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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of the Holy Cross

***Weekend Masses:**

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. *(For Senior Citizen 65 years & older)*

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. *[Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]*

***Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday and Thursday at 12:05 p.m. *[Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]*

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday No Mass. Pastor's office work.

***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 Kourey, Rita Strawn, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns

***Choir Members:** Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski

***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

***Altar Servers:** Earl Duffy, Dalton Haas

***Altar Boys:** Shaun Hancher, Christopher AlKhouri

***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

***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

4th Sunday of the Holy Cross

Readings: 1Thess 5:1-11 and Mt 24:45-51

Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down' ... Once again, at the beginning of Advent, this cry reaches towards God, borne up by the assurance that our salvation has been achieved, though not yet fully worked out. This is because our God is a God who comes, and Jesus Christ is fully involved in this coming: 'he is, he was and he is to come' (Apoc 4:8).

But we must adopt a reasonable attitude before this mystery of the coming of our Lord. It would be quite useless to start speculating about the time of the Second Coming and the end of the ages. This is a regular temptation for any society which happens to be shaken to its foundations! In our own day there are various religious sects who set themselves up as prophets of doom. It is not the unpredictable date of the Second Coming which should take up our attention, but rather the decisive nature of the judgment it will entail, not only upon the whole course of human history, but upon each of our personal lives as well. Faced with the prospect of this Second Coming of the Son of Man, which can be neither predicted nor prevented, faced with this lengthy vigil in the night of this world, whose end remains in darkness, the best thing for us to do is to remain always on the alert. We must accept fully our responsibility with regard to our times and invest each moment with its full weight of eternity.

Above all we should, like St Paul, never cease to give thanks. It is true we still live sparingly among the riches which God has given us in Christ. But thanksgiving is not an expression of smug self-satisfaction. It is, rather, an expression of gratitude to him who is the beginning and the end of everything, in the full realization of what we have failed to be and do, but promising that we will take up whatever promotes and repudiate whatever impedes his Advent. Christians thus become the watchdogs of the world, a thorn in their century's side, overcoming sleep and igniting hope; 'Come, Lord Jesus!' (Apoc 22:20).

Next Weekend, October 10-11: 4th Sunday of the Cross

Saturday, October 10 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ George Weisner by Dick & Ann Marie Serafin & Family
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ 40-Day Mass for Stanley Watch by Carol Dougherty
 - ✠ Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
 - ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol
- Special prayer for Annette Togliatti on her Birthday today

Weekdays Masses

Monday, October 12: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, October 13 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (MI) & GiGi
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski by Anne Foreman

Wednesday, October 14: No Mass

Thursday, October 15 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Kathleen Olinski by Florence Behrens
- ✠ George Weisner by Dick & Ann Marie Serafin & Family
- ✠ Martha Thomas by her husband Latif Thomas

Friday, October 16: No Mass

Next Weekend, October 17-18: 5th Sunday of the Cross

Saturday, October 17 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Dick & Billy Bentz (Anniversary) by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mike Linton by Libby Magnone
- ✠ Anna Jalad (Anniversary) by her Family
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

Calendar of Events

Sat. & Sun, October 17 & 18	Lebanese food festival pick up orders
October 31 until November 6	All Souls Masses

Lebanese Food Festival – Order Pick-up Dates October 17th & 18th

The Lebanese Festival Committee is proud to announce that preparations for the Our Lady of Lebanon Church **LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL** are underway! Although we were very disappointed that the Lebanese Festival – *Mahrajan* had to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic, we are enthusiastic about the opportunity to offer a Food Festival to our church family and community. The Lebanese Food Festival will be different from anything we have ever done before because of current guidelines for social distancing.

