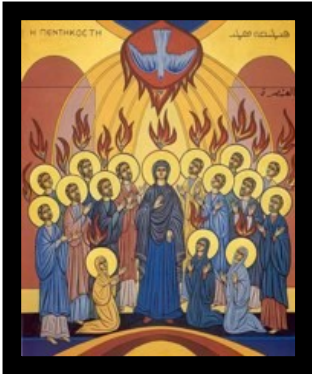


June 18, 2017 Third Sunday of Pentecost



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- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 9:00 a.m. weekdays are 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 the rectory.
- Confessions:** One half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** Please call the rectory.
- Marriage:** Call the rectory **a minimum 6 months before** finalizing the date of your wedding.

***SUGGESTED DONATIONS: SANCTUARY CANDLES \$20; ALTAR BREAD \$25; WINE \$25**

Mass Stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15

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Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, Catechism; Shana Page, Rosary Sodality; Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

THIS DAY'S GOSPEL: St. John 14:21-27

"They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?"

Jesus answered him, **"Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.**

"I have said these things to you while I am still with

you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

ABOONA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

"Paradise", this is a word that is central to the Syriac tradition. The Fathers long saw the movement of grace in redemption as a healing, restoration and clothing in the "robe of glory" that were in the end

all details of mankind's return to paradise. Redemption is thus a pilgrimage and a return.

The word "paradeisos" itself originated in the pre-Christian Greek attempt to encapsulate the beauty and order of the stunningly rich sixth-century walled-gardens that surrounded the tomb of the ancient Persian Emperor, Cyrus. The place, Pasargardae, was transformed into the Greek word that has since come down to us in English as "paradise".

The Fathers of the Church easily used this term to indicate the original state of justice in which the human race had been created. "Paradise" indicates the harmony, order, grace, justice and beauty of Creation as it was first established. "Eden", the proper name in Genesis of this state, comes from the Hebrew word for "delight, pleasure, finery". It is also the origin of the female name, "Edna".

In this Paradise of Eden, was created "Adam". This word can also be misleading in English. The word "adam" means, "someone" or "man" in the generic sense. As used in Genesis its purpose is threefold; it indicates the creation of humanity, "adam"; it signifies the males of the human race; and, it is the personal name of the first man. From "man" ("ish" in Hebrew) was created "woman" ("isha" in Hebrew).

"And God created man to his own image: to the image of God He created him: male and female He created them." Gen 1; 27

From this reality comes the type of the New Adam, the Messiah, who recreated humanity within Himself in His Death and Resurrection into the life of glory.

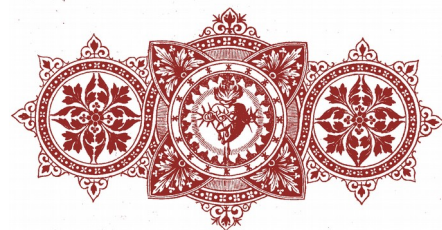
Thus the divinely intended place for mankind was harmony and beauty, elevated supernaturally to the friendship with God in grace. This image was effectively distorted, maimed and wounded by the personal choices made by the first human beings, Adam and Eve, and our likeness to God was lost. Nevertheless, it is ultimately the decision of Adam, and not of his wife Eve, that resulted in the disorder and wounds in all his descendants. The absence of harmony and grace has been bequeathed to us all.

In the New Creation of grace, our lives are transformed into pilgrimages in our return to Paradise. Wounds must be healed, natures elevated and minds and spirits transformed in grace. None of this happens magically, it all requires conscious choice and effort in determination to collaborate with the Work of God. Without this effort (*ascesis*) and collaboration we are doomed to continue in a wounded state, absent grace and thus set on a path (*damnation*) to permanent separation from the Hidden Creator Who has invited us to return to Paradise by His help, but to Whom a deaf ear has been turned. Where grace is received the path turns back to Paradise.

