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Revelation to Saint Joseph

- ***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

Revelation to Saint Joseph

Readings: Eph 3:1-13 and Mt 1:18-25

“When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” (Mt. 1:18-24)

A small altar boy came into the sanctuary before Mass started, and he began to light the candles on the altar. When he came to the Paschal candle, however, he ran into trouble. Though the stick of his lighter was long enough for him to reach the top of the candle, he could not manage to light that wick. By now everyone in church was following his movements. Nobody went to help him, but they were all relieved to see the sacristan coming out to intervene. Now, the sacristan did not take the lighter and light the candle. Instead, he brought a footstool for the boy to climb on and light the candle himself. Some people in the church applauded, maybe for the boy, maybe for the sacristan who showed his respect for the boy by letting him light the candle himself.

In today’s gospel, we hear how an angel visited Joseph in a dream. This angel tells Joseph what to do, but leaves it to him to do. This is how God treats each one of us. God does not take over! God’s respect for us is unconditional, and so is God’s love. God will never leave us alone, but the final decisions will be ours.

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus, once a rich young man came to ask you what to do, but then walked away from you. As he left, you remained steadily looking at him with love. Help me to realize you are looking at me with that same love. I will follow you. Amen.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Is there something that you need to do which you have been putting off—a telephone call, answering an e-mail message, making peace with someone, going to a doctor, or maybe even something more serious like retiring or moving? Take action now to celebrate the birth we anticipate at Christmas.

Capital Campaign of our Diocese

Dear Parishioners and friends,

This is an exciting and historic time for our Diocese, the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. We are in the midst of celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Eparchy. Like any milestone, this is an opportunity to reflect on God's blessings to us, and a chance to look to the bright future of our Church. Our Bishop Elias Zaidan is not just thinking about the future – he is *building* it, through Eparchy's first-ever Capital Campaign - Vision for the Future, Mission for Today. This campaign is to strengthen our parishes, missions and ministries today, *and* create the resources we will need for tomorrow! Over \$4 million has been pledged towards the Campaign's \$15 million goal!

The Eparchy continues to make great progress in so many ways: 2 deacons had been ordained this year and they are on the way toward the priesthood. We have seven additional young men preparing to become priests, along with several married men. Large numbers of children received their First Communion in parishes across the Eparchy. Two new churches had been blessed this year: one in El-Paso and the other in Dayton. At this time of giving thanks, we thank you for all that you do for the Church and your Eparchy.

As we approach the holidays and Christmas, we ask you to please be generous to the Eparchy and include us among your Christmas and year-end giving. Your gift will help support our seminarians, missions and important ministries in 2020. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift today. Thank you.

This Weekend, December 14-15: Revelation to Saint Joseph

Saturday, December 14:

At 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during Christmas)

at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Deceased of the Bentz, Fadoul, Sengewalt and Werner Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul

♠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 15:**At 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during Christmas)****at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Peter & Emma Peters
- ✠ Rita & Fred John
- ✠ Lottie Elwartoski (Birthday) by her son Richard

This Weekdays Masses**Monday, December 16:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off.**Tuesday, December 17 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Steve Linton (Birthday) and Sue Linton by Mike Linton
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Wednesday, December 18: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.**Thursday, December 19 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Angela Nagem by Tina Kitlak
- ✠ Living and Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

Friday, December 20: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.***Next Weekend, December 21-22: Genealogy of Jesus*****Saturday, December 21:****at 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during Christmas)****at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Sister Kathy Shiffer by Jackie Fahey Petros
- ✠ Helen Schroeder by Mike Linton
- ✠ Living and Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

Sunday, December 22:**at 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during Christmas)****at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Kaiser and Jeannette Fadoul
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie and Family

Calendar of Parish Events

Hall for Parishioner	<i>Saturday, December 21st.</i>
Priesthood Anniversary	<i>Saturday, December 21st is Msgr. Bakhos 28th Anniversary to the Priesthood. Sunday, December 22nd, celebration with a cake for Msgr.</i>
Rummage Sale	<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>

“Noel” Gift Basket & 50/50 Raffle (Drawing: Sunday, December 22nd)

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, 2 Christmas Hand Towels. Also two hand - crocheted shawls were donated by

Mary Lee Porter, to become extra prizes along with the Gift Basket. That means there will be two more drawings (3 total) stubs from everyone who entered the Gift Basket & 50/50 Raffle.

