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# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

- \***Weekday Masses:** **Mondays and Wednesdays:** No Mass. Pastor's office work.  
**Tuesdays and Thursday at 12:00 Noon** [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]  
**Fridays:** No Mass. Pastoral visitations.
- \***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, 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 AlKhouri
- \***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

## *13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost*

Readings: 1Cor 3:1-11 and Lk 8:1-15

Jesus' use of parables was no innovation in the context of his time and environment: there are many instances in the Old Testament of this way of teaching and the rabbis of Jesus' time used it continuously. However, Jesus' method undoubtedly did cause surprise. It followed a sermon which he began by plainly proclaiming that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand, and therefore that all must turn from sin to the Lord. With the teaching in parables, it is not the subject matter which is different, but his hidden way of making it understood.

Suffice to say that Jesus did not make use of parables as a more expressive or clearer way of teaching. Doubtless the images clarify and are an aid to understanding, but they also puzzle. Only the one who begins to search, to ponder, to inquire, spurred on by a narrator who challenges his hearers to the utmost, will be in a position to understand. Each evangelist in his own way gives the reasons for the parables. For Matthew, understanding the parables presupposes a heart open to revelation, sincerely desiring to welcome the Word and to put it into practice — in spite of the obstacles it meets and its apparent setbacks.

Is it not true for us also that at certain times, everything conspires to prevent us from receiving this Word and to make us doubt its coming into the world? It is two thousand years since 'the Sower went out to sow, and sometimes it is very tempting to say: what a mess he made of it, how much has been lost! And does our own reaction to the wild extravagance of God consist of grasping without delay the word which we hear, so that we, in our turn, are possessed by it, caught up in the way of obedience and missionary zeal for his service? If so, then we too understand the parables!

### ***This Weekend, August 27-28: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

#### **Saturday, August 27 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Rita Thomas-Strawn by Gary Weisner
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson by her loving Family
- ‡ Special Intention

#### **Sunday, August 28 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Rita Thomas-Strawn by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey
- ✠ John & Sophie and Jeff Moses by Jim Moses

### ***Next Week Mass Schedule***

**Monday, August 29:** No Mass. Pastor's day off.

**Tuesday, August 30:** No Mass. Msgr has Dr Appointment.

**Wednesday, August 31:** No Mass. Office work.

#### **Thursday, September 1 at Noon:**

- ✠ Rita Thomas-Strawn by Tom & Carol Miller
- ✠ Nick Debdway by Don & Ellen Clegg
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

**Friday, September 2:** No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

### ***Next Weekend, September 3-4: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

#### **Saturday, September 3 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Dennie Bartolovich (Anniversary) by his wife and mother-in-law Henlen Benline
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson (Birthday) by her loving Family
- ‡ Special Intention

#### **Sunday, September 4 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Mary K. & Tom Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris

✠ Tessa Joseph (Birthday) by her mother Stephanie Joseph

## ***Schedule of Upcoming Events***

September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rummage Sale from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rummage Sale from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### ***Rummage Sale*** (Early September)

Our parish rummage sale is set for Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Your donation can be dropped off at the basement hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 3:00 p.m., or on Saturday and Sunday when you come to Mass. For any questions, please call Linda at 304-242-6853

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

August 31: Joseph R. Simon  
 September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson  
 September 8: Carol Dougherty  
 September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees,  
 September 10: Chris George  
 September 18: Michael Duymich  
 September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher  
 September 24: Luane Frazier  
 September 26: Mary Rose Kukula

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

\$1,711.00	Sunday Collection
49.00	Candles
28.00	Coffee Hour
\$1,788.00	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

### ***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)

Joe Popovich, Emily Harris, Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), Thomasina Geimer, Mary Stees, Rex 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 Shiben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

### ***Spirituality: Silence before Mass***

Silence is sacred. No words can adequately express the mystery of God. Everything we try to say falls short. In quiet, we can sense God's presence even more deeply than in sound.

