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Bulletin #30

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



11th Sunday of Pentecost

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]
- ***Weekday Masses:** Monday and Friday No Mass
Tuesday thru Thursday at 12:05 p.m. [*Rosary before Mass*]
- ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
First Sunday of the month after 10:30 a.m. Mass
- ***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- ***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic
- ***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made
- ***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
- ***Parish Council:** Lou Khourey, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- ***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Natalie Horner
- ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
- ***Sacristan:** Mike Linton
- ***Altar Boys:** Dalton Haas, Shaun Hancher, Christopher AlKhouri & Luke Lenz
- ***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President
- ***Women's Society:** Carol Dougherty, President



- ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week
- ***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners
- ***Cedar Hall Rental Fees:** Call the Church Office at 304-233-1688 or 304-639-1372
- ***Parking adjacent to church** is for parishioners and visitors all the time.
- ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Eph 2:17-22 and Lk 19:1-10

How can Jesus' predilection for publicans and sinners be explained, except that there is some divine link between salvation and that which is lost? Such, at least, is suggested by the story of Zacchaeus, this senior tax collector. A man rich, despised, but enterprising, dogged and straightforward, wholly devoid of caring about appearances. It is not every day that a senior tax collector climbs a tree like a schoolboy in order to see Jesus passing by, making a public show of himself while Jesus is visiting Jericho!

It is from his perch in the sycamore that the Lord's grace plucks Zacchaeus, with humor and gentleness: "COME DOWN, HURRY!" Zacchaeus responds promptly to the divine impatience. He hears the words which do away with his life as an outcast and fill him with joy: I must stay at your house today. Today you too can become a son of Abraham! This "TODAY" of salvation Jesus no doubt explained at length to Zacchaeus in his house, while the people of Jericho complained outside. The offer of grace, the decision to accept it by the obedience of faith, this is the "TODAY" of God and mankind.

Forthright even in his spectacular conversion, Zacchaeus opens at the same time his house, his heart, his life: the fiscal officer admits his income, and taxes it generously for the poor and any he may have wronged. Some may have thought he had lost his head, but his unusual generosity was the simple consequence of God's goodness to him, the outer sign of an inward change of heart. When one has really been forgiven, the desire is to give everything in return, for one has become a new person, a descendant of Abraham, saved and believing in the unexpected and surprising love God bears towards us. The Church, too, is the house of sinners: but are we sufficiently aware of that?

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Next Weekend, July 28-29: 11th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday July 28 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally Sengewalt
- ✠ William Bentz (Birthday) by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, July 29 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Sam Khoury (Anniversary) by his wife Esther Khoury
- ✠ Bob Saseen by The Cedar Club

Weekdays Masses

Monday July 30: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Tuesday July 31 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Patrick

Wednesday August 1 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally Sengewalt
- ✠ Sylvia Long & her Family by her last will

Thursday August 2 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Helen Fielding (on her Burial day August 3rd) by her husband Don (FL)

Friday, August 3: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Next Weekend, August 4-5: 12th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday August 4:

At 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

At 4:00 p.m.: Mass

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Elias & Gabrielle George

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 5 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & Family

Calendar of Parish Events

Marhrajn Pastry Baking	<i>Wednesday, August 8th at 9:00 a.m.: Zaatar & Sesame Bread</i> <i>Thursday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m.: Mamoul</i>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Saturday, August 11th from Noon to 8:00 p.m.</i> <i>Sunday, August 12th from Noon to 7:00 p.m.</i>
Spaghetti Dinner	<i>Sunday, October 14 (more information in coming bulletins)</i>

Birthdays' Wishes in the coming month:

Upon request of some parishioners who want to wish Happy Birthdays to others, we will put in the bulletin the birthdays within a month period from the date of the bulletin. If you want to remove your name from the birthday list or correct the dates or add other names, please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688.

July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns
 August 2: Douglas Bratton, Rosella C. DeMuth
 August 3: Jim George, Sr.
 August 7: Rita Strawn
 August 10: Kory Bratton, Thomasina Geimer
 August 14: Mary Thomas
 August 16: Tara George Musilli
 August 17: Judy Bedway
 August 20: Tricia Committee
 August 22: Kathleen George
 August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning
 August 25: Al Depto
 August 26: Phillip Geimer, Nathan Wakim, Jessica George
 August 29: Debbie Elias Davis

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)

Kay Roxby (mother of Joe Roxby), Shirley & Jim George, Justin Frenn, Sandra Dusick, John Shiben, Diane Palotay, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi, Mike O'Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich), Linda Jackson,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$877.00	Sunday Collection
21.00	Candles
500.00	Mahrajan (Festival)
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$1428.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

What's New?

--The bouquet of yellow roses presented to the Blessed Mother was in Memory of Helen Fielding on her burial day by her husband Don, Florida. May God rest her soul.

