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6th Sunday after the Holy Cross

- ***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

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Readings: Gal 6:1-10 and Mt 25:14-30

Yes, he is coming. And we do delight in him. But if we are honest, we have to admit that we each have our own images of him. Some of these images are very attractive, and some fill us with fear. The defenseless, lovable, little displaced person in the manger can hardly be a turn-off. But a refiner with his blazing furnaces is not quite so attractive. We need some time of reflection to appreciate him in this guise. As we bend low -the only way to get into the Bethlehem cave- we realize our sinfulness, our unworthiness to approach such innocence, such holiness, such goodness, such self-giving love. This realization leads us to desire that in his mercy, he will be a refiner and will make us worthy so that we may receive the fullness of the joy to be found in this Bethlehem cave.

PRAYER: "Lord, the hour is near at hand. With all my heart I ask you to purify me and prepare me to receive you this Christmas with all the love and purity of heart that is necessary so that I may truly see you, my God.

This Weekend, October 22-23: 6th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Betty Joseph (Anniversary) by Larry & becky Ferrera
- ✠ Job Sorge by Ruth Werner
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, October 23 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Kayla Yeater (niece of Jeannette Wakim) by our Organist Mary Lee & Dennis Porter
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Next Week Mass Schedule

Monday, October 24: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, October 25 at Noon:

- ✠ Bess Ferris Garcia (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday, October 26: No Mass. Office work

Thursday, October 27 at Noon:

- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Friday, October 28: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend, October 29-30: 7th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ John Wilson (Anniversary) by Larry & becky Ferrera
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Special Intention

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

- ✠ June Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Rita Thomas Strawn by the Woman Society

Schedule of Upcoming Events

November 1-6	All Souls Week Masses.
Wednesday, November 2 nd	Make Kibbee for Thanksgiving Bake Sale at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 3 rd	Make Meat Pies, Zaater & Sesame Breads at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 5 th	Thanksgiving Bake Sale pick-up orders
Saturday, December 3 rd	Christmas Dinner for the community after 4:00 p.m. Mass
31 st Anniversary	Msgr. Bakhos will celebrate his 31 st anniversary to the priesthood on Sunday, December 18 th . He was ordained in Sydney, Australia on December 21 st , 1991. He served our church 21 years.
Sunday, January 1st?	New Year Dinner for the community

2nd Collection for the Victims of Ian Hurricane (Saturday & Sunday, October 29 & 30)

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops requested a special collection to assist the victims of hurricane Ian. It is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30. We will mail this 2nd collection to our Diocese that will forward it to the proper destination.

All Souls Week (November 1-6)

“Can we actually help those in purgatory get out by our prayers?”

Answer: Yes. The members of the body of Christ are connected to each other. The Church refers to three types of Christians: the Church Militant (those on earth), the Church Triumphant (those in heaven) and the Church Suffering (those in purgatory). We are all part of the same mystical body of Christ, whether in heaven, on earth or in purgatory.

The Bible exhorts us to pray for one another (1 Tim. 2:1-4, 2 Macc. 12:46). This prayer includes all members of the body, especially those in need. Those in purgatory are in need because they can't help themselves.

Our prayers, especially the Mass, are said to relieve the suffering of the holy souls in purgatory. These souls are eternally grateful for our prayers and will remember us when they get to heaven. If we go to purgatory, they will surely pray for us. Praying for the dead is an obligation for Catholics, so keep up this good and holy practice. If you need to remember your parents and beloved ones, please fill the attached Form.

† Special Prayers to:

Thursday, November 3rd to: Libby G. Magnone (Birthday) by her sister Mary Zaid Stees

Masses for All Souls:

- † Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac
- † Charlotte George (Birthday) by Margaret George (MN)
- † Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- † Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- † Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie
- † Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabiha & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family
- † Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie
- † Jim George Sr. & Deceased Family of the Gray & George by Shirley Gray George & Family
- † Thomas A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris
- † Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- † Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- † Robert L. Hunter Jr. & Robby L. Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- † Phillip Geimer by his wife Thomasina Geimer
- † Deceased of Elias & Selma Joseph Family by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family
- † Deceased of Ray & Sara Joseph McLaughlin Family by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family
- † George Alan Weisner by Jean Weisner & Family
- † Deceased of the Nimom & Mariam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- † Deceased of the Maroon & Mary Catherine Habeb Families by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- † Deceased of the Weisner, Bishop and Schmeichel Families by Jean Weisner & Family
- † Betty Abraham, Clara Carter & Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner & Family
- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Jean Weisner
- † Michelle and Nick Bedway by Judy Bedway

