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# Genealogy of Jesus

- \***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

## Genealogy of Jesus

Readings: Is 11:1-19; Rom 1:-12 and Mt 1:1-17

“*An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*” (Mt 1:1-17)

Today we begin the last seven days before we celebrate the birth of Jesus. During the past two weeks we have heard about the Savior, about his role, and how to respond to him. From now on we hear about his actual appearance among us, beginning with his genealogy.

Jesus was a member of a family that Matthew traces back to Abraham. And what a family it is! On Jesus' family tree you will find sinners and saints -and many people who were a combination of both. Take, for example, David, a great ruler but also an adulterer. Consider all the minor kings that are named on the family tree, with their endless family quarrels. The list is full of flesh and blood human beings with their own backgrounds, characters, sins, and defects. It is into that often-dysfunctional family that Jesus was born into our world. He became one like us. He came to help us to triumph over our sinfulness. He came in our misery to overcome it together with us.

**LET US PRAY:** Dear Jesus, you grew up in a family with all kinds of troubles. Even your mother Mary and her husband Joseph did not understand each other for quite some time. Help my family in their needs, like Mary and Joseph were helped in theirs. Amen.

*SUGGESTED ACTION: What are some of the Christmas traditions that you keep in your home and within your family? Think about how they affect your appreciation of the spiritual side of Christmas. Do you need to try out a few new activities this year that will help to emphasize that Christmas is indeed the birth of Jesus? Look into it.*

### ***This Weekend, Dec 17-18: Genealogy of Jesus***

**Saturday, December 17: Mass at 4:00 p.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)**

- ✠ Lawrence Ferrera (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Joann Ferrera Slack (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ John Wilson by Judy Wilson

**Sunday, December 18: Mass at 10:30 a.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)**

- ✠ Susie Fadoul (Anniversary) by her husband Millet and Family
- ✠ Tom & Sadie John by their Loving grandchildren
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol (OK)

### ***Next Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Monday, December 19:** No Mass. Pastor day off.

**Tuesday, December 20: Mass at Noon**

- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

**Wednesday, December 21:** No Mass. Office work

**Thursday, December 22: Mass at Noon**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ John Shibben by Marion Drews

**Friday, December 23:** No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

### ***Next Weekend, Dec 24-25: Glorious Birth of our Lord***

**Saturday, December 24:**

**At 4:00 p.m.: (Christmas Children Mass) (Choir will sing)**

✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson and Deceased members of the Elias Family by their loving Family

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave &amp; Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Special Intention

**At 10:00 p.m.: (Christmas Midnight Mass) (Choir will sing)**

✠ Mike &amp; Sue Linton &amp; their parents Joe &amp; Frances Linton by Steve Linton

✠ Janis &amp; George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

✠ John Shibben by John &amp; Tulane Mensore

**Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m.: (Christmas Day Mass) (Choir will sing)**

✠ Chamse Rahi by Lou and Charlotte Kourey and Family

✠ Mike &amp; Sue Linton &amp; their parents Joe &amp; Frances Linton by Steve Linton

✠ John Shibben by John &amp; Tulane Mensore

***New Year Masses Schedule*****Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022:**

4:00 p.m.: New Year's Eve Mass (No Midnight Mass)

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023: New Year's Day (Day of Obligation)**

10:30 a.m.: New Year's Day Mass (Choir will sing)

Merry Christmas &amp; Happy New Year

***Schedule of Upcoming Events***

Sunday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Drawing</b> for the Winner of the Women's Society <b>50/50 Raffle</b>
Sunday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> Msgr. Bakhos 31 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	Msgr. Bakhos will celebrate his 31 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood on Sunday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> . He was ordained in Sydney, Australia on December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 1991. He has served our church for 21 years.

***Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:***

Please donate toward decorating the altar with poinsettias during Christmas. Every poinsettia cost \$25.00

✠ Louis N. &amp; Louis H. Kourey, Sr. &amp; Gladys Howard by Lou &amp; Charlotte Kourey &amp; Family

✠ In Memory of Leslie &amp; Jerry Jr. by Jerry McGlumphy

✠ In Memory of Tom Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris

✠ In Memory of Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris

✠ In Memory of Bob Sengewalt by Dave &amp; Debbie Sengewalt and Family

✠ In Memory of Ray, Sara, Nick &amp; Gary McLaughlin by Mark &amp; Barb McLaughlin

✠ In Memory Elias &amp; Selma Joseph Family by Mark &amp; Barb McLaughlin

✠ In Memory John &amp; Mary Miller by Mark &amp; Barb McLaughlin

✠ In Honor of Mary Lish

✠ In Memory of Rita Strawn by Rex Strawn

✠ In Memory of the Strawn &amp; Thomas Families by Rex Strawn

✠ In Memory of Danny &amp; Milley Manners by NiNi Miller

✠ In Memory of Nimon &amp; Mariam Joseph Family by the Joseph &amp; Weisner Families

✠ In Honor of Frank, Anna Marie and Michael Duymich

✠ In Memory of the Wakim Family by Chris &amp; Jeannette Wakim

✠ In Memory of the Yeater Family by Chris &amp; Jeannette Wakim

✠ In Memory of the AlKhouri &amp; AlAhmar Families by Dr Alkhouri and Family

✠ In Memory of my husband Rick Frazier by his wife Luane Frazier &amp; my mother Cecilia Ann Murad

✠ In Memory of Ralph &amp; Mary Joseph Shipley &amp; Deceased Family by Thomasina Geimer

✠ In Memory of Phillip Geimer by his wife Thomasina Geimer

✠ In Memory of Adboo and Dorothy Saseen by Jim &amp; Patty Saseen Connell

✠ In Memory of the Saseen and Schlog Families mainly Bob by Fran Saseen

- ☼ In Memory of Shirley Elias Nickerson & Deceased Members of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong
- ☼ In Honor of Ron Weisner
- ☼ In Memory of Mary Murad by Jay and Liz & Eva Murad
- ☼ In Memory of Rachel Farrah by Emily Kawas
- ☼ In Memory of Joe Kawas by Emily Kawas
- ☼ In Memory of Emilie Kawas by Emily Kawas

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

- December 19: Chris Wakim  
 December 21: Millet C. Faddoul Jr.  
 December 22: Millet C. Fadoul  
 December 25: Shelly Hancher  
 December 27: Luke Lenz, Jay Murad  
 December 29: Jeff Bentz  
 January 1: Nancy Joseph  
 January 3: Rosemary Coury  
 January 6: Gina Stees  
 January 7: Jacob Fadoul Wilson  
 January 10: Marjorie John, Mary Petros-Hill  
 January 11: Jennifer Klein

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$2,260.00	Sunday Collection
480.00	Bulletin Ads
34.00	Candles
25.00	Coffee Hour
250.00	Donation to the church in memory of John Shiben
50.00	Christmas poinsettias
50.00	Raffles
306.00	utilities
\$3,455.00	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)

Patrick Sengewalt, Julia Schiess (FL) daughter of Leo Bleifus, (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?***

### ***Bulletin Ad Page***

We are preparing the ad page at the back of our weekly bulletin. It is a good way to advertise your business and to support the church in defraying the cost of printing the bulletins. Please call Msgr Bakhos if you would like to place a personal or business ad. Cost is \$120.00 for a single space ad for the entire year. You can purchase more adjacent ads.

### ***50/50 Christmas Raffles***

The **50/50 Raffle Drawing** has been scheduled for **Sunday, December 18**. Net Prize is \$715.00 so far. Please be sure to complete and return the completed stubs your donation for the chances to our church before the drawing date. Chances are \$1.00 for one; \$5.00 for 6; or \$10 for all 18 tickets.

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

### **Next year's date:**

Next year we will celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ***Spirituality: On the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Fulgens Corona

His Holiness Pope Pius XII

Encyclical Proclaiming a Marian Year, September 8, 1953 (*continued*)

31. But to facilitate matters and make the project more successful, We desire that in each diocese there be held for this purpose appropriate sermons and discourses, by means of which this tenet of Christian doctrine may be more clearly explained; so that the Faith of the people may be increased and their devotion to the Virgin Mother of God become daily more ardent, and that henceforth all may take upon themselves to follow in the footsteps of our heavenly mother, willingly and with promptitude.

