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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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7th 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: Rom 12: 9-21 and Mt 25:31-46

“Stay awake, therefore! You cannot know the day your Lord is coming.”

While Catholic teaching follows the biblical warning that we will not know the time of Christ’s return, we all know that our personal “end of the world,” our own death, could come at any time.

Advent encourages us to reflect on the return of Christ not so that we will be constantly scanning the heavens, but so that we will be “awake,” alert to the world around us, its beauty as well as its needs. The point is not to wait until Christmas or until the Second Coming, but to be awake right now. The only moment in which we can be awake and aware is, after all, the present.

The purpose of Advent preparation is to understand and accept the three comings of Christ. These “advents” of Jesus pose challenges to our intellects and our wills. The first coming is Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem, fully human in a vulnerable baby and fully divine as he was manifested to the Three Magi. Completely human and completely divine, Jesus willingly took on our life, including the inevitability of death. As we are willing to share in his death, we can have a share in divine life.

The second coming is Jesus’ presence to us in the liturgical mystery of the Christmas celebration. Although the life of Christ has already come to us fully in baptism, our life is a progressive deepening and growing in grace. Advent prepares us to desire and to accept all the grace of our baptism and full unity with Christ. The third coming is Jesus’ eventual return in glory at the end of time. At that moment, Christ will judge all the nations and establish his Kingdom for eternity. During Advent, we come to desire that Kingdom and prepare ourselves to be judged on our love for our fellow humans.

Through the writings of the prophets, the Church helps us prepare to acknowledge Christ as our Savior, accept him in our hearts today, and look forward to his coming at the end of time.

This 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

Next Weekdays and Weekend, Nov. 1 thru 6: All Souls Masses

✠ 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 Kourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Kourey & Emmalena & Louie

✠ Virginia Kourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Kourey Family by the Kourey Family

✠ Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Kourey & 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 Nimon & 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 & Family
- † Deceased of the Shia Family by Sue Jochum & 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 & Martha Paul by Mark Schroeder & Jane Wine
- † Deceased of the Gaudio, Paesani & Bine Families by Shirley Bine
- † Lucy Gibbons, Sadie Coury & 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 & Janet Rae Ferrera & Joan Ferrera Slack by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † John Wilson by Judy Wilson & Family
- † Wayne & Alice Wilson by Judy Wilson & Family
- † Barbie, Aunt Liz & Aunt Hanna by Judy Wilson & 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 & Cindy Bittengle by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † In honor of Agonies of Jesus suffering on the Mount of Olives by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Nawal Korban & her Deceased Family members by Anthony & Rena Nassar
- † Najla & Assaad Nassar their Deceased Family members by Anthony & Rena Nassar
- † Zaidan Chahine & his Deceased Family Members by Youssef & Jocelyn Chahine
- † Aziz Kazour & 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
- † Deceased of the Bott & Henning Families by Don & Roberta Henning
- † Deceased of the AlKhouri & AlAhmar Families by Dr. & Mrs. Nabil AlKhouri & Family

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. <i>Please Bring a Covered Dish</i>
Thursday, November 3 rd	Make Meat Pies, Zaatar & Sesame Breads at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 5 th	Thanksgiving Bake Sale pick-up orders
Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 19-20	Starting Christmas Novena Every Weekend after Communion
Sunday, November 20 th	Drawing for the Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle
Saturday, December 3 rd	Christmas Dinner for the Parish Community after 4:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, December 18 th	Drawing for the Winner of the Women's Society 50/50 Raffle
Sunday, December 18 th Msgr. Bakhos 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 has served our church for 21 years.
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2nd Collection for Hurricane Ian Victims (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.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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

November 24: Rex Strawn

November 26: Mary Lish

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,431.00	Sunday Collection
2,226.50	Bake Sale
36.00	Candles
34.00	Coffee Hour
120.00	Donations to the Church
\$3,847.50	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)

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 Shibben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

Two Raffles Offered by OLOL Women's Society *(See dates below)*

A **Thanksgiving Gift Basket Raffle Drawing** has been scheduled for **Sunday, November, 20**, by the Women's Society. It contains over 30 items including: 3 Gift Certificates totaling \$100, 3 bottles of wine, a set of 4 hand painted glasses, several kitchen items, fall and Thanksgiving decorations, table decorations, baking items, etc.

Also a **50/50 Raffle Drawing** has been scheduled for **Sunday, December 18**.

You should receive chances in the mail for both raffles or pick up a **Gold** copy for the **Gift Basket Raffle** or a **Green** copy for the **50/50 Raffle** at the back of our church.