Story

Years ago, when I lived in Manhattan, I knew a charismatic preacher on the Lower East Side. He had encountered a beggar near the Bowery one day and, like many who live in the city, was tempted to ignore the man. There are many homeless in New York City, and they can be a nuisance. Some are simply looking to buy drugs, so it is tempting to disregard them.

The preacher was ready to do just that but gave the beggar some money anyway. When he turned around the “bum” had disappeared. He was just gone. There was nothing to hide behind, and the preacher did not think there was any possibility he had walked away so quickly. Upon reflection, he came to believe this experience was a test from God, and that the beggar had been an angel.

I have no idea if his experience was supernatural, but many people report having such encounters. You probably have your own stories. I remember a friend who was out of work and looking for a job in midtown Manhattan. He did not know the preacher (my friend was not at all religious) but he too ran into what I can only describe as the mysterious beggar.” And like the preacher, my Friend was also tempted to turn the homeless man away. Instead, something prompted him to give the guy \$20 despite his own precarious financial situation. Soon after, my friend landed a job down on Wall Street. As he walked out of the place where he had just been hired, he spotted the same beggar—more than six miles south of the midtown location where he had seen him clays before!

Was this beggar also an angel? According to Hebrews 13:2, angels often come as mysterious strangers.” I remember speaking with a woman from Louisiana named Sondra Abrahams who had a near-death experience. She said one of the most striking aspects of her experience was learning from Christ how many times in her life she had run into angels without knowing it.

In the 1980s, shortly after my return to the Catholic Church, I was walking down the east side of Third Avenue one afternoon during rush hour. Suddenly an old woman stood smack in front of me, stopping me in my tracks. She faced me, standing right in my path. I had never had anything quite like that happen before, and I really do not remember many of her traits. I do remember that she was short, perhaps a bit hunched over, like one of the sweet elderly women who attended daily Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel around the corner.

She just stopped there, forced me to stop, faced me, smiled, and made the sign of the cross. I will always remember my feelings at that moment. She never said a word; she just disappeared into the crowd. Later, while on a business trip to Lewes, England, I was at early morning Mass at a church dedicated to St. Michael. During the exchange of peace, an elderly woman in front of me turned with the same smile and sent a wave through me of what I can only call grace as we shook hands. I could not really say for sure, but I have wondered if it was the same woman. Both acted in the same silent way.

On a later occasion, my sister told me she was in Lower Manhattan far from the Upper East Side when she ran into an elderly woman who made the sign of the cross over her. I heard a similar story from a woman who worked in the publicity department at Doubleday Publishing who had an identical experience while riding the subway.

Was there some elderly woman running around New York blessing everyone, or are there angels in human form—even in the concrete jungles of Manhattan?

A Time to Laugh (369)

Oooooooooooooops!

A very successful businessman parked his brand new Lexus in front of the office, ready to show it off to his customers.

As he stepped out of the car, a truck came along, too close to the curb, and completely tore off the driver's door of the Lexus.

The businessman immediately grabbed his cellular phone, dialed 911, and it wasn't more than five minutes before a policeman arrived.

Before the policeman had a chance to ask any questions, the businessman started screaming hysterically. His Lexus, which he had just picked up the day before, was now completely ruined and would never be the same, no matter how the body shop tried to make it new again.

After the businessman finally wound down from his rant, the policeman shook his head in disgust and disbelief. "I can't believe how materialistic you businessmen are," he said. "You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life."

The businessman asked, "How can you say such a thing?"

The policeman replied, "My goodness, don't you even realize that your left arm is missing? It was ripped off when the truck hit you!!!"

"Oh, no!" screamed the businessman. "Where's my Rolex?"

A Well-Planned Life

Two women met for the first time since graduating from high school. One asked the other, "You were always so organized in school, did you manage to live a well-planned life?" "Yes," said her friend. "My first marriage was to a millionaire; my second marriage was to an actor; my third marriage was to a preacher; and now I'm married to an undertaker."

Her friend asked, "What do those marriages have to do with a well-planned life?" "One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

Funny Signs:

Seen during a conference:

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL IS OUT OF ORDER).

Apology Included

An elderly gentleman was in the post office and was unable to address the postcard he wanted to send to a friend. He asked a young man if he would address the postcard for him.

The man gladly agreed to do so and even offered to write a short note on the card for the elderly gentleman. After a short note was dictated, the young man handed the postcard to the old fellow. The elderly gentleman looked at the postcard, handed it back to the young man, and asked, "Would you mind doing one more thing for me?" The young man had thoroughly enjoyed this act of kindness and answered, "Certainly, what else may I do for you?" The elderly gentleman replied, "At the end of the note could you add, 'Please excuse me for the sloppy handwriting?'"

Replacement Insurance

A farmer's barn burned down, Arid his wife called the insurance company. She told the agent, "We had that barn insured for fifty thousand dollars, and I want my money."

The agent replied, "Whoa there, just a minute. Insurance doesn't work quite like that. First, we will ascertain the value of what was insured and then provide you with a new one of comparable worth."

There was a long pause before the woman replied, "If that's the way insurance works, then I'd like to cancel the policy I have on my husband."