32. And since in all cities, towns and villages, wherever the Christian religion thrives, there is a sanctuary, or at least an altar, in which the sacred image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is enshrined for the devotion of the Christian people, We desire, Venerable Brethren, that the faithful should throng thither in great numbers and should offer to our Most Sweet Mother not only private but also public supplications with one voice and with one mind.

33. But where--as is the case in almost all dioceses, there exists a church in which the Virgin Mother of God is worshipped with more intense devotion, thither on stated days let pilgrims flock together in great numbers and publicly and in the open give glorious expression to their common Faith and their common love toward the Virgin Most Holy. We have no doubt that this will be done in an especial manner at the Grotto of Lourdes, where there is such ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived without stain of sin.

34. But let this holy city of Rome be the first to give the example, this city which from the earliest Christian era worshipped the heavenly mother, its patroness, with a special devotion. As all know, there are many sacred edifices here, in which she is proposed for the devotion of the Roman people; but the greatest without doubt is the Liberian Basilica, in which the mosaics of Our predecessor of pious memory, Sixtus III, still glisten, an outstanding monument to the Divine maternity of the Virgin Mary, and in which the "salvation of the Roman people" (*Salus Populi Romani*) benignly smiles. Thither especially let the suppliant citizens flock, and before that most sacred image let all put forth pious prayers, imploring especially that Rome, which is the principal city of the Catholic world, may also give the lead in Faith, in piety and in sanctity. We address you, children of Rome, in the words of Our predecessor of saintly memory, Leo the Great, "For although the whole world, should flourish with all the virtues, you, however, above all other peoples, should especially excel in deeds of piety, you who are founded on the citadel of the Apostolic rock, you whom Our Lord, Jesus Christ redeemed with all and the Blessed Apostle Peter instructed above all." (Sermon 111, 14; Migne, PL, LIV, 147-148).

35. There are many things, indeed, which all, in the present circumstances, should petition from the protection, patronage and intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin. In the first place, let them ask that, with the assistance of Divine grace, the way of life of each one may be daily made more conformable to the Christian Commandments, as We have already said, since Faith without works is dead (Cf. James, 2. 20, 26), and since nobody can do anything befitting for the common good unless he himself first shines as an example of virtue before others.

36. Let them also ask with supplication that there may grow up a generous and promising youth, pure and unblemished, and that the beautiful flower of youth may not suffer itself to be infected by the corrupt breath of this world and grow up in vice; that their unbridled zeal and bursting ardor may be governed with even moderation, and that, abhorring all deception, they may not turn toward what is harmful and evil, but raise themselves up to whatever is beautiful, whatever holy, lovable and elevating.

37. United in prayer, let all implore that both in manhood and in old age men may shine by their Christian probity and fortitude; that domestic life may be conspicuous for inviolate faithfulness, that it may flourish through proper and saintly education of its children, and be strengthened by true concord and mutual help.

38. Let them finally ask that the aged may so rejoice over the fruits of a well-spent life, that, as the end of their mortal course approaches, they may have nothing to fear, no pricks or anxieties of conscience, no cause for shame, but rather firmly trust that they will soon receive the reward of their long labors.

39. Let them, besides, supplicate the Divine Mother, asking bread for the hungry, and justice for the oppressed; return to the fatherland for those banished and exiled; a hospitable roof for the homeless; due liberty for those unjustly cast into prison or custody; for those, who, after so many years have elapsed since the last war, still silently languish and sigh in captivity, the long desired homecoming; for those blind in body or soul, the joy of refulgent light. And for all those separated from each other by hatred, envy and discord, let them implore reconciliation through fraternal charity and through that harmony and peaceful industriousness which is founded on truth, justice and mutual friendship.

40. We desire in a special way, venerable brethren, that through the prayers which will be offered to God during the celebration of the coming Marian Year, supplication be made--through the intercession of the Mother of the Divine Redeemer and our Most Sweet Mother--finally the Catholic Church throughout the world may be allowed to enjoy the freedom that is its right: which freedom, as history clearly teaches, the Church has always used to promote the good of peoples, never their detriment; always to foster concord among citizens, nations and peoples, never strife.

*(To be continued in the next bulletin)*

## ***Wisdom: Laugh***

--Don't spend your time evaluating humor, asking yourself, "Is it really funny?" or "Do others think it's funny?" Just react and enjoy it.