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 & 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*
- ☼ *Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families.*
- ☼ *Deceased of the DeMuth & Moses Families by Sandra DeMuth*
- ☼ *Deceased of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*
- ☼ *Shirley Elias Nickerson & Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma & Elijah*
- ☼ *Suzanne Linton by husband Mike*
- ☼ *Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike*
- ☼ *The deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ☼ *Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, his sister Mona & his brother Nadim by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ☼ *Leslie McGlumphy by her husband Jerry & Children*
- ☼ *Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Patty Saseen Connell*

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- December 19: Chris Wakim
- December 22: Millet C. Fadoul
- December 25: Shelly Hancher
- December 27: Luke Lenz, Jay Murad
- December 29: Jeff Bentz
- January 1: Nancy Joseph
- January 3: Rosemary Coury
- January 6: Gina Stees
- January 7: Jacob Fadoul Wilson
- January 10: Marjorie John, Mary Petros
- January 11: Jennifer Klein

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

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,121.00	Sunday Collection
599.00	Christmas Breakfast
50.00	Donation toward the new roof
60.00	Parking
766.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$3,626.00	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

Update on the New Roof of the Church and Rectory

The roof of the church is done completely. The leak damage inside the church is repaired and the wall painted. This week they installed the roof of the rectory. Both roofs and the inside repair cost us around \$45,000. So far, we raised \$25,185.00. 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. Please secure your names on the plaque by donating before December 31st, 2019. May God reward you abundantly.

Diamond Level [\$500 and over]

Anonymous, Michael & Nicole **Breit**, Tom & Judy **Brock**, Jr., Ron & Susan **Burns**, **Cedar Club**, Tom, Mary K. & Denise **Ferris**, Lou & Charlotte **Khourey**, Mike **Linton**, Jerry **McGlumphy** Family, George, Susan, Matthew & Luke **Saseen**, Mark **Schroeder** and Helen **Schroeder**, John & Deanna **Shiben**, Bill & Mary Zaid **Stees**, Rex & Rita **Strawn**, George J. **Thomas** (Memorial), Chris & Jeannette **Wakim**, Ron **Weisner**, **Women Society**, Al & Dana **Zambito**,

Gold Level [\$250 to \$499]

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

Silver Level [\$25 to \$249]

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

What's New?

Thank You Note

A heartfelt thank you to the wonderful ladies of OLOL Women's Society for their help at our Parish's Christmas Family Breakfast. Their donations for the gift bags and items for the buffet were so appreciated. We needed the team work, and they were a great team. We also wish to thank Nick Ghaphery for providing the zaatar and sweet bread. It was an unexpected surprise. And last but not least, our Terrific Santa. Great job Santa. Also, the addition of the beautiful Christmas decorations in the church, lobby and social hall really added sparkle to the occasion.

Christmas Barrel for the needy

Please bring non-perishable food items to help needy families in our parish and put them in the barrel at the entrance of the church. Thanks

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 answer the questions of renters about our electronic and electrical equipments. The Hall was built and paid by our parishioners and it is exclusively for them to enjoy. Please don't ask Charlotte or Msgr. Bakhos to rent the hall for your friends who are not parishioners. 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 2nd. These ads help defray the expenses of printing our bulletins throughout the year. Thanks for your support.



Story

There was once a farmer who had a very useful dog. But when the dog grew old, his ungrateful master decided to get rid of him by drowning him.

He took the dog to a river near his farm and rowed the dog to the middle of it. He tied a heavy stone to the dog's neck with an old rope. When they reached the deepest part of the river, he threw the dog into the water.

The poor dog sank until the rope broke. Then he came right back up with a whine and swam to the boat. But each time he tried to climb into the boat, his cruel master pushed him off with an oar.

At last the heartless fanner stood up and lifted the oar over his head. "One good whack will sink him for sure," he thought. As he swung, he lost his balance and fell into the water.

He couldn't swim! He was drowning! But the noble dog saw his master in need, went to him, caught hold of his jacket and pulled him to safety. In spite of the cruel treatment he had just received, this faithful friend saved the cruel man's life.