As Adam once was, so all fathers in each generation continue to be to this day: the source of life or the source of death. When fathers are faithful, generations are transformed for the better, but where they fail in fidelity the generations are maimed. Insofar as grace and redemption are concerned, these effects are forever.

Therefore, on this Day of Fathers, let us take the time to remember, pray for, and express our gratitude to those men who have brought us both our life in nature *and* the supernatural life of grace in the light of Providence. By nature they gave us the possibility to live and work, but additionally, faithful to grace, they have given us the ability to enter eternally the glory of Paradise. Genuine fathers are the first to show us the path as pilgrims.

Happy Father's Day!



Be sure your cell phone

is turned-off or
silenced

2nd Collections:

June 24, 25 Holy Father's Collection

July 8, 9 Fuel Collection

NEW ICONS FOR THE ST. JUDE CHAPEL

In the first weeks that I was here, praying in the beautiful shrine dedicated to St. Jude, I realized that there was no image of the Mother of God. This now has been remedied. In the eastern traditions, there is always, in practice, icons of both Our Lord and Our Lady as prominent parts of our worship. Therefore, this past week we set up two images on either side of the altar: to the right, Our Lord, known as *Christ the Savior*, and, to the left, Our Lady, known as *Life-Giving Spring*.

The icon of Christ is a print of a Russian work from the sixteenth century. As is classic to iconography, Greek letters are present in the nimbus surrounding Our Lord's head: "ο ων", i.e. "ho ōn", "the Self-existing One". These indicate that the Word Incarnate is one and the same as the Hidden One Who revealed Himself to Moses on Mt. Sinai as "I am Who am".

The image of the Mother of God, "Life-Giving Spring", commemorates a vision to the Emperor Leo I (AD 457-473) when he was still only a simple soldier in the army. He had been assisting a blind man who had become lost. While looking for water to help the blind man, he heard a voice that said to him, "Emperor Leo, take water and give it to the thirsty man; then take some of the mud by it and put it on his eyes"; at which point, a spring miraculously arose before them. The soldier Leo did as instructed and the blind man received his sight once again. Once he had become emperor in Constantinople, he had a church erected in honor of the Mother of God near the "Golden Gates" in the city. This had been the place where the miracle had

occurred. This church was later destroyed by the Turks, but a new one was built in 1835 at the same place.

As a historical aside, this event must have occurred shortly after the death of our own beloved St. Maron (AD 410) in northern Syria; the church later constructed would have been erected about a decade after the establishment of the first Maronite monastery of *Beit Maroon* in 452 near Apamea.

May these two new images surrounding the "Forgiving Altar of the Lord" be a pledge of increased grace and blessing to all the parish.

PARKING LOT PAVING

We have now arrived at the time when we need seriously to work toward paving the lot where the school stood for many years.

Paving the lot, of course, will stop the mud and mess that necessarily comes with the rain and snow. A paved lot also allows us to negotiate a contract to rent the space to local businesses during the week (excepting the holydays, weddings and funerals). This furthers the future financial stability of parish revenue. And the timing is especially good, as the downtown area will need additional parking within the year.

Paving is also necessary in order to be able to properly measure, line and secure the lot. At present, people drive across it either to cut across to Hathaway, or to the alley running alongside the church. The proper painting of lines will also permit us to have a visibly objective number of parking spaces available to set when negotiating a rental contract.

As you well know, we also have a problem with the water runoff at the front of the church.

With estimates now in, we can have the same company pave the lot and repair the water problem at the front of the church for \$10,000-\$11,000. As soon as these funds come in, we can begin; and it would be excellent if paving could start in July.

Please, when considering your contributions to the future of St. Joseph's - keeping in mind her nine

decades of apostolate already accomplished in the downtown area – do keep in mind this *literally concrete* necessity.