These are the generous Sponsors of the Lebanese Food Festival:

Amt.	Last Name	First Name	Donation in Memory of
\$10,000			From Anonymous
\$1,000			Wheeling Convention Center
\$1,000			Wheeling Heritage
\$500	Harb	Jamil	Sadie Harb
\$100	McLaughlin	Mark & Barb	
\$100	McLaughlin	Mark & Barb	Sarah (Joseph) McLaughlin
\$100	Golebiewski	Michael & Terri	Samuel J. & Bernadine Elias
\$100	Golebiewski	Michael & Terri	Alphonse & Violet Golebiewski
\$100	Weisner	Randy	George Weisner
\$200	Palmer	Dr. Jack	Pete & Dr. Joe Palmer
\$100	Ferris	Denise	Thomas & Mary K. Ferris
\$500	Joseph	Vickie	Mike, Alphonse & Georgette Joseph
\$100	Depto	Al	Frank J. Depto Jr., & Susan Depto Frazier
\$100	Haddad	Simon	(Whitesville, WV)
\$100	Brock	Thomas	
\$100	Palmer	Peggy	
\$100	Committee	Bill & Tricia	
\$100	Myles	Timothy & Kathy	Ruth Byers
\$100	Peklinsky	Alicia	
\$100	Weisner	Mary Beth	George Alan Weisner
\$100	Mensore	John	Mensore Distribution, Inc
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\$100	Porter	Dennis & Mary Lee	Porter & Schwizer Family
\$100	Khourey	Lou & Charlotte	The Khourey & Howard Families
\$100	Popovich	Joe & Nikki	George & Mary Popovich
\$100	Joseph	Kenneth & Nancy	
\$100	Fahey	George & Patricia	

\$100	Dougherty	Carol	The Habdo Family
\$100	Josephs	Larry	(Saint Paul, MN)
\$100	Maroon	Lula-Marie K.	Mary Ann Khoury
\$100	Kawas	Emilie	Joseph Kawas
\$100	Beatty	Tom & Sharon	
\$100	John	David & Greg	Deceased Loved Ones
\$100			Kepner Funeral Homes
\$100	Fadoul	Millet & Susie	
\$100	Stees	Bill & Mary	Zaid & Abdo Ferris Family
\$100	Oliver	Jim	
\$100	Thomas	Latif B.	
\$100	Saseen	George, Susan, Matthew & Luke	
\$100	Wetzel	William & Annette	Father Jim LaCrosse by Rusty & Annette
\$100	Jochum	Sue	Anna Shia Family
\$100	Kelly	Michael & Kathryn	
\$100	Joseph	Michael & Janet	Kareem & Alice Joseph
\$200	Schroeder	Mark A.	Al & Helen Schroeder
\$100	Comerci	James & Lynn	
\$100		Schmidt Bros. Sunoco/Tires & Service	
\$100	Renzella	Elsie	Nichola & Filomena Renzella & Deceased Members of the Family
\$100	John	Marjorie C.	Deceased of Victoria & Joseph J. John Family
\$100	Daniel	Eddie	Pete & Hasiba Daniel Family
\$50	Mansor	Angele C.	Raymond Mansor
\$100	Hankish	Rose	Paul N. Hankish
\$100	Hankish	Rose	Christopher Hankish
\$100	Hankish	Rose	Patricia Ross Hankish
\$100	Breiding	Lisa	Larry Breiding
\$100	Khoury	Drs. Rajai & Nahla	
\$100	Kazour	John & Kathleen	The Kazours
\$100	Hetzel	Robert W.	John & Lillian Hetzel
\$100	Abraham	Tom	
\$100	Goodson	Cathy	Evelyn Goodson
\$100	Gibbons	Bob & Paula & Scott	Lucy Gibbons
\$100	Chahine	Youssef & Jocelyne	Tita & Jeddo
\$100	Shia	Claire	Dr. George J. Shia
\$100	Hundley	Paula S.	George J. Shia
\$100	Fahey	Mike	Fahey-Leavitt Insurance Agency, Inc.
\$100	Saseen	Fran & Sons	Robert J. Saseen
\$100	Foreman	Ann	Roze Hazlett
\$100	Weisner	Jean	
\$200	Betras	Joe	Betras Family
\$200	Wakim	Chris & Jeannette	Blanche M. Wakim
\$100	David	Michael	
\$100	Duffy	Earl & Linda Fadoul Duffy	
\$200	Shutler	Janet	Deceased of the Shutler & Nolte Families
\$100	Joseph	Stephanie	Tessa Joseph
\$100	Vargo	Dr. Dianna M. Vargo	Ernest & Minnie Shia Vargo
\$100	Bowers	Claudia M. Khourey	Louise Nader Khourey

