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**We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.**



### ***Announceent to 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 for Parishioners only:** 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

## *Announceent to Blessed Virgin Mary*

Readings: Gal 3:15-22 and Lk 1:26-38

David's House Not Powerful In Jesus' Day

***"The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David."*** Luke 1 :26-27

What does "the house of David" imply? Do we know anything about David's ancestors living in Jesus' day?

No. The last explicit reference to descendants of David appears in a genealogical list some four and a half centuries before Jesus. What is noteworthy is that these Davidic Jews enjoy no special distinction in this list. This contrasts sharply with the situation half a century earlier, when Zerubbabel, grandson of the last Davidic king, governed Judah on behalf of his Persian masters, and was himself the focus of messianic expectation (Hag 2:20-23; Zec 6:9-13).

The fact of the matter is that David's descendants (his "house") lacked any discernible importance, political or religious, in the minds of most Jews throughout much of the Second Temple period. The main reason for this was that the political function of the Davidic line was now performed by foreign rulers (e.g., Is 45:1).

All this changed when, in the course of the 2nd century BC, a priestly family, the Hasmoneans (also known as the "Maccabees"), gained independence for their country and proclaimed themselves kings. Jews critical of Hasmonean pretensions sought to impugn their legitimacy by reviving the tradition that God had chosen only the house of David to rule over Israel.

Still, as far as we know, this resurgent commitment to a Davidic messiah did not translate into an interest in any of David's actual descendants. Consequently, no one bothered to write about them.

## *Happy Thanksgiving*

In 2011, at the general audience in St. Peter's Square, Pope Benedict XVI reminded Christians to thank God for the good things in life, instead of only bringing problems to him.

He said, "Dear brothers and sisters, in our prayers we should look at how often, in the events of our lives, the Lord has protected us, guided us, helped us." He encouraged Christians to "be more attentive to the good things that the Lord gives us. We are always attentive to the problems, difficulties and almost do not want to see that there are good things come from the Lord."

In his latest discourse on prayer, Pope Benedict was dwelt on Psalm 126. It charts the joy of the Jewish people returning from their exile in Babylon in the 6th century B.C. Even today, the psalm is sung in an upbeat, joyous manner at Jewish religious occasions. "When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed," reads the psalm's first line as it depicts a people whose "mouths were filled with laughter" and "tongues with songs of joy." The psalm "celebrates the great things which the Lord has done for His people, and which He continues to do for all believers," said Pope Benedict.

The importance of this gratitude to God, he added, is that it creates hearts "full of joy" and memories "of the good that also helps us in the dark hours."

Such good memories are required by the Jewish people in the psalm, the Pope observed, as they returned to find to a promised land now "impoverished, devastated." "Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy," is how the psalmist expresses his hope.

"This imagery of the seed which silently grows to maturity reminds us that God's salvation is at once a gift already received and the object of our hope, a promise whose fulfillment remains in the future," the Pope. And he noted how Jesus later uses the same imagery to "express the passage from death to life, from darkness to light, which must take place in the lives of all who put their faith in him and share in his paschal mystery."

"This psalm teaches us that, in our prayer, we must always remain hopeful and firm in our faith in God," even when our life is "marked often by suffering, uncertainty, moments of crisis," said the Pope.

This hope and faith is fulfilled in Jesus, with whom "our exile ends, and every tear is dried." It is in the "great discovery of Jesus Christ" that "we learn that even in dark nights, not to forget that the light exists, that God is already in the midst of our life and that we can sow with great confidence."

Pope Benedict finished his discourse by saying: "As we pray this Psalm, may we echo the song of the Virgin Mary by rejoicing in the great things which the Almighty has done for us, and by awaiting in hope the fulfillment of God's promises."

