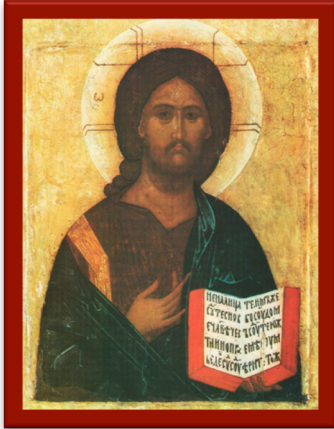


Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 3, 2017

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"The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church"

St. John XXIII, Pope

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 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 the rectory.
- Confessions:** One half-hour before weekend Liturgies and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** *Parents* should refer to the website and then contact the parish through the parish e-mail address.
- Marriage:** Please refer to the parish website and contact the parish **a minimum 6 months before** finalizing the date of your wedding.
- Mass Intentions:** For specific dates requested, please submit three months in advance. Recommended stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15
- Monthly Memorials:** Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$25
- Choir Director:** Fefa Deeb **Sacristan:** Laurie Nale **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell
- Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1st; Jane Lee, 2nd; Shana Page, 3-5th
- Parish Council:** Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Paula Mitchell, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson
- Ex-officio:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, Catechism; Shana Page, Rosary Sodality; Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus
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THIS DAY'S GOSPEL: Saint Luke 10: 38-42

In the course of their journey he came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking.

Now Martha, who was distracted with all the serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving

all by myself? Please tell her to help me."
But the Lord answered, "**Martha, Martha,**" He said,



"you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part, and it is not to be taken from her."

ABOUNA'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The fundamental meaning of “grace” is “gift”. Grace heals and elevates. By learning to see “more,” and transcendently, we can respond to being more, and acting in what the Church calls “a heroic manner”. Sometimes “being greater” is not our initial choice at all, but may come with exceptional sufferings and difficulties in life that force us to go beyond, and even more importantly, to make us see that we are capable of so much more.

The theory is simple, but the practice is not *facile*. The success of grace’s seed depends upon its receiving terrain. Our Lord portrays in the Parable of the Sower the many possibilities in the outcome of grace’s arrival in human life and its resulting “fruition”, especially as that grace comes to us in the Gospel, word and catechesis. How do we believe, what do we think? These orient our lives and direct our actions – fruitful or sterile.

Grace means “gift” in its basic sense. It is a divine gift originating in the eternal light of the Hidden Creator. Although a creature itself, it allows us to be joined with the Uncreated and Unique Self-Existent. Grace in varying degrees comes to every human being throughout life, but each one remains free to respond, ignore or repudiate it.

Fundamentally, grace is an illumination to the mind, which allows the person to see and judge all things from the perspective of eternity.¹ It makes us to go beyond the limits of mere human experience. This divine gift strengthens the human spirit in “heart”, that is, the presence of divine charity enables one to love beyond oneself and the natural bonds of affection. Lastly, grace brings the wholeness of redemption and salvation, *Shlomoh*, to heal and bring human life even in its material dimension into the nobility of spirit, drawing it up into the divine Spirit of God.

¹ “Praise, glory and honor to the Light, Whose radiance has revealed the Father of Light; to the Brightness, Whose splendor has drawn us to the threshold of Light; to the Wise One, Who in divine generosity has offered us the treasures of wisdom; to the living and life-giving One, Who in His kindness has led us to the Source of Life.” Friday Ramsho, Hoosoyo/*Proemion*

To *acknowledge* and *recognize* grace begins a new life in that response. To *ignore* it becomes, in fact, repudiation, with all the resulting detrimental results; and this is the sad state of non-practicing, or “lapsed” Catholics. The Hand of God has touched their lives and they turn away to other “things”, choked by the cares, pleasures and concerns of this world. Finally, to *repudiate* grace directly is to entrap one’s life into its own self-centeredness and ignorance. This, short of a miracle, leads to an eternal existence of permanent isolation.

So, while it is true that religion is not first or foremost morality and devotion, these are things that logically do flow from the healthful and healing presence of grace when the divine light of the Hidden One is allowed to work in our lives. The fullness of this presence is that we come to see all of God’s creation – human society, family life and our own personal lives – within a single vision and sight that is inspired, illuminated and strengthened in the gratuitous light of the Hidden One.² May we be given the strength to step ever more deeply into the Divine Light.