\$500	Ghaphery	Nick Jr. & Evelyn	Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery
\$500	Ghaphery	Dr. & Mrs. A.D.	Living & Deceased of Ghaphery & Rydzak Families
\$100	Zambito	Al & Dana	
\$100	Altmeyer	Jim	Altmeyer Funeral Homes
\$100	Zdilla	Drs. Matthew & Christina & Family	
\$250	Carl	Maryann	Mr. & Mrs. John T. John
\$100	Abraham	Marc	Abraham & Company PLLC
\$100	John	Mark & Catherine	Michael John & Fred T. John, Jr. (brothers)
\$100	Albaugh	Dennis	Albaugh & Chidiac Family Members
\$100	Bine	Shirley	
\$100	Thomas	Latif	Martha Thomas
\$100	Kannan	Tom	Deceased of the Kannan Family
\$100	Kalkreuth	John & Sherri	The Kalkreuth Family
\$25	Mason	Linda	
\$50			Riesbeck Food Markets
\$100	Petros	Pat & Jackie	Petros & Fahey Families
\$100	Sofka	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka	
\$500	Weisner	David	
\$100	Weisner	Ron	Deceased Members of the Weisner & Joseph Families
\$650	Burns	Ron & Susan	Our loving parents John & Cecilia John and D. William Burns and our loving grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph, and Sarah Burns.
\$100	Geimer	Thomasina	
\$200	Seidler	Nettie	The George Family
\$100	Magnone	Libby G.	Deceased members of the Ferris Family: Elizabeth Ferris Magnone, Josephine Ferris & Thomas Ferris
\$150	Law	Myron & Cynthia	
\$100	Hostutler	Linda	
\$200	Weisner	Gary A.	
\$100	Coleman	Joe	Colemans Fish Market
\$100	Perilli	Paula	Lou Elias
\$100	Strong	Tammy	Shirley Elias Nickerson & Deceased Members of the Elias Family by their loving family
\$100	Abraham, Jr.	Josph N.	Abraham Families
\$100	McGlumphly	Jerry & Children	Leslie & Jerbear
\$100		Mountaineer Excavating	
\$100	Breit	Juliette A.	
\$100	Strawn	Rex & Rita	
\$100	Gompers	Matt & Vicky	Gompers Pharmacy, Inc.
\$100	Deeb	Bassam & Jodi	
\$100	Gain	Theresa, Don, Jenny, Jackie & Josalyn Mann	Uncles, Chorbishop Paul Abraham, Rev. Paul Coury & my mother Mounira Midlege
\$100	Strawn	Rex & Rita	
\$100	Baker	Joe	

\$100	Carroll	Jim & Rose Marie	In Memory of the beautiful friendship of Lucy Gibbons & Martha Ruggiero
\$100	Reasbeck	David & Cynthia	George & Ida Shia Lewis
\$100			Mitchell & Rachel Farrah
\$100	George	Kathleen	Thomas E. George
\$250	Joseph	Laura	The Nassief Lewis Family & Cater Joseph
\$200	Cater	MaryAnn & Vawter Robert	The Cater Family
\$100	Conti	Rosalie	Herman E. Conti Jr.
\$100	Murphy	Tom & Lori	Thomas George & Wilma Betras
\$100	Lish	Mary A. Seabright	
\$100	Sengewalt	David & Debbie	Bob Sengewalt
\$100	Bedway	Judy & Nick	The Nick Bedway Family
\$100	Bentz	Carolee	Reynolds & Bentz Families
\$100	Volk	Sarah	Marie Harb, Khalil & Sadie Harb & Al & Annette Togliatti
\$100	Misko	Diane	Peter & Emilia Misko
\$100	Duymich	Frank & Anna Marie	
\$100	Smith	Scott R.	
\$200	Carter	Orval & Clara	Clara Joseph Carter
\$100	Kazour	George	Aziz & Mahassen Kazour
\$100	Shiben	John & Dee	Joseph & Minnie Shiben
\$100	Storm	Adele & Bill	
\$100	Rice	GiGi & Rodney	Al & Annette Togliatti
\$50	Seabright	Jody	George Weisner
	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL

Lebanese Food Festival Order Pickup

Order pick for the Lebanese Food Festival is Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th. Everyone selected a pickup date and time on the order form. It is very important to arrive on pick-up date and time that you selected. We have many people coming to the church for pickup. In an effort to maintain a quick and easy pickup process, please arrive at your selected pickup date & time. We will have your order packed and ready for pick-up at the time you selected. If you forget the pickup date & time that you selected, please call Susan (before Oct 17th) at 304-218-3028 and she will let you know.

When you arrive at the church:

- A volunteer will be at the main door.
- Enter through the main door - a face mask or shield must be worn once you enter the building.
- The pick-up table will be located near the Cedar Hall.
- Please give your name to the volunteer at the pickup table and you will receive your order.
- Please remember to maintain a 6ft distance from others in the line.

Lebanese Food Festival Volunteers

We welcome all volunteers!! Anyone who would like to volunteer to pack orders or assist on pick-up days (Oct 17th & 18th), please contact Susan at 304-218-3028. THANK YOU!

All Souls Masses (October 31 until November 6)

- ✠ Anna Marie, Julian, Leslie & Jerry Jr. McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & Children
- ✠ The Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

- † Deceased of the Kourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Kourey & Emmalena & Louie
- † Virginia Kourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Kourey Family by the Kourey Family
- † Jim Hengler, Marthann Rinehart, Elaine Cybulski, Joan Maroney, Darrell Burch by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- † Deceased of the Bentz, Fadoul, Sengewalt, Werner Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- † Robert L. Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Cathy Sharp Howard by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Helen Fielding & Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Deceased members of the Robert Shutler Family by Janet Shutler
- † Deceased members of the Pearl Nolte Family by Janet Shutler
- † Mary K. & Thomas Ferris by Denise Ferris
- † Sam & Bernadine Elias by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Alphonse & Violet Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † William T. Breit by Michael & Nicole Breit
- † Mr. & Mrs. Walter Machel by Mr. & Mrs Michael Sofka
- † Mr. & Mrs. Leo Spyra by Mr. & Mrs Michael Sofka
- † Mr. & Mrs. Tim Stanton by Mr. & Mrs Michael Sofka
- † Ms. Violet Machel and Mr. William Sayre by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka
- † Jan Hendrickson by Josh & Ingrid Hendrickson
- † Dr. Stephen Ward by his granddaughter Ingrid Hendrickson
- † Al & Helen Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
- † Suzanne Bush by Mark Schroeder
- † Tom Jochum by his Family
- † Deceased of Anna Shia by her Family
- † Michael Josephs by Cyndi & Shawn Josephs Tobias
- † Will & Freda Josephs by Cyndi & Shawn Josephs Tobias
- † Thomas Josephs by Cyndi & Shawn Josephs Tobias
- † Deceased Members of the Josephs Family by Cyndi & Shawn Josephs Tobias
- † 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
- † LaVerne Thomas, Siham & Elias Frenn and Evelyn Hall by Adel, Diane, Justin and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- † Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
- † George & Betty Joseph, Lawrence & Teresa Ferrera by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Selma & Elias Joseph, Edward & Edith Joseph, Sarah & Ray McLaughlin by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Our beloved parents John & Cecilia John and D. William Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Our beloved grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph and Sarah Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Our beloved Aunts & Uncles, Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sister Thomasina John & Julia Tappe by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- † Robert L. Hunter, Jr. & Robby L. Hunter, III by Thomasina Geimer
- † Tony, Charlotte and Michael George by the George Family (MN)
- † Beloved husband Holly Bine by his wife Shirley
- † Beloved mother, father, sister & brother by Shirley Bine
- † Philip Petros by the Petros Family
- † Betty Lou Petros by the Petros Family
- † George A. Fahey by the Petros Family
- † Dolores Fahey by the Petros Family

- ✠ Bert D. Fahey by the Petros Family
 ✠ Richard Frazier by his wife Luane and sons Rich and John
 ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson (our dear mother) by her loving Family
 ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson and the Deceased Members of the Elias Family by their loving Family
 ✠ Nicholas & Amelia Elias (grandparents) by their loving Family
 ✠ Donald A. Nickerson Sr. & Shirley Elias Nickerson and Albert & Wanda Nickerson (grandparents and parents) by their loving Family
 ✠ Tessa Joseph by Stephanie Joseph
 ✠ Deceased of the Duffy, Fadoul and Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
 ✠ Deceased of the Bott and Henning Families by Don & Roberta Henning
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Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

October 12:	Gina Haas
October 15:	Denise “Nini” Miller
October 16:	Karen John, Natalie DeMuth Mulvey
October 20:	Courtney Sengewalt
October 24:	Jonathan D. Fadoul
October 30:	Michael Duffy, Andreah Frenn
November 4:	Kenny Joseph, Libby G. Magnone, Dalton Haas
November 8:	Staci Duffy, Mark Wilson, Garrett Bratton
November 9:	Liz Murad, Cindy Thomas
November 11:	Ryan Murad

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)

Louis “Butch” Elias, Dennis Porter, Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, Laura Lee Hunter, Al Depto, Don Henning, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Mary Jo Terry, Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,080.00	Sunday Collection
3,638.00	Lebanese Food Festival
22.00	Candles
40.00	Parking
238.00	Utilities
1,500.00	Rummage sale
\$6,518.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns

What's New

Parishioners Emails Requested for Emergency Notices

Dear parishioners, & visitors who attend Masses at OLOL: Please submit your email to Msgr. Bakhos so that he can email you if there is a message about changing dates or masses in case of sickness or snow emergency. Your emails will not be shared with anybody else because of privacy.

Ma'amoul Cookies Available

Delicious homemade Ma'amoul cookies made by the ladies of our church are available for sale. The cookies are prepacked, 2 cookies/package at \$3.00/package. Limited supply. Please call Mary Stees 304-242-2026 or Linda Duffy 304-242-6853

Many Thanks

--To the dedicated and responsible parishioners who sanitized the pews and every possible touched items on the way to Mass. May God reward you abundantly.

--To those of you who are wearing Masks properly at all times that you are inside Our Lady of Lebanon Church Building. This is to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other flu & bacteria. Please note that **your Nose & Mouth are to be covered at ALL times** – especially when you are within 6 feet of another person.

Spirituality

An instructor in aviation teaches a candidate the laws of flight, the principles of gravitation and navigation. Then the student is given full freedom of choice; he can either obey the laws of flight or disobey them. If he uses his freedom to disobey, he will crash; if he uses his freedom to obey the laws he has learned, he will enjoy flying. The Church, likewise, teaches us the laws that govern reality and the consequences of breaking them. This is what Our Lord meant when He said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn 8:32). For moral freedom -like every other freedom- is limited by the order of the universe. You are free to draw a triangle (provided that you give it three sides instead of thirty); you are free to draw a giraffe (provided that you respect its nature, giving it a long neck and not a short one); you are free to teach chemistry (provided that you tell the students that water is H₂O and not H₂SO₄). So with the Church: we are free to reject the teachings of Christ in His Church, just as we are free to ignore or disobey the laws of engineering; but we will find that the rejection of her laws never leads us to the perfection of our personality, as we foolishly hoped. It results, instead, in a morbid affirmation of the ego, which can even lead to self-destruction.

(...) The Church makes none of us less free than we were before. But we chiefly value freedom in order to give it away; everyone who loves surrenders his freedom, whether his passion be the love of another person, the love of a cause, or the love of God. When a man loves a woman, he says, "I am yours," and the surrender of freedom gives him into a sweet slavery. Every person in love with God says, as Paul did, "What will you have me to do?" (Acts 9:6) and adds, as we do in the Our Father, "Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." In both instances, freedom is surrendered for the sake of a greater joy. Freedom hoarded is of little value -spent, for something we love, it brings peace and perfects one's personality in the law and love of God.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.272-274

Wisdom

As much as it hurts;

As much as we agree with our religion and try to understand **GOD's** Master Plan;
Or perhaps we already know that **GOD** has a Master Plan; but don't quite understand it;
In either case **GOD** understands that we are "imperfect human beings" and knows that; No matter how much we try to understand **His Master Plan**, losing a loved-one hurts!

As much as it hurts;

We have to be strong enough to carry on, as our dearly departed would expect us to;
We need to have faith that we will someday see each other again;
But only this time, it'll be for all Eternity...living in true peace without the hurt.

As much as it hurts;

Think about this...*One minute in Heaven is equal to 100 years on Earth;*

For us, the next 10, 20, 50 or even 75 years living without a loved-one hurts;

But for them...it'll be like you dropped them off at a restaurant and parked the car;

They'll turn and spot you and say: *"OH! There you are!"*

As much as it hurts;

Think about this...As you pray for the faithful departed loved-one(s) of your life;

End your prayers; and as you used to answer your Mom or Dad as they called you to the dinner table...gently whisper: *"Be with you in a MINUTE!"*

<i>Story</i>

Isn't it amazing how God works in our lives! On a Saturday night several weeks ago, this pastor was working late, and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was about 10:00 PM, but his wife didn't answer the phone.

The pastor let the phone ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer, but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways.

The following Monday, the pastor received a call at the church office, which was the phone that he'd used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he'd called on Saturday night.

The pastor couldn't figure out what the man was talking about. Then the man said, "It rang and rang, but I didn't answer." The pastor remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he'd intended to call his wife.

The man said, "That's, OK. Let me tell you my story.

You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, "God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now." At that point my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, 'Almighty God,' I was afraid to answer!"

The reason why it showed on the man's caller ID that the call came from "Almighty God" is because the church that the pastor attends is called Almighty God Tabernacle!!

<i>A Time to Laugh (473)</i>

My Evil Brother Was a Saint

There were two evil brothers. They were rich and used their money to keep their immoral ways from the public eye. They even attended the same church and, outwardly, looked to be perfect Catholics.

One day, their old pastor retired and a new one arrived. The new pastor saw right through the brothers' hypocrisy. Being a holy and dynamic man of God, he reinvigorated the parish and brought many people back to the Church. As the congregation grew, a fundraising campaign was started to build an addition onto the church. Suddenly, one of the brothers died. The remaining brother sought out the new pastor the day before his brother's funeral and handed him a large check. "This is to complete the addition, Father," he explained. "There is only one condition," he continued. "At the funeral, you must say my brother was a saint." The pastor promised that he would and accepted the check.

The next day, Father began his homily and did not hold back: "He was an evil man. He cheated on his wife and abused his family." After going on in a similar vein for a few minutes, he finally concluded with, "But, compared to his brother, he was a saint!"

Don't Mess with elderly

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired.

Holding hands they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved "I love you, Sally."

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up, but not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money -fifty-thousand dollars!

Andy said, "We've got to give it back."

Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two FBI agents were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, and knocked on the door. "Pardon me, but did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No."

Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile."

The agents turn to Andy and began to question him.

One says: "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday..."

The other FBI agent turns to her partner and says, "We're outta here."