### ***This Weekend, November 23-24: Announcement to the B.V.Mary***

#### **Saturday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Rose & George Fadoul by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock
- ✠ Special Intention

#### **Sunday, November 24 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Karem & Amelia Azar
- ✠ Harry Seabright, Ernest, Edwin & Frank (Anniversary) by Mary Seabright Lish & Family
- ✠ Cecilia John (Birthday) by her daughter Susan Burns

### ***This Weekdays Masses***

**Monday November 25:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

#### **Tuesday November 26 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 November 27:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

#### **Thursday November 28 at 10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass**

- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don (FL)
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt

**Friday, November 29:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

### ***Next Weekend, November 30-December 1: Mary Visits Elizabeth***

#### **Saturday, November 30**

##### **At 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena**

##### **at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock
- ✠ Special Intention

#### **Sunday, December 1**

##### **At 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena**

##### **at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone

### ***Calendar of Parish Events***

<b>Women's Society Meeting</b>	<i>Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
<b>Christmas Family Breakfast</b>	<i>Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>

<b>Hall for Parishioner</b>	<i>Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.</i>
<b>Priesthood Anniversary</b>	<i>Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> is Msgr Bakhos 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood</i>
<b>Rummage Sale</b>	<i>Friday-Saturday June 5-6, 2020 Please start saving your merchandise for us. More information at a later date. No clothing will be accepted in 2020.</i>

## ***Family Christmas Breakfast*** (Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 am Mass)

Come One Come All and join us for our Christmas Family Breakfast. You will enjoy a bountiful breakfast of: Scrambled Eggs; Sausage or Bacon; Hash Brown Potatoes; Toast or Biscuits with Butter, Assorted Jellies or Honey; Mixed Fruit; Orange Juice and Coffee.

Bring the children because we have heard that Santa will make a surprise visit.

Let us start the Christmas Season right with our wonderful Family Christmas Breakfast. A modest donation of \$5.00 a person is welcomed.

**Your reservation(s) must be made by Monday, November 24.** This is not an open banquet to the public. Every person is asked to write his/her name and the names of his family members on the sheet of paper and handle it to Msgr. Bakhos personally or to one of the ladies of the church so that we can order the right amount of food for everyone. You may also make your reservation by calling 304-639-1372. You should receive a mailing with a flier for this event and raffle tickets soon. The Raffle Drawing will be on Sunday, December 22.

## ***“Noel” Gift Basket & 50/50 Raffle*** (Drawing: Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>)

A 50/50 Raffle and a Gift Basket Raffle will be held for Christmas. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 22, following Mass. Contents of the “Noel” Gift Basket are: 1 bottle of Barefoot Red Moscato, 1 bottle of White Zinfandel, 1 bottle of Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 bottle of Merlot, 4 mini bottles of Pinot Noir, 4 tins Shortbread Cookies, 1 bag Milk Chocolate Kisses, 1 bag Chocolate Covered Pretzels, 1 mini Cutting Board with Knife and 2 Christmas Hand Towels.

## ***Donations for Santa’s Christmas Treats***

The ladies are collecting candy to prepare treat bags for the children attending Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Family Christmas Breakfast Party which will follow Mass that day.

## ***Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:***

A bouquet of yellow roses will decorate the altar of the Blessed Mother in Memory of Helen Fielding by her husband Donald Fielding, Florida.

*These Poinsettias were donated in Memory of:*

- ☼ *Tom & Mary K. Ferris by Denise Ferris*
- ☼ *George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family*
- ☼ *Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt*
- ☼ *Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family*
- ☼ *Bill & Mary Daniel by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio*
- ☼ *Ralph & Mary J. Shipley by Thomasina Geimer*
- ☼ *Robert Hunter, Jr. (son-in-law) and Robby Hunter, III (grandson) by Thomasina Geimer*
- ☼ *Deceased of the Saseen and Schlog Families by Fran Saseen*
- ☼ *In Honor of Nini Miller*
- ☼ *In Honor of Veronica Mushet*
- ☼ *In Honor of Kenny & Nancy Joseph*

- ☼ *Deceased of the DeMuth and Moses Families by Sandra DeMuth*
- ☼ *Deceased of the Habdo and Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*
- ☼ *Shirley Elias Nickerson and Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma and Elijah*
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### ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:***

- November 24: Rex Strawn
- November 26: Mary Lish
- November 28: Richard Obyc
- December 3: Joey John
- December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla
- December 12: Lou Khourey
- December 19: Chris Wakim
- December 22: Millet C. Fadoul

### ***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)*  
 Jeff Fahey and his daughter Amanda, Elia Frenn, Nick Bedway, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Bill Dougherty, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Phil Geimer, Justin Frenn, John Shiben

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$1,349.00	Sunday Collection
20.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection
360.00	Bulletin ads
280.00	Christmas Breakfast
22.00	Coffee hour
500.00	Donations toward the New Metal Roof
323.00	Christmas Poinsettias
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,884.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

### ***Update on the New Roof of the Church and Rectory***

The roof of the church is done completely. They are replacing the old roof of the rectory that was also covered with four layers of shingles. Both roofs and the inside repairs will cost us around \$45,000. We raised \$24,185.00. Please help if you can. Many Thanks to all generous parishioners and friends who donated toward this project. All your donations are tax deductible and your names will be engraved on the Plaque to be mounted inside the church. May God reward you abundantly.

