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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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1st Sunday after the Holy Cross

***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, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad

***Choir Members:**

Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Holly Stahl

***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

***Altar Server:**

Earl Duffy and Joe Roxby

***Altar Boy:**

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

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Readings: 2 Tim 2:1-10 and Mk 10:35-45

The ambition of two disciples provoked this promise; the indignation of the other ten provoked the formulation of the new law, the law of the gospel. The disciples in this instance were exemplifying the rule governing Gentile society.

Jesus asserts the opposite rule as binding upon his society (vss.42-43). Here everything is turned bottom side up. Only the slave of all is qualified to govern all. And slavery to others is embodied in the act of dying for them. The only true king, it would seem, is a dead king. It is not at all surprising, then, when we reread the Gospel to find that the rejection of this rule lies behind all the rejections of Jesus, whether by the scribes, the crowds, the rich man, or the disciples. Yet the coming baptism will include the adoption of this rule. The baptism of the disciples will be fulfilled not simply by their suffering and death, but by their becoming slaves of all. This is why the New Testament can speak of all faithful believers as kings (Apoc 1:6, 9; 5:10; 1 Peter 2:9). When all are kings because all are slaves, such ambitions as those of James and John will be truly senseless.

This Weekend, Sep. 18-19: 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday September 18 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ John G. Moses and Sophie Moses by their son Jim Moses
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ John T. John by his loving Children: David, Tom, Greg, Maryann and Susan and their Families
- ✠ Prayers for Special Intentions

Sunday, September 19 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol
- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Jane Nakhle
- ✠ Latif Thomas by Dr. & Mrs. Al Ghaphery

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday September 20: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday September 21 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Latif Thomas by Dr. & Mrs. Al Ghaphery
- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Dianna Vargo
- ✠ Deceased of the Saseen and Long Families

Wednesday September 22: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Thursday September 23 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Latif Thomas by Dr. & Mrs. Al Ghaphery
- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Dianna Vargo
- ✠ Deceased of the Matiasek Family: Lorena Matiasek, Nora Fleming, Adele Woodard and Robert Matiasek by Terri Peacock

Friday, September 24: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Next Weekend, Sep. 25-26: 2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday September 25 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Prayers for Special Intentions of Dr. A.D.Ghaphery
- ✠ John G. Moses and Sophie Moses by their son Jim Moses
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Prayers for Special Intentions of A Friend

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Sunday, September 26 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Kenny & Nancy Joseph
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher
- September 22: John Jay Thomas
- September 24: Luane Frazier
- September 25: Natalie Committee
- September 26: Mary Rose Kukula
- October 6: Joe Popovich, Frank Duymich
- October 10: Linda Duffy
- October 15: Denise "Nini" Miller
- October 16: Karen John, Natalie DeMuth Mulvey
- October 20: Courtney Sengewalt

All Souls Masses (October 30 until November 5th)

All Masses will be offered for the Repose of the Souls of your beloved ones:

- ✠ Richard W. Frazier by his wife Luane Frazier
- ✠ Cecilia Ann Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- ✠ Mickey & Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Elias & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Ray & Sara McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
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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)

Carol Dougherty, Shirley George, Harper Musilli, John Frazier, Dennis Porter, Mary Stees, Diane Palotay, Rex & Rita Strawn, Nick & Judy Bedway, 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 Shibben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,848.00	Sunday Collection
23.00	Candles
292.00	utilities
300.00	Hall rental
\$2,463.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns, Liz Murad

What's New?

Help needed to sanitize pews

Dear parishioners,

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Our goal is to protect you inside and outside the church. We are asking for two volunteers after every Mass to help sanitizing the pews and railings and door handles, etc. Please stay after Mass in the church for five minutes and join those who are sanitizing. May the Blessed Mother protect you and reward you. Msgr Bakhos

Rummage Sale Update

Dear parishioners,

The Dropoffs for the Rummage Sale will be on Tuesday September 14 and Thursday September 16 and Tuesday September 21 from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm.

If any question, please call Linda at 304-242-6853.

Thank you for all the help and your many donations. The sale is set for Saturday, September 25th from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm

Spirituality

Humility & God:

Humility is true dependence on God. Pride is the opposite. It does not need God. A proud person believes accomplishments are a result of his own efforts and fails to see them as a gift from God. A humble person knows he is a sinner and he avoids judgments upon others. God usually used the weak soul to carry His message, as the repentant sinner recognizes his shortcomings and is more on fire for the Lord.

In an apparition, the Blessed Mother told Saint Faustina, *“I desire that you practice the three virtues that are dearest to me and the most pleasing to God. The first, humility, humility, and once again, humility; the second virtue, purity; the third virtue, love of God.”*

Pride & Satan:

When the devil wants to keep a strong hold of a soul he has to only incite it to pride... and if he wants to bring about the souls ruin, he only has to guide the soul to its instincts of pride. Pride is the source of Satan’s victory and he will not rest until the world is full of it. He himself was lost through pride and he will not allow souls to save themselves through humility.

Wisdom

Question: What are the “four last things?”

Answer: The “Four Last Things” make up a traditional way of describing our final destiny as **death, judgment, heaven, or hell**. The Catechism of the Catholic Church includes the four in a single sentence: “Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven -through purification or immediately- or immediate and everlasting damnation”.

