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Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

*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:

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

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

Friday during Lent: 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross & Reflection

*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, 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:

Jeannette Wakim, 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 Hemorrhaging Woman

Readings: 2 Cor 7:4-11 and Lk 8:40-56

Today's Gospel provides us with two stories upon which to mediate and grow in faith during this holy Lent.

The persons involved in the healing stories in today's Gospel were very different--one powerful and influential in society; the other poor and afflicted. But both turned to the healing power of the Divine Physician and both found peace and serenity in that decision to trust the Lord.

Jairus, came to request the favor in public, and the woman came to obtain it in secret. However, both requests were granted at the end.

The hemorrhaging woman was alienated from her community because of her flow of blood. She lived in isolation and misery, spending all her money on doctors, but she only got worse. Besides her sickness, now she is a poor person.

Perhaps she was rich before her sickness. But as we know sickness does not differentiate between poor and rich. We all know that true richness is not with money and wealth, but with good moral and faith. Money cannot buy life or health.

The Hemorrhaging woman suffered so long, she defiled the skill of so many doctors. She had hope only in God. Faith did for her what human means could not do. We must first put our trust in the Master of the universe, not in the doctors or other humans. Many people put their trust first in the doctors, and when they cannot help them any more, they turn to God and start asking him for favors. Where was God in their lives when they were healthy?

It is not enough to say, "I believe in God", you need to come to him and request your needs with faith as did the leper, the hemorrhaging woman and many others. You don't ask you don't receive. You don't knock, no one will open the door.

Christ wants to establish a special relationship with each one of us. That is why he wanted to speak to the woman after she was healed. He wanted to talk with her face to face. The miracle of her healing would have been useless if it did not lead to personal relationship with Jesus. I hear it sometimes from some people saying, "God has done this miracle and that miracle with me or with a member of my family." But at the same time that spoken person does not go to church, and does not practice his or her faith properly. Our faith and our Christian vocation can be useless if we do not have that special communication with Christ. This relationship requires from us to be with Jesus; To take time to be with him in prayer. To make it a priority to be with him in church and to receive him in the Eucharist. If Christ is important to me, or if my faith and Christianity means anything to me, I should do the impossible to save it and to practice my faith daily.

Jesus' words to Jairus, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." and to the woman, "Your faith has made you well," are blessed words to you and me. They tell us that faith moves mountains!

Jesus underlines the importance of faith. The best definition I found on faith is: "Faith is an unquestioning belief that does not require proof or evidence. It is a complete trust and confidence."

AS we reflect upon this Gospel, we ought to ask ourselves:

.... What is in me that needs healing; what it is that has been draining me of energy;

.... How my condition has made me feel unclean, isolated, and alone;

.... What did I gain from the efforts that I have made over the years to be healed;

.... What is my own deepest desire for healing?

Some of us might have some physical, emotional or spiritual sickness that needs healing.

Physical: Could be cancer, AID, heart problems, hemorrhaging, disabilities or any other sickness.

Emotional: Could be some addiction to alcohol, tobacco, sexual addiction, gambling, abusive behavior ... etc..

Spiritual: Could be lack of faith; lukewarmth in prayer; negligence of religious duties; moving away from the church and the sacraments; dishonoring Christ through any way of sinning.

All humans, Christians and non-Christians suffer from such misery, physical, emotional and spiritual. However, we Christians have a special remedy and a special gift of healing and restoration that God gives us in

Jesus Christ if we come to him in faith. We must take advantage of that. We must come to him and touch him and be touched by him in the Eucharist. We must go to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and be healed and restored by him. No matter how miserable and sick I can be, God's power is stronger and mightier than anything.

Let us ask the Lord to grant us the faith of the hemorrhaging woman and the trust of the synagogue official.

Like these two people of faith, let us learn to turn to the Lord in true faith, to lay before him our spiritual and physical ailments, and to be touched by the power of him who is willing to expand himself even to death on the cross for those who seek him in faith. Amen.