- † Deceased of the Jochum Family by Sue Jochum and Family
- † Deceased of the Shia Family by Sue Jochum and Family
- † Dolores, George & Bert Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Philip & Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Albert & Annette Togliatti by GiGi Rice
- † Sadie Bouharb & Mary Harb by GiGi Rice
- † Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)
- † Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- † Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- † James Moses by James Moses
- † John G. Moses by Jim Moses
- † Sophie Moses by Jim Moses
- † Jeffery Moses by Jim Moses
- † Joe & Nell Duffy, George & Rose Fadoul & Susie Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Mike Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Michael George by Margaret George
- † Tony & Charlotte George by Margaret George
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson and the Deceased members of the Elias Family by their loving Family
- † Richard W. Frazier by Luane Frazier & sons Rick & John
- † Dolores and Ray Palotay by the Palotay Family
- † Jerrie Williams by the Palotay Family
- † Diane Palotay by the Palotay Family
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Cathy Sharp Howard by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † George Saseen by his son George Saseen
- † Martha Saseen by her son George Saseen
- † Steve Harasuik his daughter Susan Saseen
- † Elizabeth Harasuik her daughter Susan Saseen
- † Silvio “Joe” Perilli by his children: Victor, Diana and Paula
- † Rhoda “Ginger” Perilli by her children: Victor, Diana and Paula
- † John A. Tapscott by Paula Perilli & John P. Tapscott
- † Elias Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
- † LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
- † Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
- † Dennis & June & Jim Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Vincent & Agnes Jacovetty by George & Patty (Jacovetty) Fahey
- † Andrew & Mary Demsko by their daughter Rosemary Cornish
- † Andrew Demsko Jr. Demsko by his sister Rosemary Cornish
- † Greg Cornish by Rosemary Cornish
- † Michael Josephs (Anniversary) by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- † William & Freda Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- † Al & Helen Schroeder by Mark Schroeder & Jane Wine
- † Suzanne Busch and Martha Paul by Mark Schroeder & Jane Wine
- † Deceased of the Gaudio, Paesani & Bine Families by Shirley Bine
- † Lucy Gibbons, Sadie Coury and Ann Otterbeck by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † Foumia Saad Cater by Dr. Maryann Cater & Dr. Robert Vawter
- † Deceased of the Cater Family (George, Nabi & Siberia) by Dr. Maryann Cater & Dr. Robert Vawter
- † Nicolas G. Cater by Dr. Maryann Cater & Dr. Robert Vawter
- † Herman E. Conti Jr. by Rosalie Conti

- † Angelo Palsinelli & Rose Ann Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Herman E. Conti Sr., & Katheryn Conti by Rosalie Conti
- † Anton Matesic & Virginia Matesic (my sister) by Rosalie Conti
- † Joseph Palsinelli & Eugene Palsinelli (my brothers) by Rosalie Conti
- † Kayla R. Yeater by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- † George John Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- † Robert L. Yeater by the Wakim Family
- † Stephen P. Wakim by the Wakim Family
- † Deceased members of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler
- † Deceased members of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler
- † Deceased members of the Elias Family by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Deceased members of the Golebiewski Family by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Lawrence & Teresa Ferrera by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † George & Betty Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Elias & Selma Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Edward, Edith, Gerard & Tessa Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Mary Jean Ferrera Comas and Janet Rae Ferrera and Joan Ferrera Slack by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † John Wilson by Judy Wilson and Family
- † Wayne & Alice Wilson by Judy Wilson and Family
- † Barbie, aunt Liz and aunt Hanna by Judy Wilson and Family
- † George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Helen & Don Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Mike O’Kane, Bud Behrens, Tom Dytko by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Bonnie Shaw and Cindy Bittengle by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † In honor of Agonies of Jesus suffering on the Mount of Olives by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Nawal Korban and her Deceased Family members by Anthony & Rena Nassar
- † Najla & Assaad Nassar their Deceased Family members by Anthony & Rena Nassar
- † Zaidan Chahine and his Deceased Family Members by Youssef & Jocelyn Chahine
- † Aziz Kazour and his Deceased Family Members by Youssef & Jocelyn Chahine
- † Deceased Members of Machel Family by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka
- † Deceased Members of Sofka Family by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka
- † Deceased Members of Stanton Family by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka
- † Deceased Members of Sayre Family by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka
- † Deceased Members of Spyra Family by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka
- † Marisa Malan by Judy Sofka