Death is defined in light of this destiny as being the “end of time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace won for us by Christ”.

Judgment means that “in the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man’s relationship with God will be laid bare.” I will “reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life.”

Heaven is the “ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” that comes from seeing God. It is “communion of life and love with the Trinity, the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed”.

Hell is the “state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed”. The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and the eternity of its punishments.

And finally, the purification referred to is, of course, **Purgatory**. “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven”.

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We sometimes get the impression nowadays that the four last things have been reduced to two: death and heaven, the second considered just as certain for an individual as the first. Funeral liturgies announced as a “celebration of the life” of the departed and including fulsome eulogies may well give such an impression. They may also give the one facing judgment more useless praise than thoughtful prayers. rather, the Mass of Christian Burial should assuage our loss and sorrow with the “certain hope of resurrection” not by becoming a premature canonization but by remaining what it is, Christ’s paschal sacrifice offered for the departed with love and with trust in God’s mercy.

Story

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened - everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me?" he cried.

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It's easy to get discouraged sometimes when things appear to be going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

You say, "It's impossible."

God says: "All things are possible". (Luke 18:27)

You say, "I'm too tired."

God says: "I will give you rest". (Matt 11:28-20)

You say, "Nobody really loves me."

God says: "I love you". (John 3:16 - John 13:34)

You say, "I can't go on."

God says: "My grace is sufficient." (II Cor. 12:9 - Psalm 91:15)

You say, "I can't figure things out."

God says: "I will direct your steps." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say, "I can't do it."

God says: "You can do all things in Me." (Phil 4:13)

You say, "It's not worth it."

God says: "It will be worth it." (Romans 8:28)

You say, "I can't forgive myself."

God says: "I forgive you." (I John 1:9 - Romans 8:1)

You say, "I can't manage."

God says: "I will supply all your needs." (Phil 4:19)

You say, "I'm afraid."

God says: "I have not given you a spirit of fear." (II Tim. 1:7)

You say, "I'm always worried and frustrated"

God says: "Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7)

You say, "I don't have enough faith."

God says: "I've given everyone a measure of faith." (Romans 12:3)

You say, "I'm not smart enough."

God says: "I give you wisdom." (I Cor. 1:30)

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You say, "I feel all alone."

God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Heb. 13:5)

A Time to Laugh (523)

Daddy Got Two Shots

The cold and flu season had come to our church, and I was talking to one of the first graders after she and her father had missed a Sunday due to illness. I asked her if she was feeling better, and she replied with a proud voice, "Yes, I'm all better now, but Daddy and I had to go to the doctor."

Sensing there was more to the story, I asked, "And what did you think about visiting the doctor?"

She answered with a small, sad voice, "I didn't like it very much. I had to get a shot, and it hurt."

But before I could begin to comfort her, she suddenly looked up with a great big, beaming smile and said, "Yep, had to get a shot, but my daddy had to get two shots, and that made me feel lots better!"

Save a Little Money

Save a little money each month, and at the end of the year you'll be surprised at how little you have.

Shark Fishing

A priest was walking along the cliffs at Dover when he came upon two locals pulling another man ashore on the end of a rope. "That's what I like to see," said the priest, "a man helping his fellow man."

As he was walking away, one local remarked to the other, "Well, he sure doesn't know the first thing about shark fishing."

Pews Harder Than Rocks?

As a woman watched her husband fishing for hours, sitting on the rocky shoreline of the lake, she commented to her friend, "Can that possibly be the same man who complains every Sunday about uncomfortable pews?"

He's Got a License to Run

Two men were fishing when a game warden slipped up on them and asked to see their fishing licenses. One of the men took off running. The warden started chasing the man along the river through the brush and marshes. After about ten minutes he caught the man and asked him for his fishing license. The man reached into his wallet and produced a current fishing license. The game warden inspected the license carefully and asked the man why he had run away. The man smiled at the warden and answered, "So you wouldn't ask to see the other guy's license."

Teaching Worms to Swim

A man saw a young boy who was fishing without permission in his private lake. He approached the boy. "This lake is clearly posted with No fishing signs. So why are you fishing in my private lake?"

"I'm not fishing, sir," the boy politely answered. "I'm just teaching these worms how to swim!"

Slow Boat to Ice Fishing

A couple of fellows from Alabama loved to fish. They had heard that ice fishing was a great sport, and they wanted to give it a try. If they were going to do it, though, they were going to do it in Canada to get the full effect of the sport. When they arrived at a frozen lake in Canada that was famous for its ice fishing, they stopped at a bait shop to get the very best bait and tackle for the lake. The shop owner told them that they would need an ice auger. It was a bit expensive, but the men did not hesitate; they purchased the auger to drill holes in the ice. In a short while they had gathered their equipment and arrived on the ice. They began to prepare for a great day of ice fishing.

About two hours later they returned to the shop and asked the shop owner for another ice auger.

The shop owner was confused. "What's wrong with the one I sold you?"

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"Nothing," the men answered, "it works fine."

"Then why do you need another one?" the owner asked.

"It's cold out there. The holes keep freezing after a while, and we haven't been able to fish yet. At the rate we're going, we're not even going to get the boat in the water before dark!"