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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ***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:** Tuesday and Thursday at 12:05 p.m. [Rosary & Litany before Mass]
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday No 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, Joe Simon
- ***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

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 1 Thess 2:1-13 and Lk 10:38-42

The Virgin Mary in the Christian doctrine

The Virgin Mary is an integral part of the Christian doctrine and living, inseparable from the message of Christ and the Gospel. Mary is within the profession of belief in Jesus Christ, “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.” A valuable principle is that everything we affirm about Mary stems from our belief in Christ, and what we hold concerning Mary in turn illumines and clarifies our faith in Christ. She is the “Mother of God,” because the one to whom she gave birth was truly the second person of the Holy Trinity. Her “unique holiness” in the Immaculate Conception comes wholly from Christ.

As the mystery of Christ is presented throughout the Scriptures, so many individuals in the Scriptures point to the Virgin Mary. The poor and powerless individuals God chose in the Old Testament to show forth his faithfulness -Hannah, the mother of Samuel, Deborah, Ruth- suggest to us why God chose the Virgin Mary in the New Testament.

Not only is the Virgin Mother within the Creed we profess, but she exemplifies the believer’s response to the truths outlined in the Creed. God’s word is received first through attentively listening with faith (“to listen to” means “to obey.”) The Scriptures refer to Abraham as a model of the “obedience of faith” Mary is its “most perfect embodiment.” Because her faith that God’s word would come to pass never wavered, the Church sees Mary as “the purest realization of faith.” By her holiness, she is the image of the nature of the Church, “the bride without spot or wrinkle,” for that reason, the Marian image of the Church precedes the Petrine dimension.

Mary is inseparably united in the celebration of the mystery of Christ in the liturgical year. The Church’s liturgy is celebrated always “in communion with and commemorating” the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints. In the Eucharist, the Church joins Mary at the foot of cross, where both are united to Christ in offering and intercession.

Mary and the saints show the Gospel lived in daily life. In the worship we offer to the one true God (the first commandment) a Marian dimension is present: As Mary did in the Magnificat, we give praise to God, confessing with gratitude that he has done great things and holy is his name. Those striving for holiness find in all-holy Mary a “model and source.” God’s beauty is reflected in the holiness of the Virgin Mother of God, the angels, and saints.”

Jesus learned to pray from his mother who kept and treasured in her heart all, the great things the Almighty had done.” Mary’s “fullness of grace” allows her to offer her whole self to God in the perfect prayer: “Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord: let it be to me according to your word.” At the Annunciation, Christ’s birth, Pentecost and other events of Christ’s life, Mary’s prayer joins her to the Father’s plan of loving kindness. At the foot of the Cross, Mary becomes the New Eve, the true Mother of all the living.” The Church’s prayer is always joined to that of Mary.

All Christian prayer is “in Christ” and the Holy Spirit, through whom we are united to the Church and the Mother of Jesus. “Wholly transparent” to Jesus, Mary is the way” of Christian prayer. The twofold movement in prayer -praise and intercession- is well illustrated in the two parts of the Hail Mary. Mary is the “perfect prayer” both model for and figure of the Church.

The Virgin Mary was the generous companion and the faithful associate of Christ. The union between Christ and Mary is shown in a number of ways. First, Mary was joined to Christ through her firm faith: Throughout her life and until her last ordeal when Jesus her son died on the cross, Mary’s faith never wavered. Mary was also associated with the redemption of Christ; this union became manifest especially at the hour of his Passion. Her union with Christ is the basis for her role in the Church. Mary was associated with the Jesus in his prayer, and the prayer of Mary continues to sustain the Church. We believe that the Holy Mother of God, the new Eve, Mother of the Church, continues in heaven to exercise her maternal role on behalf of all the members of the Christ.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Next Weekend, September 7-8: 14th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, September 7:

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

at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, September 8 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

✠ Elias Frenn (Anniversary) by Dr Adel, Diane, Andrea and Justin Frenn

✠ Emily Vince by her children and grandchildren

✠ Joe & Nell Duffy and George & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy

✠ John F. Kukula (Anniversary) by Mary Rose Kukula

This Weekdays Masses

Monday September 9: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Tuesday September 10 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday September 11: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Thursday September 12 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Intentions of the benefactors of our church

Friday, September 13: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Next Weekend, September 14-15: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 14 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Sandra Dusick and the Deceased of the Jacob Family

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Bob Saseen (2nd Anniversary) by his wife Fran Saseen

✠ John T. John (22nd Anniversary) by his children David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan and their families.

✠ John, Rosie, Tillie, Philip, and Edward George

Calendar of Parish Events

Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, September 9th, 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. Election of officers will be voted on</i>
Spaghetti Dinner	<i>Sunday, September 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</i>
Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, September 22nd, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>

Mahrajan News

--We are still waiting for the companies to send us their bills by the end of August. A detailed financial report will be published as soon as we repay all bills.