<b>Diamond Level [\$500 and over]</b>
Tom & Judy Brock, Jr., John & Deanna Shiben, Tom, Mary K. & Denise Ferris, Michael & Nicole Breit, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Rex & Rita Strawn, Women Society, Cedar Club, George J. Thomas (Memorial), George, Susan, Matthew & Luke Saseen, Anonymous, Mark Schroeder and Helen Schroeder, Ron Weisner, Al & Dana Zambito, Ron & Susan Burns, Bill & Mary Zaid Stees, Mike Linton, Jerry McGlumphy Family,
<b>Gold Level [\$250 to \$499]</b>

Dr. Joseph C. Palmer Family, Evelyn Goodson & Family, Bill & Carol Dougherty, Mike & Terri Golebiewski, Chris & Jeannette Wakim, Kenneth & Nancy Joseph, Don & Lori, Emma & Elijah Nickerson, Matthew & Victoria Gompers, Jack & Rose Palmer, Shirley Bine, George & Jean Weisner, Dr. Lawrence & Victoria Wright, Scott R. Smith, Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn, Dr. Nabil & Nisrin AlKhouri, Mark & Barb McLaughlin,

**Silver Level [\$25 to \$249]**

Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Denny & Mary Lee Porter, Ron, Kim & Kaitlin Gibbons, Frederick & Janet Jaquay, Peggy Palmer, Joe Roxby, Michael & Kathryn Kelly, Millet & Susie Fadoul, Paul & Natalie Mulvey, Anonymous, Al Depto & Mary C. Davis, Vickie Joseph, Laurence G. Schroeder, Elsie Renzella, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Pam & Rick Obyc, Phillip & Thomasina Geimer, Robert J. Coram, Latif Thomas, Richard Elwartoski, Patrick & Jackie Petros, Larry & Becky Ferrera, Carol Burkhart, The Palotay Family, Sue Jochum, Scott & Alicia Peklinsky, Abraham & Company PLLC, Elizabeth Simon, Angele Mansor, James & Lynn Comerci, Fran Saseen, Nini Miller, Mark & Debbie Huffman, Dave & Debbie Sengewalt, Drs. Matthew & Christina Zdilla, Bassam & Jodi Deeb, Mike & Judy Sofka, Rosalie Conti, Sheila Saab, Donzil & Theresa Gain, Michael Duymich, Don & Roberta Henning, Anonymous, Veronica C. Mushet, Randy Weisner, Robert Harris, Carolee K. Bentz, Dolores Oser, Denny Albaugh, Mark & Catherine John, Virginia Ghaphery Cox, Dan & Cheryl Tucker, Joe & Mary Thomas, George & Patty Fahey, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Thomas & Sharon Beatty,

## *What's New?*

### *Parish Condolences: William Thomas*

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Thomas Family on the loss of their beloved William who passed away in Ohio. He was the brother of our parishioner Eva Lee Powell. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to his Family in their time of sorrow.

### *Christmas Novena*

--Starting Saturday, November 30, we will replace the Rosary by the Christmas Novena in order to prepare our souls for the coming and indwelling of the Divine Child. Please come early to attend.

### *Cedar Hall not for rent*

--The Cedar Hall is not for rent anymore. We have no hired Hall Manager to open and close doors and help renters in their needs. It was built and paid by our parishioners for them to enjoy. Please don't ask Charlotte or Msgr. Bakhos to rent the hall for your friends who are not parishioners. It is exclusively for our parishioners and their family members. Parish rate apply.