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- October 24: Jonathan D. Fadoul
- October 27: Holly (Porter) Stahl
- October 30: Michael Duffy, Andreah Frenn Riedel
- November 4: Kenny Joseph, Libby G. Magnone
- November 8: Mark Wilson
- November 9: Liz Murad, Cindy Thomas
- November 11: Ryan Murad

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$973.00	Sunday Collection
116.00	2 nd collection: Propagation of the Faith
2,603.50	Bake sale
45.00	Candles

43.00	Coffee hour
120.00	Donations to the church
\$3,900.50	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)

Joshua Hendrickson, Joe Popovich, Emily Harris, Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), 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),

What's New?

Mahrajan Update (Sunday, August 13, 2023)

Next year date:

Next year we will celebrate our 90th Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan) at Oglebay Park on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

Mahrajan Mailing List:

If you have a friend or if you know someone interested to receive correspondence about next year Festival, please submit their addresses to Msgr. Bakhos.

4 EZ-UP tents needed

If you like to donate any amount toward buying four 10x15 ep-up tents to be used in the 90th festival, please contact Msgr Bakhos. Thanks for your generosity.

Spirituality: Apparitions of the B.V.Mary

1- 1531: Guadalupe, MEXICO: A man saw Mary on Tepeyac hill. She told him, a church should be built here. (Approved)

2- 1830: Rue de Bac, Paris: Catherine Laboure saw Mary in a chapel. Mary asked that a medal be made honoring the Immaculate Conception. (Approved)

3-1846: La Salette, France: Mary appeared to two peasants' children. (Approved)

4-1858: Lourdes, France: A 14-year-old saw Mary who identified herself as the Immaculate Conception. She requested a chapel be built and talked about the importance of prayer and penance. (Approved)

5-1917: Fatima, Portugal: Three children saw Mary in a field. Among other requests, Mary urged frequent recitation of the rosary. (Approved)

6-1932: Beauraing, Belgium: Five children saw Mary in a school garden. (Approved)

7-1933: Banneux, Belgium: Peasant girl saw Mary in a garden. She called herself Virgin of the Poor. (Approved)

8-1981 -Medjugorje, Yugoslavia: Six children said they saw Mary on a hill. (Approved)

9-1984: Beirut, Lebanon: Jeanne-D'arc Faraj saw Mary many times and spoke to her. Mary gave her messages to Lebanese people and to the world. Mary asked about: Conversion to God, repentance, and prayer of The Rosary.

10-1990: Conyers, Georgia, USA: A woman said she has been seeing Mary since 1987. The vision appeared the 13th of every month.

11-1990: Marlboro Township, New Jersey, USA: Joseph Januszkiwicz began seeing Mary in backyard trees. Report of vision became public in 1992. Thousands visited.

12-1994: Falmouth, Kentucky, USA: Mary appeared in the sun every 8th of month.

The Blessed Mother is the mother of mercy and mother of the merciful Savior as Jesus is present body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. She leads us to him and gives us examples of pure humility.

Mother Theresa said, *“Through Mary, the cause of our joy, you discover that nowhere on earth are you more welcomed. No where on earth are you more loved by Jesus, living and truly present in the most blessed sacrament... He is really there in person waiting just for you.”*

Wisdom: Job

Who was Job, and what is the book that bears his name?

A long, long time ago, scholars believe, there must have been a well-known folk story, a kind of morality fable told to reinforce people’s religious sentiments, about a pious man named Job. Job was so good, so perfect, that you realize at once that you are not reading about a real-life person. This is a “once-upon-a-time” story about a good man who suffered.