At designated times of the Mass, we fall silent to offer prayers, to reflect on the Scripture or to thank God for the Eucharist. But even before the celebration itself it is commendable that silence be observed in the church so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner.

Many sounds precede Mass. At home and in the car, you may have the television or radio on, or you may be conversing with family and friends about many things. At church, in the minutes before Mass begins, you might hear people greeting people, someone leading a rosary, coins plunking in the poor box, the choir play a prelude ... All these sounds serve some purpose, and they help prepare us for the Eucharist.

But some time of silence beforehand helps everyone enter the Mass devoutly. In silent prayer, we think about the role we are to play, the songs we will sing, the prayers we will offer, the Scriptures we will hear, the

sacrifice we make, the service we give to our neighbor, and the presence of Jesus Christ, who comes to us in sacrament to nourish us at this Mass and throughout the week. His holiness renders us speechless.

## ***Wisdom: How old is GRANDMA?***

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events. The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general. The Grandma replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born, before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill. There was no radar, credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens.

Man had not invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

Your Grandfather and I got married first-and then lived together.

Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every man older than I, 'Sir'- and after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir.'

We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy. Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege.

We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started.

Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends - not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings.

We listened to the Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk. The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.

Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of. We had 5 & 10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents.

Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In my day, "grass" was mowed, "coke" was a cold drink, "pot" was something your mother cooked in, and "rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby.

"Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office, "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was found in a hardware store, and "software" wasn't even a word.

And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us "old and confused," and say there is a generation gap..... and how old do you think I am???

## ***Story: True love***

Looking into the face of my newborn baby girl, I was overcome with awe at her helplessness, at her beauty, at her fragile innocence, at the fact that someone could have given her to us. You see, my wife Sharon and I had prayed for a baby for ten long years. As the months turned into years and the hole in our hearts felt bottomless, even imagining holding a baby of our own became difficult. Would there ever be a precious little soul for us to wrap in our love?

Jamie became pregnant at fifteen while dating the local "bad boy." He convinced her he would love her even more if she would just give in to him. Instead, Jamie learned his love was never there to begin with. Although the relationship ended, he pressured her to have an abortion. Her friends agreed with him.

As the months passed and Jamie's belly grew, she knew she could never end this life, but neither could she support a child. She was still a child herself, to be sure, but through her motherhood she matured beyond her years. Shopping and boys, makeup and music were the trivial pastimes of her youth. Now, she had a soul to nurture. Jamie loved the little heartbeat that thumped quietly next to hers. She loved it more than words could explain, more than she imagined she was capable of. But more than wanting her baby, Jamie wanted for her baby. She chose Sharon and me as a gift to her baby two loving parents.

In the hospital, Jamie stood by her decision not to hold Hannah, fearing she might weaken and be unable to go through with the adoption. On the day Jamie went home, she wanted to see her baby. As I held her up through the nursery window, tears of both joy and agony washed down her cheeks. For the second time in as many days I was overcome with awe.

Hannah just had her first birthday. Every minute of the first year has been a reassurance to us of the goodness of our Creator. We recently asked Jamie if she would like to meet Hannah. "Only if you're sure it won't confuse or upset her," was Jamie's reply. "I just want her to be happy."

That teenage girl, who sought love in the wrong places, has taught me the real meaning of true love.

## *A Time To Laugh (25)*

### ***Alloooo! Could you hear me?***

Queen Elizabeth, Bill Clinton and the Lebanese president died and went all to hell. Queen Elizabeth said: "*I miss England, I wanna call England and see how everybody is doing there...*" She called and talked for about 5 minutes... then she said: "*Well, devil how much do I owe you????*"

The devil goes: "*Five million dollars...*" "*Five million dollars!!!*" She made him a check and went to sit back on her chair....