Your generosity on many larger jobs thus far has been outstanding. May God prosper this project.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Sat 17** 4:00 pm
†**Sadie Pendexter**
(*Wilma Carter*)
- Sun 18** 10:00 am
†**Albert & Rose Bellaman**
(*Paul & Stephen Maroon*)
- Mon 19** -----
- Tue 20** 9:00 am
†**Ferdinand & Antoinette Mathieu**
(*Dan & Pam Casavant*)
- Wed 21** 9:00 am
†**Lester Giguere**
(*Ann Giguere*)
- Thu 22** 9:00 am
†**Jeannette Marie Sleiman**
(*Jonh Sleiman*)
- Fri 23** 9:00 am
†**Patricia Gorman**
(*Dan & Pam Casavant*)
- Sat 24** 4:00 pm
†**Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**
(*Wilma Carter*)
- Sun 25** 10:00 am
†**Raymond Veilleux**
(*Larry & Paula Mitchell*)

Liturgical notes: † = Deceased, SI = Special Intention, AV = Anniversary, H = Health

JUNE FOOD PANTRY

Toilet paper Family-sized items – soups, ravioli
condiments Juice in plastic containers
Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Collection: \$2221.00
May God richly reward your generosity!

If you are not receiving envelopes please let the office know.

*Heal Thy servants, who are sick,
O Lord, and send them help
and comfort from Thy Holy Place*

Those for whom we prayer: Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Sierra Lee, Darrell Mitchell, Doreen Nader, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber and Melissa Karter.

JUNE DEVOTIONS

St. Joseph 14-day Sanctuary Candle
Available

Altar Bread
Available

Altar Wine
Deceased Members of the Jules Cloutier Family
(Larry & Paula Mitchell)

Readers’ Schedule

Third Sunday of Pentecost
1 Corinthians 2:1-10 John 14:21-27

June	18	Lila Hollowell
June	19	Joe Rowden

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
2 Corinthians 11:21-30 Matthew 16:13-20

June	25	Ruth Lunn
	26	Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR JUNE

June 24 K of C Ham Dinner 4:30-6:00 \$10

COFFEE SCHEDULE

June 18 Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon
Larry & Gareth (*Summer*)

VOCATION ICON

"Request therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." St. Matthew 9:38

June 17 Audrey Yotides (Sat)
June 18 Greg & Marianne Gillespie
June 24 Ann Giguere (Sat)
June 25 Larry & Lisa Grard
July 1 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)
July 2 Pearley & Alice Lachance
July 9 Lowell & Mary Hawes

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

6	Richard Levine Jr.	13	Jenna Mitchell
7	Pilar Elias	14	Renee Jabar
9	Jody Veilleux	15	Peter Taddeo
9	Lea Williams	16	Blake Sturtevant
10	Nevaeh Pease	17	Jibryne Karter Jr.
11	David Poirier	18	Nicholas Derosby
12	Sara Poirier	21	Laya Joseph
12	Jeff Lee	23	Beverly Rideout
13	Brandon Bearce	25	Lyn Rowden
13	Karen Clark	27	Alexandria Lee
13	Nicholas Elias	29	Allison Crate
		29	Kooper Levine

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Third Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday A p 425

Lighting of the Church: SB* p 21 #135/LB p 5 Jesus, Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: LB p 425
On A Sunday Jesus Rose

Glory: SB p 1 #2
Glory (English)

Qolo/Hymn: SB p 2 #5
I Will Lift

Creed p 748

Pre-Anaphora:
Transfer of Gifts: LB p 750
The Lord Reigns

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8

Anaphora:
Twelve Apostles
LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB p 40 #176
Tooba Lisa

Communion:
Bless This House

Recessional: SB p 21 #136
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

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“Awe-inspiring, in truth, are the Mysteries of the Church; awesome, in truth, her altar.

A fountain sprang up out of Paradise, sending forth sensible streams; a fountain arises from this Table, sending forth spiritual streams.”

St. John Chrysostom