One day, the story goes, Satan appears before God to tell Him about all the sinful things people were doing on earth. God says to Satan, ***“Did you notice My servant Job? There is no one on earth like him, a thoroughly good man who never sins.”*** Satan answers God, ***“Of course Job is pious and obedient. You make it worth his while, showering riches and blessings on him. Take away those blessings and see how long he remains Your obedient servant.”***

God accepts Satan’s challenge. Without in any way telling Job what is going on, God destroys Job’s house and cattle and kills his children. He afflicts Job with boils all over his body, so that his every moment becomes physical torture. Job’s wife urges him to curse God, even if that means God’s striking him dead. He can’t do anything worse to Job than He already has done. Three friends come to console Job, and they too urge him to give up his piety, if this is the reward it brings him. But Job remains steadfast in his faith. Nothing that happens to him can make him give up his devotion to God. At the end, God appears, scolds the friends for their advice, and rewards Job for his faithfulness. God gives him a new home, a new fortune, and new children. The moral of the story is: when hard times befall you, don’t be tempted to give up your faith in God. He has His reasons for what He is doing, and if you hold on to your faith long enough, He will compensate you for your suffering.

Story

“Nothing in the world can take the place of perseverance. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.” (C. Coolidge)

A few years ago, my friend Pam had some fairly serious health problems. She had been an invalid as a child and still suffered from a birth defect that had left a hole in one of the chambers of her heart. The births of her five children, beginning with a difficult C-section, had also taken their toll. She had suffered surgery after surgery and had also put on weight for several years.

Diets had not helped her. She suffered almost constantly from undiagnosed pain. Her husband had learned to accept her limitations. He constantly hoped her health would improve, but he did not really believe it ever would.

One day they sat down as a family and drew up a “wish list” of the things they wanted most out of life. One of Pam’s items was to run in a marathon. Given her history and physical limitations, her husband thought her goal was completely unrealistic, but Pam became committed to it.

She began by running very slowly in the subdivision where they lived. Every day she ran just a little farther than she had the day before -just one driveway more. “When will I ever be able to run a mile?” Pam asked one day. Soon she was running three. Then five. I’ll let my husband tell the rest of the story in his own words: I remember Pam telling me something she had learned: “The subconscious and the nervous system cannot tell the difference between real and vividly imagined situations.” We can change ourselves for the better and cause ourselves to subconsciously pursue our most precious desires with almost total success, if we crystallize the images clearly enough in our minds. I knew Pam believed it and she had registered to run in the

local Marathon. “Can the mind believe an image that will lead to self-destruction?” I asked myself as I drove the mountainous road. I parked our van near the finish line and waited for Pam to come in. The rain was steady and the wind was cold. The marathon had started over five hours ago. Several cold and injured runners had been transported past me, and I began to panic. The image of Pam alone and cold, off the road somewhere, made me sick with worry. The fast and strong competitors had finished long ago, and runners were becoming more and more sparse. Now I could not see anyone in either direction.

Almost all of the cars along the marathon route had left, and some normal traffic was beginning. I was able to drive directly up the race route. There were still no runners in view after driving almost two miles. Then I went around a bend in the road and spotted a small group running up ahead. As I approached, I could see Pam in the company of three others. They were smiling and talking as they ran. They were on the opposite side of the road as I pulled off and called between the now-steady traffic, “Are you okay?” “Oh, yes!” Pam said, panting only mildly. Her new friends smiled at me. “How far to the finish line?” one of them asked. “Only a couple of miles,” I said.

A couple of miles? I thought. Am I crazy? I noticed that two of the runners were limping. I could hear their feet sloshing in wet sneakers. I wanted to say to them that they had run a good race and offer them a ride in, but I could see the resolve in their eyes. I turned the van around and followed from a distance, watching for one or all of them to fall. They had been running for over five and a half hours! I sped around them and up to within a mile of the finish and waited.

As Pam came into view again, I could see her begin to struggle. Her pace slowed and she grimaced. She looked at her legs in horror as if they did not want to work any longer. Somehow, she kept moving, almost staggering.

The small group was becoming more spread out. Only a woman in her twenties was near Pam. It was obvious that they had become friends during the race. I was caught up in the scene and began running along with them. After a hundred yards or so I tried to speak, to offer some great words of wisdom and motivation, but my words and my breath failed. The finish line came into sight. I was grateful it had not been completely dismantled, because I felt that the real winners were just now coming in. One of the runners, a slim teenager, stopped running, sat down, and started to cry. I watched as some people, probably his family, came and carried him to their car. I could also see that Pam was in agony -but she had dreamed about this day for two years and she would not be denied. She knew she would finish, and this knowledge allowed her to confidently -even happily -pick up her pace the last hundred yards to the finish line.