--Letters have been mailed requesting payments for Ads on the back page of the bulletin. There are 2 openings for new ads for \$120.00 per year each. Ads can be a memorial for your loved ones or for a business or any other message. Please talk or call Msgr. Bakhos or Charlotte before December 2<sup>nd</sup>. These ads help defray the expenses of printing our bulletins throughout the year. Thanks for your support.



## *Story*

If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

When I was superintendent of schools in Palo Alto, California, Folly Tyner, the president of our board of trustees, wrote a letter that was printed in the Palo Alto Times. Folly's son, Jim, had great difficulty in

school. He was classified as educationally handicapped and required a great deal of patience on the part of his parents and teachers. But Jim was a happy kid with a great smile that lit up the room. His parents acknowledged his academic difficulties, but always tried to help him see his strengths so that he could walk with pride. Shortly after Jim finished high school, he was killed in a motorcycle accident. After his death, his mother submitted this letter to the newspaper.

Today we buried our 20-year-old son. He was killed instantly in a motorcycle accident on Friday night. How I wish I had known when I talked to him last that it would be the last time. If I had only known I would have said, "Jim, I love you and I'm so very proud of you."

I would have taken the time to count the many blessings he brought to the lives of the many who loved him. I would have taken time to appreciate his beautiful smile, the sound of his laughter, his genuine love of people.

When you put all the good attributes on the scale and you try to balance all the irritating traits such as the radio which was always too loud, the haircut that wasn't to our liking, the dirty socks under the bed, etc., the irritations don't amount to much.

I won't get another chance to tell my son all I would have wanted him to hear, but, other parents, you do have a chance. Tell your young people what you would want them to hear if you knew it would be your last conversation. The last time I talked to Jim was the day he died. He called me to say, "Hi, Mom! I just called to say I love you. Got to go to work. Bye." He gave me something to treasure forever. If there is any purpose at all to Jim's death, maybe it is to make others appreciate more of life and to have people, especially families, take the time to let each other know just how much we care.

You may never have another chance. Do it today!



## *A Time to Laugh (437)*

### *Good questions*

--When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts?" and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?

--After they make Styrofoam, what do they ship it in?  
Shouldn't the Air and Space Museum be empty?

--Abe, an old penny pincher from way back, was dying. On his deathbed, peering up through his cataracts, he asked, "Is my wife here?" "Yes, I'm here next to you," she answered. "And the kids?" "We're here, Daddy," the youngest answered. "Is the rest of the family here too?" "Around your bed," his wife assured him. At that, Abe sits up and yells, "So why is the kitchen light on?"

--If April showers bring May flowers, then what do May flowers bring?

Answer: Pilgrims.

--What did the policeman say to his belly?

Answer: I've got you under a vest.

--An atheist is walking through the forest when Big Foot jumps out at him. As he approaches menacingly, the atheist yells, "Lord, save me!" Seconds later, a voice rumbles from heaven, "I thought you didn't believe in me." "Well," the man says, "until a minute ago, I didn't believe in Big Foot either."

--A marine biologist was telling his friends about some of his most recent research findings. "Some whales can communicate at a distance of 300 miles," he said.

"What the hell would one whale say to another 300 miles away?" asked his sarcastic friend. "I'm not absolutely sure," the expert said, "but it sounds something like 'Can you hear me now?'"

--Number 12 walks into a bar. "Let me get a beer," he says to the bartender.

"Sorry, I can't serve you," he answers. "Why not?" asks Number 12, getting angry.

"You're under 21."

## ***The new Math***

--On a recent trip to Washington, D.C., my brother-in-law overheard a patriotic father pointing out a well-known building to his son: "You see that triangular-shaped octagon over there? That's the Pentagon."

--Parents are expected to participate in their children's education, and my friends were no exception. They gladly help their fifth-grade son, Andrew, whenever he's stumped. One day after school, Andrew ran into the house waving a paper in the air. "Hey, Mom, great news! There were only three mistakes on my math homework," he announced. "You made one, Dad made one and I made one."

## ***Question & Answer***

Q: Why does Peter Pan always fly?

A: Because he can never never land.

A group of tourists were watching a re-enactment of an ancient Egyptian religious ritual. One turned to a nearby native, pointed to the icon that was being praised and asked, "Pardon me, but what was the name of that god?" "Why do you want to know?" the man replied. The tourist shrugged. "Just idol curiosity, I guess."