--In reviewing our festival finances we discovered that a substantial amount of credit card sales were not actually charged to the buyers due to a processing problem. If you or someone you know used a credit card to make purchases at our festival will you please review your credit card statement covering August 10 and 11 to see if your purchases were actually charged to you. If they were not, would you please estimate the amount of your purchases and make a payment to the church in that amount. Your attention to this problem will contribute to our festival's success. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Fall Spaghetti Dinner (*Sunday, September 15th, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.*)

IMPORTANT: Please mark your calendar for Our Lady of Lebanon Church's fall Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, September 15th, from 11:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.** You should have received the Spaghetti Dinner mailing by now. Save money by paying in advance and order your tickets to be held at the door.

Tickets are: \$8.00 adult; \$5.00 Child.

There will be a Bake Sale, and a 50/50 Raffle and a Gift Basket Raffle. Please make a donation of your favorite homemade baked goods for our Bake Sale Table such as pies, cake, cookies, fudge, bread, brownies, Lebanese items, etc. Please bring your baked donation on Saturday or early Sunday Morning. We also need desserts for the dessert table.

If you can volunteer at the dinner, please call Fr. Bakhos 304-233-1688 or Charlotte 304-639-1372.

Sunday, September 15:

Kitchen Volunteers

Kitchen Coordinators: Nini Miller, Linda Duffy, Shirley Bine

Sauce: Early Morning Workers

Pasta: Lou Khourey, Wayne Benline

Morning Helper: Ted Olinski,

Salad: Liz murad, Kathy Boehm

Eat-In Dinners: Terri Bakaitis,

Silverware & Set-Up: ??

Take-out Dinners: Rex Strawn, Mike Linton, Shirley Bine

Cedar Hall Volunteers

Ticket Sales: Charlotte Khourey, Thomasina Geimer

Floor Set-Up, Coordinator & Floater: Gary Weisner

Bake Sale Table: Rita Strawn, Sandy DeMuth, Mary Thomas, Cindy Thomas

50/50 Raffle: Patty Fahey, Sister Mary DiDomenico

Take Out Runners: Nettie Seidler, George Fahey

Complimentary Beverage Servers: Ron Weisner

Servers: Gary Weisner, Pam Obyc, Mary Beth Weisner, Dalton Haas, Shelley Hancher, Michelle Marinacci

Hostess: Kim Gibbons

Basket Ticket Sales: Mary Lish

Dessert Table: Veronica Mushet

Bus & Clean Up: Ron Gibbons,

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

September 8: Carol Dougherty

September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees,

September 10: Chris George

September 11: Rhonda Murad

September 15: Ted Olinski

September 18: Michael Duymich

September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher

September 22: John Jay Thomas

September 24: Luane Frazier

September 25: Natalie Committee

September 26: Mary Rose Kukula

October 6: Joe Popovich, Frank Duymich

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)

Nick Bedway, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Bill Dougherty, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Phil Geimer, Justin Frenn, John Shibem

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,235.00	Sunday Collection
38.00	Candles
343.00	Spaghetti Dinner
27.00	Coffee hour
60.00	Parking
532.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,265.00	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?

Condolences: Angela Nagem and Ed Monseur

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Nagem Family on the loss of Angela who died in Wheeling and to the Monseur Family on the loss of Ed who died in Virginia. May the Blessed Mother intercede for them and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to their Families in their time of sorrow.



Story

When I started my telecommunications company, I knew I was going to need salespeople to help me expand the business. I put the word out that I was looking for qualified salespeople and began the interviewing process. The salesperson I had in mind was experienced in the telemarketing communications industry, knew the local market, had experience with the various types of systems available, had a professional demeanor and was a self-starter. I had very little time to train a person, so it was important that the salesperson I hired could "hit the ground running."

During the tiresome process of interviewing prospective salespeople, into my office walked a cowboy. I knew he was a cowboy by the way he was dressed. He had on corduroy pants and a corduroy jacket that didn't match the pants; a short-sleeved snap-button shirt; a tie that came about halfway down his chest with a knot bigger than my fist; cowboy boots; and a baseball cap. You can imagine what I was thinking: "Not what I had in mind for my new company." He sat down in front of my desk, took off his cap and said, "Mister, I'd just shore appreciate a chance to be a success in the telephone biness." And that's just how he said it, too: biness.

I was trying to figure out a way to tell this fellow, without being too blunt, that he just wasn't what I had in mind at all. I asked him about his background. He said he had a degree in agriculture from Oklahoma State University and that he had been a ranch hand in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, for the past few years during the summers. He announced that was all over now, he was ready to be a success in "biness," and he would just "shore appreciate a chance."