Few people were left to congratulate my wife and marathon runner extraordinaire. She had run a smart race, stopping to stretch regularly, drinking plenty of water at the various water stops, and pacing herself well. She had been the leader of a small group of less-experienced runners. She had inspired and encouraged most of them home with her words of confidence and assurance. They openly praised and embraced her as we rejoiced in the park. “She made us believe we could do it,” her new friend stated. “She described so vividly how it would be to finish that I knew I could do it,” another said. The rain had quit, and we walked and talked in the park. I looked at Pam. She was carrying herself differently. Her head was more erect. Her shoulders were squared. Her walk, even though she was limping, had a new confidence. Her voice held a new, quiet dignity. It was not as if she had become someone new; it was more as if she had discovered a real self she had not known before. The painting was not yet dry, but I knew she was an undiscovered masterpiece with a million things left to learn about herself. She truly liked her newly discovered self. So, did I.

A Time To Laugh (33)

Authority

A recruit was assigned to guard the entrance to the army camp and was given instructions to let no car pass if it did not have a special pennant.

He had occasion to stop a car bearing a General who promptly told his driver to disregard the sentry and drive on. Whereupon the recruit stepped forward, rifle at the ready, and calmly said, “pardon me, sir, but I’m new to this. Whom do I shoot? You, sir, or the driver?”

[You achieve greatness when you are oblivious of the dignity of those above you, and make those below you oblivious of yours. When you are neither haughty with the humble nor humble with the haughty.]

Spirituality

One of Junaid's followers came to him with a purse full of gold coins. "Have you any more gold coins?" asked Junaid. "Yes, many more." "And you are attached to them?" "I am." "Then you must keep this too, for your need is greater than mine. Since I have nothing and desire nothing I am much wealthier than you are, you see." [The heart of the enlightened is like a mirror: it grasps nothing, refuses nothing; it receives but does not keep.]

Innocence

A woman was trying hard to get the catsup to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the priest, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

Authority

There was once a Rabbi who was revered by the people as a man of God. Not a day went by when a crowd of people wasn't standing at his door seeking advice or healing or the holy man's blessing. And each time the Rabbi spoke the people would hang on his lips, drinking in his every word.

There was, however, in the audience a disagreeable fellow who never missed a chance to contradict the Master. He would observe the Rabbi's weaknesses and make fun of his defects to the dismay of the disciples who began to look on him as the devil incarnate.

Well, one day the "devil" took ill and died. Everyone heaved a sigh of relief. Outwardly they looked appropriately solemn but in their hearts they were glad for no longer would the Master's inspiring talks be interrupted or his behavior criticized by this disrespectful heretic.

So the people were surprised to see the Master plunged in genuine grief at the funeral. When asked by a disciple later if he was mourning over the eternal fate of the dead man, he said: "No, no. Why should I mourn over our friend who is now in heaven? It was for myself I was grieving. That man was the only friend I had. Here I am surrounded by people who revere me. He was the only one who challenged me. I fear that with him gone, I shall stop growing."

And as he said these words the Master burst into tears.

Shame on you!

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

Famous Quotes (32)

--"I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble." (**Helen Keller**)

--"The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power." (**Hugh White**)

--"Success doesn't come to you, you go to it." (**Marva Collins**)

--"The greatest things ever done on Earth have been done little by little." (**William Jennings Bryan**)

--"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing." (**Abraham Lincoln**)

--"The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible -- and achieve it, generation after generation." (**Pearl S. Buck**)

--"What we think or what we know or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence.

The only consequence is what we do." (**John Ruskin**)

--"For every failure, there's an alternative course of action. You just have to find it.

--When you come to a roadblock, take a detour." (**Mary Kay Ash**)

--"If you want to be happy, set a goal that commands your thoughts, liberates your energy, and inspires your hopes." (**Andrew Carnegie**)

--"Don't be afraid of the space between your dreams and reality. If you can dream it, you can make it so."

(Belva Davis)

--"It's time to start living the life you've imagined" **(Henry James)**

--"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." **(Theodore Roosevelt)**

--"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved." **(Winston Churchill)**

--"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you."

(Mother Teresa)

--"This one step - choosing a goal and staying to it - changes everything." **(Scott Reed)**

--"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination." **(Tommy Lasorda)**