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



### ***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany***

- \***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

## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany*

Readings: 2Cor 10:1-11 and Jn 1:29-34

Faithful to his role as Precursor, John the Baptist has just skillfully turned the attention of the men sent from Jerusalem to enquire about him away from his own self. *“There stands among you the one unknown to you.”* John himself is only the *“Voice”* of the *“Word”* who is coming after him.

According to the Jewish tradition, the Messiah had to remain hidden until Elijah had anointed him and made him known publicly to Israel. Before baptizing his cousin, John himself was unaware that Jesus was the Messiah. But he has seen and he bears witness. He has seen the Spirit come down and rest on Jesus in the Jordan. In the light of the scriptures he has sensed that he was the Lamb of future atonements, the Servant chosen by God to baptize in the Spirit. *“He is the Son of God!”*

From the outset, in its presentation of Jesus, the fourth Gospel heralds the baptism of death which he must accept to take away the sins of the world, the fire which he has come to bring on the earth. But it also suggests the immeasurable greatness that is his divine pre-existence acknowledged by the Baptist: *“he existed before me.”* The exceptional destinies of some individuals may be compared to those rivers whose power is only revealed far downstream from their source.

There are two ways of simplifying our thinking about Jesus Christ and avoiding the witness which we must bear him after the example of John. We can either raise Jesus to heaven and proclaim him God, but a God who cannot be reached, and whose salvation remains limited to the life beyond in eternity. Or we can bring him down to earth, and see in him no more than a man among men, no doubt closer and more a brother, but deprived of his Father and cut off from the Spirit. But Christ can neither be bound to earth nor confined to heaven. *“Whatever our state, let us place Jesus between God and ourselves.”* (Bossuet)

### *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 25<sup>th</sup> 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, January 11-12: First Sunday of Epiphany***

#### Saturday, January 11 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Vernon Hancher (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his wife Regina and Family
- ✠ Healing Mass for Lillian Siebieda by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- ✠ Special Intention

#### Sunday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Habdo Family by Bill & Carol Dougherty

† Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & Family

## ***This Weekdays Masses***

**Monday, January 13:** No Mass. Clergy Retreat

**Tuesday, January 14:** No Mass. Clergy Retreat

**Wednesday, January 15:** No Mass. Clergy Retreat

**Thursday, January 16:** No Mass. Clergy Retreat

**Friday, January 17:** No Mass. Clergy Retreat

## ***Next Weekend, January 18-19: Second Sunday of Epiphany***

**Saturday, January 18 at 4:00 p.m.:**

† Don Vince (Birthday) by Matt & Vickie Gompers and Ron & Michelle Luci and Don Vince

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

‡ Special Intention

**Sunday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m.:**

† Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

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

<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b>	<i>Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your covered dish to share and inform John at 304-215-6055. He will have a current list of food.</i>
<b>St. Maron Dinner</b>	<i>Sunday, March 8, 2020</i>
<b>Bake Sale</b>	<i>Cooking dates: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 20, 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> Pick up orders: Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (afternoon) and Thu, 23<sup>rd</sup>.</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>

## ***Week Masses for the Faithful Departed*** (February 15 to February 21st)

It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead. Think of how anxious you'll be to be remembered in the Masses and prayers of your relatives and friends when you die. All of us hope and pray that we'll never be forgotten and that our loved ones will pray to God for us every day. Your deceased relatives and friends are just as anxious for you to offer for them a Mass which is the best offering pleasing to God the Father because it is the pure Body and Blood of His Son. They are depending upon God's mercy and your good works to bring about their union with the Holy Trinity, our Blessed Mother and all the saints. The Church is here to remind you to pray for your parents and beloved ones who are deceased. Remember them and pray for them, so that your children and friends will pray for you after your death. You can be sure that your prayers and your sacrifices for the dead will be rewarded when they join the Community of Saints and speak to God in your behalf.

***All Masses will be offered for the Repose of the Souls of the followings:***

† Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhr

† Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

† Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

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

† Deceased of the Bentz & Reynolds Families by Carolee Bentz

† Anna Marie McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy and Children

† Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey

† Robert Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

## ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:***

January 17: George Weisner  
 January 22: Nick Bedway  
 January 23: Dale Seidler Jr., Lisa Breiding  
 January 26: Chris DeMuth  
 January 28: Nikki Popovich  
 February 2: David John, Doug Bratton  
 February 4: Lindsay Carl  
 February 9: Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio  
 February 10: Sandra DeMuth  
 February 11: Charlotte Khourey

## ***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

## ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$1,773.00	Sunday Collection
30.00	Candles
28.00	Coffee hour
200.00	Donation to the church
545.00	Utilities
60.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,636.00	<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 Plaque will be sent to the printer after January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any corrections to the names below please call Msgr Bakhos.

### **Diamond Level [\$500 and over]**

Anonymous, Michael & Nicole **Breit**, Tom & Judy **Brock**, Jr., Ron & Susan **Burns**, Cedar Club, Tom, Mary K. & Denise **Ferris**, **Ferris & Magnone** Families (Memorial), Lou & Charlotte **Khourey**, Mike **Linton**, Jerry **McGlumphy** Family, John & Millie **Saab**, 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. Nabel & 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**, Sandra **Dusick** (Memorial), 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**, Tina **Kitlak**, Angele **Mansor**, Nini **Miller**, Paul & Natalie **Mulvey**, Veronica C. **Mushet**, Shirley Elias **Nickerson** and the Deceased of the **Elias** Family (Memorial), Pam & Rick **Obyc**, Dolores **Oser**, Peggy **Palmer**, The **Palotay** Family, Scott & Alicia **Peklinsky**, Patrick & Jackie **Petros**, Joe & Nikki **Popovich**, 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**, Tammy **Strong**, Joe & Mary **Thomas**, Latif **Thomas**, Dan & Cheryl **Tucker**, Randy **Weisner**, Drs. Matthew & Christina **Zdilla**,



## Story

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being. She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?" I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze. "Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked. She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, have a couple of kids..." "No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age. "I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me. After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me. Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up. At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know." As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding the opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets!" She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose." She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the

wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.

We make a Living by what we get, we make a Life by what we give.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it.

Lord I love You and I need You, come into my heart, Today. For without You I can do nothing.

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## *A Time to Laugh (444)*

### *Comments made in 1955. That's only 65 years ago!*

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."

"Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2000 will only buy a used one."

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter pack is ridiculous."

"Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

"Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."

"I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.

"I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."

"Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."

"I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."

"It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."

"It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."

"Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."

"I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."

"Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."

"The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."

"There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."

"No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

"If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."

Now tell me!! Wasn't the 1955 a hard time to live by?

### *Show and Tell*

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment.

Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion. The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David." The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary." The third student got in up front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Methodist, and this is a casserole."

### ***Unwanted Sabbatical***

One congregation decided to show their appreciation for their pastor by giving him a six-month sabbatical. He declined, saying, "On the one hand, I am afraid that such a long absence might affect the attendance in worship. On the other hand, I am afraid that my absence might not affect the attendance in worship."