Please be sure to complete and return the completed stubs your donation for the chances to our church by the deadlines listed above. Chances are \$1.00 for one; \$5.00 for 6; or \$10 for all 18 of the same raffle.

Mahrajan Update *(Sunday, August 13, 2023)*

Next year's 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 know someone who would be interested in receiving correspondence about next year's 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: Assumption of the B.V. Mary

Ancient tradition tells us and our own faith assures us of what the Church has solemnly proclaimed: the Virgin Mary has entered, body and soul, into heaven.

After her death the Virgin Mother of God, without undergoing corruption, has entered heaven by a special privilege of God. As God has preserved her from the stain of original sin in order to carry His Son, Jesus Our Lord, so also has he brought her to himself in her integral human nature of body and soul.

May her prayer and intercessions protect us always.

Wisdom: Do not judge others

I was shocked, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door,

Not by the beauty of it all, nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven who made me sputter and gasp

the thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics, the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade who swiped my lunch money twice.

Next to him was my old neighbor who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought was rotting away in hell,

was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal? I would love to hear Your take.

How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.

"And why's everyone so quiet, so somber? Give me a clue."

"Hush, child," said He, "they're all in shock. No one thought they'd be seeing you."

Judge NOT.

Story

Years ago a hardworking man took his family from New York State to Australia to take advantage of a work opportunity there. Part of this man's family was handsome young son who had aspirations of joining the circus as a trapeze artist or an actor. This young fellow, biding his time until a circus job or even one as a stagehand came along, worked at the local shipyards which bordered on the worse section of town.

Walking home from work one evening this young man was attacked by five thugs who wanted to rob him. Instead of just giving up his money the young fellow resisted. However, they bested him easily and proceeded to beat him to a pulp. They mashed his face with their boots, and kicked and beat his body brutally with clubs, leaving him for dead. When the police happened to find him lying in the road, they assumed he was dead and called for the Morgue Wagon.

On the way to the morgue a policeman heard him gasp for air, and they immediately took him to the emergency unit at the hospital. When he was placed on a gurney a nurse remarked to her horror, that this young man no longer had a face. Each eye socket was smashed, his skull, legs, and arms fractured, his nose literally hanging from his face, all his teeth were gone, and his jaw was almost completely torn from his skull.

Although his life was spared, he spent over a year in the hospital. When he finally left his body may have healed but his face was disgusting to look at. He was no longer the handsome youth that everyone admired.

When the young man started to look for work again, he was turned down by everyone just on account of the way he looked. One potential employer suggested to him that he join the freak show at the circus as The Man Who Had No Face. And he did this for a while. He was still rejected by everyone and no one wanted to be seen in his company.

He had thoughts of suicide. This went on for five years.

One day he passed a church and sought some solace there. Entering the church, he encountered a priest who had seen him sobbing while kneeling in a pew. The priest took pity on him and took him to the rectory where they talked at length. The priest was impressed with him to such a degree that he said that he would do everything possible for him that could be done to restore his dignity and life, if the young man would promise to be the best Catholic, he could be, and trust in God's mercy to free him from his torturous life. The young man went to Mass and communion every day, and after thanking God for saving his life, asked God to only give him peace of mind and the grace to be the best man he could ever be in His eyes.

The priest, through his personal contacts was able to secure the services of the best plastic surgeon in Australia. They would be no cost to the young man, as the doctor was the priest's best friend. The doctor too was so impressed by the young man, whose outlook now on life, even though he had experienced the worse was filled with good humor and love.

The surgery was a miraculous success. All the best dental work was also done for him. The young man became everything he promised God he would be. He was also blessed with a wonderful, beautiful wife, and many children, and success in an industry which would have been the furthest thing from his mind as a career if not for the goodness of God and the love of the people who cared for him. This he acknowledges publicly. The young man was and is Mel Gibson.

A Time To Laugh (34)

Why God created children

To those of us who have children in our lives, whether they are our own, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or students...here is something to make you chuckle. Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children. After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. And the first thing he said was "DON'T!"

"Don't what?" Adam replied. "Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said. "Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit? Hey Eve...we have forbidden fruit!!!!!" "No Way!" "Yes way!"

"Do NOT eat the fruit!" said God. "Why" "Because I am your Father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants. A few minutes later, God saw His children having

an apple break and He was upset! "Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked. "Uh huh," Adam replied. "Then why did you?" said the Father. "I don't know," said Eve. "She started it!" Adam said "Did not!" "Did too!" "DID NOT!"