This Weekend, Mar 12-13: Sun. of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Saturday March 12 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Sunday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mary Joseph Shipley (Anniversary) and Robby L. Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

Next Week Mass Schedule

Monday, March 14: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, March 15: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Wednesday, March 16: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Thursday, March 17 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Intentions of the Benefactors and Volunteers of our church

Friday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross & Spiritual Reflection

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Good health and long life for the mother of Dr. Nabil Alkhouri

Next Weekend, Mar 19-20: Sun. of the Prodigal Son

Saturday March 19 at 4:00 p.m.: Saint Joseph Feast Day

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Sunday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ John T. John & Cecilia John by Ron & Susan (John) Burns
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

Schedule of coming events

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| Bishop's visit to our parish | Saturday and Sunday, April 2 nd and 3 rd |
| Palm Sunday | April 10 |
| Good Friday | April 15 |
| Easter Sunday | April 17 |
| May Queen | Sunday, May 1 st following Mass. Isabella AlKhouri will be the 2022 May Queen. All Families having children willing to share in the procession, please call 304-233-1688 so that we can prepare flowers for everyone. |

Easter Lilies in Memory of:

These generous parishioners sponsored the Easter Lilies to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ at Easter in memory of their beloved ones:

- ✦ Gladys Howard and Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family
- ✦ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✦ Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- ✦ Robert Hunter Jr. & Robby Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- ✦ Deceased Family members of Thomasina Geimer by Thomasina Geimer
- ✦ Phillip Geimer by Thomasina Geimer
- ✦ Deceased members of Danny & Milly Manners by NiNi Miller
- ✦ Deceased Family Members of Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✦ In Honor of Robert Harris
- ✦ In Honor of Jean Weisner & her Family
- ✦ In Honor of Frank & Anna Marie & Michael Duymich
- ✦ In Memory of the McLaughlin & Joseph & Miller Families by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✦ In Honor of the Frenn Family by Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn
- ✦ In Honor of Fran Saseen & her Family Members
- ✦ In Loving Memory of John T. John & Cecilia John by Susan John Burns
- ✦ Deceased Family members of Jerry McLumphy especially Leslie
- ✦ In Honor of Tammy Strong
- ✦ In Honor of Kenny & Nancy Joseph
- ✦ In Momory of Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty (OK)
- ✦ In Momory of The Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- ✦ In Loving memory of grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph by Susan John
- ✦ In Loving memory of Aunts & Uncles: Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rota John, Sister Mary Thomasina John and Roland & Julia Tappe by Susan John
- ✦ In Loving Memory of Helen Rohana, Mike Rohana and all Deceased Family Members of the Rohana and Rahi Families by Chamse Rahi

Easter Obligation fulfilled

Many Thanks to those who fulfilled their Easter Obligation this year.

Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Susan (John) Burns, Ron & kim Gibbons, Millet L. Fadoul & Family, Cathy Goodson, Pat & Caroline Popicg, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Joe & Nikki Popovich, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Jean Weisner, Ron Weisner, Mark Schroeder, Earl & Linda Duffy, Bill & Mary Stees, Tammy Strong, Kenny & nancy Joseph, Veronica Mushet, Shirley Bine, Mary Beth Weisner, John & Dee Shiben, John & Opal Ritts, GiGi & Robert Rice, Dr. Jack & Rose Palmer, Jim Moses, Myron & Cynthia Law, Mary Rose Kukula, Dave & Greg John, Marge John, Rosalie Conti, Bill & Tricia Committee, The Frenn Family, Randy P. Weisner,

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- March 15: Shelby Imer
- March 18: John Shiben, Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros
- March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell
- March 22: Jennifer Imer
- March 26: Joseph John
- March 30: Greg John
- April 1: Patrick Sengewalt
- April 6: Ronald Weisner
- April 8: Jesse John
- April 11: Randy Weisner
- April 12: Justin Frenn
- April 13: Adel Frenn

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)
 Thomasina Geimer, Mary Stees, Rex & Rita Strawn, Viola J. Yeater (mother of Jeannette Wakim), 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), Ted Olinski, Patricia Corder,

| <i>Your Church Support Last Week</i> | |
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| \$2,239.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 1,250.00 | Diocesan Appeal |
| 54.00 | Bake sale |
| 60.00 | Candles |
| 50.00 | Donations to the church |
| 50.00 | Easter Lillies |
| 346.00 | Utilities |
| \$4,049.00 | 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?