Lesson from the story:

Anyone who treats a good dog like this deserves punishment. Don't you agree?

-God's Plan

But wait a minute! Aren't we more guilty than this farmer? Let's go back to when Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world with nothing but love and blessing for poor, sinful man. He went about healing the sick, raising the dead, feeding the hungry, and bringing joy to the sad.

He was the most Faithful Friend man ever had. But men shouted, "Away with Him!" and nailed Him to a cross. How wicked is man's heart? The Bible says, "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

We'll take God's blessing as long as it suits us, but get rid of Him as soon as we no longer need Him.

-God's Provision

When we look at our Faithful Friend on the cross we see God's love— not a word spoken nor a finger raised against us in judgment. "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:17). Jesus sacrificed Himself for sinners, showing nothing but loving kindness to His enemies.

He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34). Like that river, the cross was the place where men tried to get rid of Him. But because of His death, grace still flows out from Jesus to all who repent, confess their sins, and trust Him as their Savior.

The faithful dog of our story saved his master's life, giving him a few more years to live. Jesus saves not only for a short time, but gives eternal life to all who believe.

-Your Move

If you don't know Jesus as your Savior, we urge you to let Him save you by grace right now. If you do not, when He comes in judgment, His anger will "burn like an oven" (Malachi 4:1), and then you'll be in real trouble! Won't you let your Faithful Friend save you now?



A Time to Laugh (440)

Just for Laughs

--Before getting a divorce, many unhappy Colorado couples come into our domestic relations court to pick up a "Dissolution of Marriage" packet. Some relationships, as we know, are worse than others. Which might explain why one man wanted the packet for "Delusion of Marriage."

--How do you identify a bald eagle? All of his feathers are combed to one side.

--Widowed for the second time, my grandmother told me she probably would not remarry. "You're still young," I said. "Why not?" "When I married your dad's father, I became a Smith. Then I married your Grand pa Ernie and became Schmidt. I'm afraid of what'll happen next.

--At the end of the day, I parked my police van in front of the station house. My K-9 partner, Take, was in the back barking, which caught the attention of a boy who was passing by. "Is that a dog you have back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I said. "What did he do?"

Dead-End Jobs

You know your employment track is going nowhere when dead guys earn more than you do. Don't sweat it, though. According to Forbes, these dearly departed made more money in one year than most living folks. Elvis Presley: \$45 million, Dr. Seuss: \$10 million, Charles Schulz: \$35 million, Marlon Brando: \$9 million, John Lennon: \$22 million, Marilyn Monroe: \$8 million, Andy Warhol: \$16 million, J. R. R. Tolkien: \$8 million.

Here's to higher education

--Suffering from a bad case of the "blahs," I went down to the adult-education center to see what classes were offered. As I leafed through the brochure, I spotted one that sounded interesting. "Are there any spaces left in the self-motivation class?" I asked the receptionist. "Sorry," she said. "That course was canceled. No one signed up for it."

--I was looking for something to read in the prison library when I bumped into another inmate holding a book. It had the curious title: Robbing Banks. "You found that book here?" I asked. "Yeah," he said, grinning. "In the self-help section."

CAUTION: Label May Drive You Crazy

Every year, the good people at Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch point out some pretty bizarre warning labels found on everyday products. Here are a few only a lawyer could love.

--A heat gun used to remove paint can reach temperatures of up to 1,000 degrees. Which, no doubt, is why one company felt compelled to add this label to its box: "Do not use this tool as a hair dryer."

--The label on a kitchen knife cautions buyers: "Never try to catch a falling knife."

--One company wants its customers to know that the baking pan they bought "will get hot when used in oven."

What are the odds?

I was at a casino signing up for a drawing when the clerk asked to see some ID. All I had on me was my card from the Braille Institute with "Legally Blind" emblazoned on it. This did not work for the woman. "Don't you have a driver's license?" she asked.

Waist not, want not

Recently, I strapped on a step counter and went for a walk with my mother.

"What's that?" she asked. "An exercise tool that keeps track of your steps," I said. "I'm hoping it'll help me lose weight." Clearly unconvinced, she asked, "Wouldn't it work better if it counted your bites?"