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.

BUT THERE IS REASSURANCE IN THE STORY!

If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself. If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?

Things to think about!

1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and be quiet.
2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.
3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.
4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.
6. We child proofed our homes, but they are still getting in.

ADVICE FOR THE DAY: Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home.

AND FINALLY: IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF TENSION AND YOU GET A HEADACHE, DO WHAT IT SAYS ON THE ASPIRIN BOTTLE:

Heaven & hell

"TAKE TWO ASPIRIN" AND "KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN"

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" the boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in an out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

Authority

A large truck was moving through a railway underpass when it got wedged in between the road and the girders overhead. All the efforts of experts to extricate it proved useless and traffic was stalled for miles on both side of the underpass. A little boy kept trying to get the attention of the foreman but was always pushed away. Finally, in sheer exasperation, the foreman said, "I suppose you've come to tell us how to do this job?" "Yes," said the kid, "I suggest you let some air out of the tires."

Relationships

"Darling," said the wife, "I'm ashamed of the way we live.

Father pays the rent of the house, brother sends us food and money for clothes, uncle pays our water and electricity bills and our friends provide us with tickets for the theater.

I'm not complaining, really, but I do think we can do better."

"Of course we can," said the husband.

"I've been thinking about it myself lately. You've got a brother and two uncles who don't send us a cent!"

Famous Quotes (33)

[Exrepts from the wisdom of Bishop Fulton Sheen]

--Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with feast and ends with the headache.

--Love cannot remain by itself because it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.

--Why is it any time we speak of temptation we always speak of temptation as something that inclines us to wrong. We have more temptations to become good than we do to become bad.

--The humble, simple souls, who are little enough to see the bigness of God in the littleness of a Babe, are therefore the only ones who will ever understand the reason of His visitation. He came to this poor earth of ours

to carry on an exchange; to say to us, as only the Good God could say: “you give me your humanity, and I will give you my Divinity; you give me your time, and I will give you My eternity; you give me your broken heart, and I will give you Love; you give me your nothingness, and I will give you My all.

--As the mother knows the needs better than the babe, so the Blessed Mother understands our cries and worries and knows them better than we know ourselves.

It is typically American to feel that we are not doing anything unless we are doing something big. But from the Christian point of view, there is no one thing that is bigger than any other thing.

--A person is merciful when he feels the sorrow and misery of another as if it were his own.

--Joy comes from loving God and neighbor. Pleasure is quick and violent, like a flash of lightning. Joy is steady and abiding, like a fixed star.

--Every man rejoices twice when he has a partner in his joy. He who shares tears with us wipes them away. He divides them in two, and he who laughs with us makes the joy double.

--It will make the rich see that real wealth is in the service of the needy, and above all else, it will make the glory of Christ's Cross shine out in a love of the brethren for one another as true loyal sons of God.

--It has been said it makes no difference what you believe, it all depends on how you act.

--By our presence in the world, we are called to create a society capable of recognizing the dignity of every person and sharing the gift that each person to the other.

--Imagine a large circle and in the center of it rays of light that spread out to the circumference. The light in the center is God; each of us is a ray. The closer the rays are to the center, the closer the rays are to one another.

The closer we live to God, the closer we are bound to our neighbor; the farther we are from God, the farther we are from one another. The more each ray departs from its center, the weaker it becomes; and the closer it gets to the center, the stronger it becomes.

--As Adam lost the heritage of union with God in a garden, so now our Blessed Lord ushered in its restoration in a garden. Eden and Gethsemane were the two gardens around which revolved the fate of humanity. In Eden, Adam sinned; in Gethsemane, Christ took humanity's sin upon Himself. In Eden, Adam hid himself from God; in Gethsemane, Christ interceded with His Father; in Eden, God sought out Adam in his sin of rebellion; in Gethsemane, the New Adam sought out the Father and His submission and resignation. In Eden, a sword was drawn to prevent entrance into the garden and thus immortalizing of evil; in Gethsemane, the sword would be sheathed.

--You are infinitely precious because you are loved by God.

--The very word mercy is derived from the Latin, *Miserum cor*, a sorrowful heart. Mercy is, therefore, a compassionate understanding of another's unhappiness.

--Here is the answer, after all these years, to the mysterious words in the Gospel of the Incarnation which stated that our Blessed Mother laid her “firstborn” in the manger. Did that mean that our Blessed Mother was to have other children? It certainly did, but not according to the flesh. Our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was the unique Son of our Blessed Mother by the flesh. But our Lady was to have other children, not according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.