Our Bishop Will Visit Our Parish

Dear parishioners and friends,

Our beloved Bishop Elias Zaidan will have an eparchial visit to our parish to celebrate the weekend Masses with us on Saturday and Sunday, April 2nd and 3rd. You are all invited to attend Mass and listen to him and to share in the luncheon at the Cedar Hall on Sunday, April 3rd after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

In the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, there are 42 parishes and missions across 18 of the 34 states in our diocese. The Eparchy does not have sufficient resources to fund all the vital programs and ministries that are necessary for a vibrant faith community. Without your generosity, ministries would suffer. We could not afford to educate future priests or care for our retired ones. Thousands of underserved Maronites in areas without a local church will remain without a priest and place to gather and worship. Your gifts to the Eparchy, and in particular to the ***Vision for the Future– Mission for Today Capital Campaign***, ensure all the people and local churches within our Eparchy receive equal access to the sacraments and ministries today, tomorrow and for generations to come. --Msgr. Bakhos

A Children Book

Our parishioner Lillian Siebieda, the wife of our church's architect Larry, wrote a children book titled: "Jason finds happiness." The proceeds from this book are going to the Saint Jude Children Hospital to help cover family cost for about 15 chemotherapy treatments. The book sells for \$15.00. If parents and grandparents want to order this book to offer it for their children and grandchildren or any other children and at the same time help St. Jude children hospital for a right cause, please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Lillian is coming in March from Florida and she will bring your orders with her. Thanks for your cooperation.

Rummage Sale Information

Dear Parishioners and Friends, while you are sitting still during winter time, we have something for you to do. Please collect the items you want to donate to our church Rummage Sale and bring them with you on Saturdays and Sundays. Let Msgr Bakhos know that you have things, so the basement door can be opened for you. Please remember that NO CLOTHING. For any questions, call Linda at 304-242-6853

2022 Mahrajan (Festival) (Sunday, August 14, 2022)

Our beloved Mahrajan is back!

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, Aug 14, 2022 and plan on spending the day with us celebrating the Lebanese Mahrajan (Festival) at Oglebay Park!

The Mahrajan Committee began preliminary planning last October. We feel confident that we can resume the Mahrajan safely outdoors in the wide-open space at Oglebay Park, Site #1. The festival will be one day only this year. The day will begin with an outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Mahrajan which will begin at 12:00 noon (after mass) and close at 7:00 p.m. The committee will keep you updated on planning progress in the weekly bulletin. We also ask that you please feel free to make any suggestions or share your thoughts with any committee member.

Mahrajan Update:

- Band & singer have been booked and contract signed.
- Contracts for dancers and vendors have been mailed.
- 50/50 Raffle will take place. Details regarding 50/50 Raffle will follow in a few weeks.
- Menu items: All your favorite Lebanese food items are planned. More details to follow.
- Volunteers: We love and need our volunteers! No event can be successful without our volunteers. We will be meeting with the Women Club and Cedar Club in the following weeks to discuss the Mahrajan menu and volunteers. Also, all parishioners who are willing to help, please contact any committee member.

Mahrajan Committee:

Liz Murad, Mahrajan Committee Chairperson

Monsignor Bakhos, Lou Khourey, Susan John-Burns, Nick John, Ryan Storm, Ava Murad

Spirituality: Original Sin and Redemption

The Immaculate Conception and the Virgin Birth were to the beginning of a new humanity something like what a lock is to a canal, the former in a special way. If a ship is sailing on a polluted canal and wishes to transfer itself to clear waters on a higher level, it must pass through a device that locks out the polluted waters and raises the ship to the higher position. Then the other gate of the lock is lifted, and the ship rides on the new, clear waters, taking none of the polluted waters with it. Mary's Immaculate Conception was like that lock, inasmuch as, through her, humanity passed from the lower level of the sons of Adam to the higher level of the sons of God.

When this plan was presented to Mary in the greatest charter of freedom the world ever heard, she answered: ***"Be it done unto me according to Your Word."*** And God began taking on the form of man within her chaste body. Nine months later the Eternal established its beachhead in Bethlehem, as He Who is Eternal appeared in time; the bird that built the nest it hatched therein; He Who made the world is born in the world which received Him not. Because He is man, Jesus Christ can act in the name of man and be responsible as man; because He is God, everlasting He does with that human nature has an infinite value. Through this human nature of His that is sinless, He makes Himself responsible for all the sins of the world, and to such an extent that in the strong language of Saint Paul: ***"He is made sin."*** As a rich brother takes on himself the debt of his bankrupt brother, so Our Lord takes upon Himself all the discords, disharmonies, all the sins, guilts, and blasphemies of humanity, as if He Himself were guilty. As gold is thrust into the furnace to have its dross burned away, so He takes His human nature and plunges it into the fires of Calvary to have our sins burned away. To change the figure again -since sin is in the blood, He pours out His Blood in redemption; for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. --*Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, pp.40-41.*

(To be continued)

Wisdom: Friends are like angels

Our friends are like angels, who brighten our days;
 In all kinds of wonderful, magical ways.
 Their thoughtfulness comes as a gift from above;
 And we feel we're surrounded by warm, caring love.
 Like upside-down rainbows, their smiles bring the sun;
 And they fill ho-hum moments, with laughter and fun.
 Friends are like angels, without any wings;
 Blessings our lives with the most precious things.

Story

The Kitten of the Pastor

The pastor of the church had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and drove away so that the tree bent down, lie could then reach up and get the kitten.

He did all this, checking his progress in the car frequently, then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air-out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten.

So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business. A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. Now this woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it!"

She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

Never underestimate the Power of God.

Faith's Eventual Victory

During the war, there was a countrywoman in France who hid a Chinese Communist. He tried to undermine her faith, she answered him, "You are a learned man, you have studied a lot; all I know is that Jesus told us to love others as He loved them." One day a number of fugitives, Communists too, fleeing from the German advance, asked this woman for shelter. She gave them her room, and went to sleep in the passage, after giving them all the bedclothes she had. Very early the next day they stole away, taking everything with them. The Chinaman was furious, and watched the woman carefully, but saw not the slightest sign of anger. He then and there decided to become a Catholic and is now a priest all through the acts of one poor woman.

A Time to Laugh (1)

Religion

"What do you do for a living?" Asked a lady of a young man at a cocktail party.

"I am a paratrooper."

"It must be awful to be a parachute jumper," said the lady. "Well, it does have its scary moments."

“Tell me about your most terrible experience.”

“Well,” said the paratrooper, “I think it was the time when I came down on a lawn where there was a sign read, **KEEP OFF THE GRASS**”.

Love

A man offered to pay a sum of money to his twelve-year-old daughter if she mowed the lawn. The girl went at the task with great zest and by evening the whole lawn had been beautifully mowed well, everything except a large uncut patch of grass in one corner.

When the man said he couldn't pay the sum agreed upon because the whole lawn hadn't been mowed, the girl said she was ready to forego the money, but would not cut the grass in the patch.

Curious to find out why, he checked the uncut patch. There, right in the center of the patch, sat a large toad. The girl had been too tender-hearted to run over it with the lawn—mower.

(Where there is love, there is disorder. Perfect order would make the world a graveyard).

Priest's blessing at the horse race

One day while he was at the track playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt, Mitch noticed a priest who stepped out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race.

Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race.

Before the next race, as the horses began lining up, Mitch watched with interest the old priest step onto the track. Sure enough, as the 5th race horses came to the starting gate the priest made a blessing on the forehead of one of the horses.

Mitch made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse the priest had blessed won the race.

Mitch collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the priest would bless for the 6th race. The priest again blessed a horse.

Mitch bet big on it, and it won. Mitch was elated. As the races continued the priest kept blessing long shot horses, and each one ended up coming in first.

By and by, Mitch was pulling in some serious money. By the last race, he knew his wildest dreams were going to come true. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited the priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on.

True to his pattern, the priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day.

Mitch also observed the priest blessing the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag. Mitch knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag.

He then watched dumbfounded as the old nag come in dead last. Mitch, in a state of shock, made his way down to the track area where the priest was.

Confronting the old priest he demanded, 'Father! What happened?

All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a Kentucky mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings -- all of it!

The priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. “Son,” he said, “that's the problem with you Protestants, you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.”

Famous Quotes (002)

Accuracy:

--Even a stopped clock is right twice a day. (Anonymous)

Accusation:

--Accuse to affirm another's guilt or unworth; most commonly as a justification of ourselves for having wronged him. (Ambrose Bierce)