Bill Clinton was sooo jealous, he starts screaming, "*Me too I wanna call the United States, I wanna see how everybody is doing too...*" he called and talked for about 2 minutes, then he said: "*Well, devil how much do I owe you????*" The devil goes: "*Ten million dollars...*" "*Ten million dollars!!!!!!*" He made him a check and went to sit back on his chair...

The Lebanese president was extremely soooo jealous too... He starts screaming and screaming, "*I wanna call Lebanon too, I wanna see how everybody is doing there too, I wanna talk to the ministers, to the deputies, I wanna talk to everybody...*" He called Lebanon and he talked for about twenty hours, he was talking and talking and talking... then he said: "*Well, devil how much do I owe you????*" The devil goes: "*One dollar...*" "*Only one dollar????!!!!*" The devil goes: "*Well, from hell to hell, it's local!!*"

### ***Authority***

Owing to a variety of circumstances, the egg of an eagle found its way to a corner of the barn where a hen was hatching her eggs. In time the little eaglet was hatched with the other chickens.

Now as time passed the fledging, quite unaccountably, began to experience a longing to fly. So it would say to its mother, the hen, "*When shall I learn to fly?*"

The poor hen was quite aware of the fact that she could not fly and hadn't the slightest notion of what other birds did to train their fledglings in the art of flight. But she was ashamed to confess to this inadequacy, so she would say, "*Not yet, my child, not yet. I shall teach you when you are ready.*"

Months passed and the young eagle began to suspect that its mother did not know how to fly. But it could not get itself to break loose and fly on its own for its keen longing to fly had become confused with the gratitude it experienced towards the bird that had hatched it.

### ***The Burning Hut***

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 him 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 is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. 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.

## *Famous Quotes (24)*

- Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.
- Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.
- How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.
- If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?
- Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.
- You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.
- We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors... but they all have to learn to live in the same box.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.
- Good looks catch the eye, but a GOOD personality catches the heart. "You are blessed with both!"
- You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it. (Rosin Williams)
- The only way you can know where the line is, is if you cross it.
- The grace of God is in courtesy. "Never pretentious or contentious, Christ is always Himself loving, generous, cordial, amiable and approachable. Good manners at their best are found in Christ." (Fr Simon Conrad)
- Do not marry a person that you know that you can live with: only marry someone that you cannot live without.
- Before you begin to give someone a piece of your mind, consider carefully whether you can spare any.
- An open mind is not the same as a vacant mind.
- Funny how a dollar can look so big when you take it to church and so small when you take it to the store.  
(Frank CLARK)
- Money can buy everything but happiness
- Money is like manure, it should be spread around.
- "Give me truly Christian mothers and I will renew the face of the earth." -Pope Pius IX, 1878)
- "The man who does not read is no better off than the man who cannot!"
- "If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"
- "The common argument that crime is caused by poverty is a kind of slander on the poor."
- "Dignity is the capacity to hold back on the tongue what never should have been in the mind in the first place."
- The grace of God is in courtesy. "Never pretentious or contentious, Christ is always Himself loving, generous, cordial, amiable and approachable. Good manners at their best are found in Christ." (Fr Simon Conrad)
- "To stay angry with anyone is to punish yourself for his faults."
- "It's easy to be good while she's around!" Do people say this about you?"
- "Going to Church does not make you a Christian anymore than going to McDonald's will make you a hamburger!"
- "Coincidence is when GOD performs a miracle and decides to remain Anonymous."
- "There is two things I've learned: there is a GOD, and I'm not Him!"

- “Your WORST days are never so bad, that you are beyond the reach of GOD!
- Your BEST days are never so good, that you are beyond the need of GOD’s Grace!
- “When it comes time to die, make sure all you got to do is die!”
- “Did it ever occur to you that nothing occurs to GOD?”
- “To the world you might be one person. To one person you might be the world.”
- “Life is like an Onion, you peel it away one layer at a time... and sometimes you weep!”
- “Life is 10% what happens to us, and 90% how we respond to it!”