***There will be a special second
collection today
for Catholic Charities
to aid the hurricane and flood
victims in Texas and Louisiana***

PARKING LOT PAVING AND OTHER PROJECTS

Funds are always necessary to accomplish these works and *we rely on everyone's generosity to participate in the repairs necessary to keep St. Joseph's parish plant in good shape.*

² See the recent article in the Knights of Columbus' *Columbia* magazine from July 2017: **Christian Truth in a Democratic World**. It is an excellent overview of the real-life drama of Catholicism's present struggle in an increasingly un-Christian and anti-Christian world.

The painting and parking lot are being nicely accomplished, but we have arrived at the end of our working funds in the checking accounts.

Your generosity today will help us to avoid withdrawing from our working investment fund.

It is in this way, mundane and as concrete as it may be, that we all continue to contribute to the apostolic work of proclaiming the Kingdom of God in His Sacred Mysteries.

**Be sure your cell phone
is turned-off and
silenced**

Hafli!

St. Joseph's 90th Anniversary

September 23: 6pm-12am

Table for eight: \$300

Single Tickets \$40

--- Sale over, all tickets now \$40.00 ---

Please note that the tables are in fact for *eight* people per seating and not ten as previously announced.

The price for a reserved table remains \$300.

Tickets will also be sold after Masses on the weekends.

September 16: 5pm (after liturgy)

Spaghetti supper in the parish hall sponsored by the Knights of Columbus as a gift to the parish in honor of the 90th Anniversary

VOCATION ICON

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

Please indicate your desire (preferably by e-mail) to take the vocation icon so that we can update the schedule.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Tony Karter	19	Daniel Crate
4	Dana Hallowell	19	Madisyn Pendexter
4	Liana Hawes	21	Janice Sturtevant
4	Brandon Nale	21	Jaime Cooper
5	Kevin Pendexter	21	Mary Bawcum
6	Dustin Bearce	23	Herbert Joseph, Jr.
7	Mary Morin	23	Donna-Jo Mitchell
8	Cynthia Elias	23	Nina Mitchell
10	Beth Nale	26	Melissa Trinward
10	Tristan Belton	27	Fefa Deeb
11	Mark Joseph	28	Herbert Karter
14	April Mitchell	28	Richard Karter
15	Andrew Roy	28	Vicki Mitchell
17	Joseph Karter		

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4	Joe & Lyn Rowden
9	Mark & Jennifer Wescott
15	Susan & Gordon Webber
20	Danny & Elaine Hoag
21	Ruth & Alfred Joseph
25	David & Jan Bourque

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

Those for whom we pray: Jerry Fortin, Albert Joseph, Sierra Lee, Darrell Mitchell, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber, Melissa Karter, Maxine Morrisette, Paula Mitchell, Rebecca Bernard, Mary Morin and Paul Mitchell

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Collection: \$1,586.00

Please note that the monthly operating budget is \$8,000

*May God richly reward
a wisely considered generosity!*

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sat	2	† Lucian Paul Baudet (John Sleiman)
Sun	3	† Ferris Ferris & Beau Bourdeau (Ferris Family)
Mon	4	-----
Tues	5	† Yvette Asselin & Prinella Mitchell (John & Susan Mitchell, Robert Asselin)
Wed	6	Novena for Rev. Mr. Dunn and family
Thur	7	Rev. Mr. Dunn and family
Fri	8	Rev. Mr. Dunn and family
Sat	9	Yolande Genest (M. Hutchinson) & Rev. Mr. Dunn and family
Sun	10	Rev. Mr. Dunn and family
Mon	11	Rev. Mr. Dunn and family
Tue	12	Prinella Mitchell (P & S Maroon) & Rev. Mr. Dunn and family
Wed	13	Rev. Mr. Dunn and family
Thur	14	Rev. Mr. Dunn and family & Michael Sheeran/Neenu James
Fri	15	Michael Sheeran and Neenu James
Sat	16	Michael Sheeran and Neenu James
Sun	17	† Marion Maroon

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

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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:
Salatoree (English)

Creed p 748

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

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8
Ikbal - This Pure Incense

Anaphora:
Twelve Apostles: LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB p 22 #138
Let There Be Peace

Communion: SB p #
Eagle's Wings

Recessional: SB p 14 # 120
God Bless America

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

*"You do not need many words when you pray.
We believe on faith that the good and gracious
God is there in the Tabernacle;
we open our souls to Him, and feel happy that
He allows us to come before Him.
This is the best way to pray."*

St. John-Marie Vianney, Pastor & Confessor

READERS' SCHEDULE

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I Thess 2; 1-13	St Luke 10; 38-42
September 2	Lenore Boles

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

I Thess 1; 1-10	St Luke 7; 36-50
September 9	Lila Hallowell