We continued to talk. He was so focused on success and how he would ashore appreciate a chance" that I decided to give him a chance. I told him that I would spend two days with him. In those two days I would teach him everything I thought he needed to know to sell one type of very small telephone system. At the end of those two days he would be on his own. He asked me how much money I thought he could make. I told him, "Looking like you look and knowing what you know, the best you can do is about \$1,000 per month." I went on to explain that the average commission on the small telephone systems he would be selling was approximately \$250 per system. I told him if he would see 100 prospects per month, that he would sell four of those prospects a telephone system. Selling four telephone systems would give him \$1,000. I hired him on straight commission with no base salary. He said that sounded great to him because the most he had ever made was \$400 per month as a ranch hand and he was ready to make some money. The next morning, I sat him down to cram as much of the telephone "biness" I could into a 22-year-old cowboy with no business experience, no telephone experience and no sales experience. He looked like anything but a professional salesperson in the telecommunications business. In fact, he had none of the qualities I was looking for in an employee, except one: He had an incredible focus on being a success.

At the end of two days of training, Cowboy (that's what I called him then, and still do) went to his cubicle. He took out a sheet of paper and wrote down four things:

1. I will be a success in business.
2. I will see 100 people per month.
3. I will sell four telephone systems per month.
4. I will make \$1,000 per month.

He placed this sheet of paper on the cubicle wall in front of him and started to work. At the end of the first month, he hadn't sold four telephone systems. However, at the end of his first ten days, he had sold seven telephone systems. At the end of his first year, Cowboy hadn't earned \$12,000 in commissions. Instead, he had earned over \$60,000 in commissions.

He was indeed amazing. One day, he walked into my office with a contract and payment on a telephone system. I asked him how he had sold this one. He said, "I just told her, 'Ma'am, if it don't do nothing but ring and you answer it, it's a heck of a lot prettier than that one you got.' She bought it." The woman wrote him a check in full for the telephone system, but Cowboy wasn't really sure I would take a check, so he drove her to the bank and had her get cash to pay for the system. He carried thousand-dollar bills into my office and said, "Larry, did I do good?" I assured him that he did good! After three years, he owned half of my company. At the end of another year, he owned three other companies. At that time we separated as business partners. He was driving a \$32,000 black pickup truck. He was wearing \$600 cowboy-cut suits, \$500 cowboy boots and a three-carat horseshoe-shaped diamond ring. He had become a success in "biness."

What made Cowboy a success? Was it because he was a hard worker? That helped. Was it because he was smarter than everyone else? No. He knew nothing about the telephone business when he started. So what was it? I believe it was because he knew the Ya Gotta's for Success:

He was focused on success. He knew that's what he wanted and he went after it.

He took responsibility. He took responsibility for where he was, who he was and what he was (a ranch hand). Then he took action to make it different.

He made a decision to leave the ranch in Bartlesyule, Oklahoma, and to look for opportunities to become a success.

He changed. There was no way that he could keep doing the things that he had been doing and receive different results. And he was willing to do what was necessary to make success happen for him.

He had vision and goals. He saw himself as a success. He also had written down specific goals. He wrote down the four items that he intended to accomplish and put them on the wall in front of him. He saw those goals every day and focused on their accomplishment.

He put action to his goals and stayed with it even when it got tough. It wasn't always easy for him. He experienced slumps like everyone does. He got more doors slammed in his face and telephones in his ear than any salesperson I have ever known. But he never let it stop him. He kept on going.

He asked. Boy, did he ask! First he asked me for a chance, then he asked nearly everyone he came across if they wanted to buy a telephone system from him. And his asking paid off. As he likes to put it, "Even a blind hog finds an acorn every once in a while." That simply means that if you ask enough, eventually someone will say yes. He cared. He cared about me and his customers. He discovered that when he cared more about taking care of his customers than he cared about taking care of himself, it wasn't long before he didn't have to worry about taking care of himself.

Most of all, Cowboy started every day as a winner! He hit the front door expecting something good to happen. He believed that things were going to go his way regardless of what happened. He had no expectation of failure, only an expectation of success. And I've found that when you expect success and take action on that expectation, you almost always get success. Cowboy has made millions of dollars. He has also lost it all, only to get it all back again. In his life as in mine, it has been that once you know and practice the principles of success, they will work for you again and again.

He can also be an inspiration to you. He is proof that it's not environment or education or technical skills and ability that make you a success. He proves that it takes more: It takes the principles we so often overlook or take for granted. These are the principles of the Ya Gotta's for Success.



A Time to Laugh (426)

Why We Love Children?

NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

MORE NUDITY

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

POLICE # 1

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?" "Yes," I answered and continued writing the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right," I told her. "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, "would you please tie my shoe?"

POLICE # 2

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

ELDERLY

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

DRESS-UP

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." And why not, darling?" "You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning. "

DEATH

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.

SCHOOL

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!"

BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called put. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear."