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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Righteous & Just

***Weekend Masses:**

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

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, Holly Stahl

***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

***Altar Servers:**

Earl Duffy, Dalton Haas

***Altar Boys:**

Christopher AlKhoury

***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

Sunday of the Righteous & Just

Readings: Heb 12:18-24 and Mt 25:31-46

One of the interesting things about the parables of Jesus is that most of the time we can find ourselves somewhere in the story. To read one of them is sort of like looking in a mirror -what you see is your own reflection looking back. The image is not always exact. Sometimes the details are blurred, but there's something or someone with whom you can identify. And almost subconsciously, you find yourself thinking, "hey, this story is about me."

With that thought in mind, let's take another look at today's Gospel reading. Jesus speaks of returning from heaven and sitting upon a throne with all the nations assembled before him. Then he tells us that he will separate the people into groups, placing one group on his left and the other on his right. Those on the right are told that they can enter the joys of heaven because they ministered to Jesus in his time of need. They are surprised by this and inquire as to when they did these good things for the Lord. And Jesus explains that by helping needy people, they were actually helping him.

Then the people on the left hear exactly the opposite message. They are denied entry to the joys of heaven because they turned their backs upon the Lord in his hour of need. They, too, are surprised by this statement and want to know where and when they were guilty of this neglect. And Jesus explains that by their refusal to help needy people, they were actually refusing to help him.

1- That's the story as Jesus told it. Now, let me ask you a question about it. Where do you see yourself in the story? What person or group of persons do you most identify with? Do you belong with the helpers on the right or the non-helpers on the left? Well, I don't know for sure, but I have a feeling that most of us would have difficulty completely identifying with either group, and yet we probably feel some kinship with both. There have been times when we have helped. We've given to charities. We have made donations to the Church, some of which goes to help the poor. We have taken food baskets to needy families at Christmas. We've visited the sick at home or in the hospital. All of us have done some of these things and more, but we also know that there have been other times when we've turned our backs and walked away. We have seen someone who needed our help and somehow have excused ourselves from giving that help. Thus, the real truth is that we can't totally identify with either group. We sort of have one foot in each camp; we've worn two hats. Sometimes we have been selfish; at other times we have been generous. Sometimes we find ourselves really caring about people. At other times, life so overwhelms us that we find ourselves almost completely absorbed by our own problems. So the most honest place for us to stand would be somewhere between the helpers and the non-helpers. Some of us belong more to one, and some of us more to the other. But all of us are a little of both, and none of us is entirely either.

That being the case, we may find ourselves wondering about the meaning of this parable. What is Jesus telling us here? What is it that he wants us to do? What kind of corrective action should we take? I suppose a typical response would be to take up a notch in our belts, blow on our hands, and go out to become full-time helpers. That would be a noble gesture, but I doubt if it would last very long. And even if it did, look where it would take us. Why, we would be the finest people in all the world, the generous benefactors of all the poor and needy. We would be the strong and the self-sufficient, ordained of God to render aid to the weak and incompetent. What an ego trip that would be -always giving help to others but never needing it ourselves. My friends, if we could achieve that status, or convince ourselves that we had achieved it, we would be so proud and arrogant that God himself could not endure us.

2- What we really need to do is go back and take a closer look at the parable, because we are missing the main point. The message is so simple that we're walking right past it. Actually, there were not two groups of people in the story; there were three. There were the people who helped, and there were the people who refused to help, and there were the people who needed help. That last group is the one we've been overlooking; and it's strange we would do that, because these are the people with whom Jesus chose to identify himself. He said that to help them was to help him, and to neglect them was to neglect him. This is the real message of the parable. Jesus took his stand with the needy people of this world and said in effect: "This is where I live. These are my people. I belong to them, and they belong to me." Do you see the significance of that? Jesus not only cared about the needy and sought to help the needy, he completely identified himself with the needy. They were not

another group, separate and apart. They were his brothers and sisters. Their hunger was his hunger. Their loneliness was his loneliness. Their need was his need. He spoke of them, not in the third person, but the first person, because he, himself, belonged to the fellowship of the needy. And let's face it, friends, that's where you and I belong as well. It isn't as if the needy people of this world were another group over there somewhere. It isn't as if they are the people who need help, and we are the people who give help. Not that at all. We are all members of the same group; they are part of the family, and so are we. We all belong to the fellowship of the needy.

None of us is self-sufficient. I need your help, and you need mine. This is not an exclusive club. Everybody in the world is a member. The only outsiders are those who deliberately refuse to participate, and that still doesn't change the fact that they are one of us. We need each other, whether we ever get honest enough to admit it or not.

Who are the needy? I am; you are; everyone is. Today I may help you, but tomorrow I may need you to help me. We are all members of the same family, sharing our love, sharing our resources, sharing our needs.

This Weekend, January 30-31: Sunday of the Righteous & Just

Saturday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Pat Sengewalt
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ 40-Day Susie Fadoul by her husband Millet & Family
- ✠ Laura M. Wakim (Birthday) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- ✠ Dennis & June Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Sam Elias (Birthday) by Mike & Terris Golebiewski
- ✠ Deceased of the Hassan and Nassar Families by Dalton Haas

Weekdays Masses

Monday, February 1: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, February 2 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Doug G. Bentz by Peggy Bentz Bergeron
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Wednesday, February 3: No Mass. Office work

Thursday, February 4 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski & Alois Marchy by Mary Ragase

Friday, February 5: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation

Next Weekend and the following weekdays (February 6 – 12): Sunday of the Faithful Departed

Week of the Faithful Departed (February 6 until February 12, 2021)

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

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- ✠ Josephine Ferris (Anniversary) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone

- † Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Birthday) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
- † Deceased Members of the Khourey and Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey
- † Bob Saseen and Steve Schlog (Birthday) by Fran Saseen
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- † Michael Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- † Freda & William Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- † Deceased Members of the Josephs Family by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- † Johnny George and Deceased Members of the George Family by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- † Nicholas & Amelia Elias (grandparents) by their loving Family
- † Donald A. Nickerson Sr., by his loving Family
- † Our dear mother Shirley Elias Nickerson by her loving Family
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson and all deceased members of the Elias Family: Rose, Helen, Margaret, Mary, Madeline, Jean by their loving Family
- † Deceased of the Thomas Family by Rita Strawn
- † Deceased of the Strawn Family by Rita Strawn
- † Deceased of the Dellget Family by Rita Strawn
- † Deceased of our parish by Rita Strawn
- † Deceased of the Anna & Gus Shia Family by the Family
- † Thomas Jochum by his Family
- † Tim, Ginny, and Martha Shia by Sue Jochum
- † Deceased members of the Golebiewski Family by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Deceased members of the Elias Family by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Richard Frazier by his wife Luane & sons Rick & John
- † Cecilia Ann Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- † Susie Fadoul by her friend Luane Frazier
- † Thomas A. Ferris & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- † Bill Daniel Jr., by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio
- † Mary E. Daniel by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio
- † Najib Nassif (MN) by Msgr. Bakhos
- † Tessa Christine Joseph by her mom Stephanie Joseph
- † Gerard Henry Joseph by his wife Stephanie Joseph
- † Deceased members of the Elias Joseph Family by Stephanie Joseph
- † Deceased of the George and Stiles Families by Margaret George, Mary & Karen George
- † All Souls in Purgatory by Margaret George
- † Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Deceased of Namon & Salema Joseph & Family by Thomasina Geimer
- † Robert L. Hunter, Jr. & Robby Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- † Deceased Family members of the Albaugh and Chidiac Family by Denny Albaugh
- † Leona Albaugh by Msgr Bakhos
- † George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Augie Montalbano & Helen Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Mike O’Kane by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † To honor Jesus agonizing suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Susie M. Fadoul by her husband Millet, daughter Janet, sons Millet C & Jonathan
- † Deceased of the Bentz, Fadoul, Sengewalt & Werner Families by Millet L. Fadoul & Family
- † Elaine & Jay Cybulski, Marthann Rinehart, Carolyn Costain, Annette Tysk, George Thomas & Paul Doyle by Millet L. Fadoul & Family
- † Michael Joseph by his wife Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse and Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Deceased members of the Shiben and McFarland Families by John & Dee Shiben
- † Siham & Elias Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- † LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin and Andreah & Zack Riedel

- † Silvio Perilli by Paula Perilli and the Perilli Family
 - † Melvin Peluchetti by Paula Perilli
 - † Judith L. Bowman by Paula Perilli
 - † Brian D. Schwanerbrger by Paula Perilli
 - † George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Family
 - † Deceased Members of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler
 - † Deceased Members of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler
 - † Deceased of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families
 - † George Weisner (beloved husband and father) by Jean Weisner and Family
 - † Blanche and John G. Wakim by Jeannette & Chris Wakim
 - † Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
 - † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
 - † Monica Marie Peyer by Keneth Post (Parkersburg)
 - † Monica Marie Peyer by Vicki-Marie Peyer
 - † Mike & Sue Linton and his parents Joe & Frances Linton
 - † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
 - † Cathy (Sharp) Howard by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
 - † Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty and Family
 - † Deceased of the Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty
 - † Deceased of the Duffy, Fadoul, Comer & Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
 - † Amelia & William Fitzgerald by Rosemary & Dick Coury
 - † Deceased of Maryann Khoury by Rosemary & Dick Coury
- (Please complete the attached Mass Form and return it before February 3rd)

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- 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
- February 14: Diane Frenn
- February 15: Nettie Seidler
- February 16: Dave Sengewalt
- February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio
- February 21: Louie Khourey
- February 24: Mary Lee Porter
- February 27: MaryAnn Carl
- March 2: Ava Murad

Msgr. Bakhos 70th Birthday

On February 9th, Msgr Bakhos will celebrate his 70th birthday. He spent the last 20 years serving Our Lady of Lebanon church in Wheeling. They were fruitful years for the church and the parish. He loves West Virginia and he will retire at age of 75. His daily prayers are for all the benefactors of the church and her pastor.

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)

Earl Duffy and his sister Dorothy McKee, Viola J. Yeater (mother of Jeannette Wakim), Louis "Butch" Elias, Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Justin

Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, Al Depto, Don Henning, 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> | |
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| \$563.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 26.00 | Candles |
| 118.00 | 2 nd collection |
| \$707.00 | 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

Parish Condolences: Jim George

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the George Family on the loss of their beloved Jim. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the funeral Mass on Wednesday, January 27th. 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.

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

Our Lord said to Saint Faustina: *“Eternal life must begin already here on earth through Holy Communion. Each Holy Communion makes you more capable communing with God throughout eternity.”*

Saint Faustina often saw the Baby Jesus at Mass. She wrote, *“Once when Fr Sopocko was saying Mass, I saw, as usual, the child Jesus on the altar, from the time of offertory. However, a moment before elevation, the priest vanishes from my sight and Jesus alone remained. When the moment of the elevation approached, Jesus took the host and the chalice in His little hands and raised them together, looking up to heaven, and a moment later I again saw the priest. I asked the child Jesus where the priest had been during the time I had not seen him. Jesus answered, “In My Heart.””*

There are so many references in scripture to the Eucharist that you could almost call it the Eucharistic Book. In Matthew 26:26-28, we read: “Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat. This is My Body.” In Corinthian 1: 11:27 we read, “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord.” In John 6: 48-56, we read about being the living bread which came down from heaven, and that anyone who eats of this bread will live forever. And He added, “For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.”

The Church teaches that at the moment of consecration during the Mass, the bread and wine on the altar become the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

The Mass is so important because at every Mass we get to offer our sacrifice with Jesus to the Father for our sins and then he leaves us His body to adore and for food for the journey.

Wisdom

Today we are living with cancer, not dying of cancer, and there is a considerable difference. Today, 50% of all cancer patients are being cured of their disease and 40% are being put into remission. Of the remaining 10%

whose cancer is advanced and for whom treatment might not be effective, the diagnosis of cancer still does not mean imminent death. For these patients, there still is hope for “quality life” for the remaining weeks, months, or years of their lives. We talk about being realistic that one has a life-threatening illness; however, we do not close the door on hope. We stress the importance of having a positive attitude, taking life one day at a time, and making each day count.

(Lois HOWLAND, Nurse Coordinator, Cancer Information Center, Barnes Hospital)

Story: An Interview with God

I dreamed I had an interview with God. *"Come in,"* God said to me, *"So, you would like to interview Me?"* *"If you have the time,"* I said.

God smiled and said: *"My time is called eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?"*

"None that are new to you. What's the one thing that surprises you most about mankind?"

God answered: *"That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived..."*

God's hands took mine and we were silent. After a long period, I said, *"May I ask you another question?"* *"As a Parent, what would you ask your children to do?"*

God replied with a smile:

- "To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.*
- To learn that it takes years to build trust, and a few seconds to destroy it.*
- To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.*
- To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. There will be others better or worse than they are.*
- To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.*
- To learn that they should control their attitudes, otherwise their attitudes will control them.*
- To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.*
- To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.*
- To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to show their feelings.*
- To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.*
- To learn that while at times they may be entitled to be upset, that does not give them the right to upset those around them.*
- To learn that great dreams do not require great wings, but a landing gear to achieve.*
- To learn that true friends are scarce, he/she who has found one has found a true treasure.*
- To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they forgive themselves.*
- To learn that they are masters of what they keep to themselves and slaves of what they say.*
- To learn that they shall reap what they plant; if they plant gossip they will harvest intrigues, if they plant love they will harvest happiness.*
- To learn that true happiness is not to achieve their goals but to learn to be satisfied with what they already achieved.*
- To learn that happiness is a decision. They decide to be happy with what they are and have, or die from envy and jealousy of what they lack.*
- To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see something totally different.*
- To learn that those who are honest with themselves without considering the consequences go far in life.*
- To learn that even though they may think they have nothing to give, when a friend cries with them, they find the strength to appease the pain.*
- To learn that by trying to hold on to loved ones, they very quickly push them away; and by letting go of those they love, they will be side by side forever.*
- To learn that even though the word "love" has many different meanings, it loses its value when it is overstated."*

A Time to Laugh (489)

Church Bulletin Info

- These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services!
- The Fasting & Prayer, Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: 'Break Forth Into Joy.'
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. Is done.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours'

Wet your whistle

- Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.
At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!