--A group called the American Association for Therapy and Humor believes that one of the things too often missing from our days is a good laugh. The message is being heard by an increasing number of business consultants, who find that a little laughter makes for a better employee. Businesses across the country have Dress Like Elvis Days, clown squads that roam the halls sharing mirth, and silly contests like seeing who can throw a paper airplane the farthest. Why? Shaking us out of our routine increases creativity, productivity, and job satisfaction. But whether at work or at home, the Therapy and Humor group says, "Happiness is a laughing matter."

--"In studies of hundreds of adults, happiness was found to be related to humor. The ability to laugh, whether at life itself or at a good joke, is a source of Life satisfaction. Indeed, those who enjoy silly humor are one-third more likely to feel happy."

## ***Story: Unexpected Miracle***

Five years after the miraculous events in her family's life, Kathy still can't talk about it without breaking down in tears the events are so incredible to her. While seeking healing for her son's cancer, the miracle she personally experienced took her completely by surprise.

One day in August 1995, Chad, who had graduated from High School the previous spring, came home and told his parents that he had a lump on the side of his neck. "I wasn't feeling bad," Chad recalls, so I didn't think much of it." But for his parents what they hoped was a swollen gland turned out to be their worst nightmare. "The doctor came out and said it was cancer, said Kathy, forty—eight. "Holy smokes, it hit us so hard." They had found two lumps and Chad was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. The course of treatment decided on was a rigorous forty rounds of radiation—twenty to the upper body and twenty to the lower body.

"You suddenly find God," Kathy explained. "I was raised Catholic and my parents were very good role models. I continued to go to church and my husband converted when we married, but I had issues with the Church. I was a marginal Catholic—confession wasn't high on my priority list, the Rosary was a mindless prayer and the Church was outdated on the contraception thing."

So, when one of Kathy's best friends called with a suggestion, it totally blew her away. Judy told Kathy she knew of a man in Michigan, named Francis, who had the wounds of Christ in his hands. Judy urged her to

take Chad to him. I expect nothing less than a miracle,” she told Kathy. “I felt so confused, Kathy said. After gathering her thoughts, Kathy said, she presented the information to her family. She asked Chad, who had undergone his first four radiation treatments, if he wanted to go. To her surprise he answered, “Oh, sure, Mom.”

“I didn’t even know what a stigmatist was,” Chad confessed. I never had any doubts that God exists and is still in the miracle—working business. My practical side said, “Go,” what do you have to lose? Still, Kathy hesitated, “We really need to talk to someone who knows about this.”

Kathy decided to check with her pastor of twenty-five years is an incredible priest,” she said. When Msgr. said he had never heard of the man, Kathy remembers asking, “Gee, Father, what should we do? I don’t know what I was hoping to hear.”

What she heard was, “Oh, I’d go! I’d go in a minute. I believe that God gives special gifts to people. While you’re there, you’ll know if he is real. And if he is, ask him to come to our church sometime—we have a lot of sick people who could use his services. Msgr. later said, “At that time, they needed all the prayer they could get. I thought, if he could help, all the better.”

“He is the reason we went,” Kathy said. “God truly used him that day. If he had said no, we wouldn’t have gone.” Kathy and Chad drove to where Francis the man with the wounds of Christ was visiting his brother. Chad’s older brother was playing football for the State that day and his father had injured his back; neither could make the 10 a.m. appointment. When they came into the family room there were a few other people listening to Francis’ explanation of his wounds.

“All of a sudden I see his hands with these huge wounds on the palms about the size of a silver dollar,” Kathy remembered. “They are these deep, deep purple-red, scabbed-over wounds. On the back of his hands were band-aids and you could see blood under them.” He explained that every night he suffers the passion of our Lord, for the sins of the flesh, sometime between the hours of midnight and 3 a.m. “He told us, that is the time when a great deal of the sins of the flesh are committed,” said Kathy. When he began to explain the suffering, “He broke down crying like I have never heard anyone else cry.

After Francis regained his composure, Chad’s brother told those gathered that his brother would pray with them in a separate room if they wished. “A man went in first and I was kind of relieved,” said Kathy. “I didn’t know what to make of it all.”

Chad volunteered to go next and was in there for quite some time. “We prayed and he puts his hands on my head,” Chad recounted. “I got a chill that felt more electric than cold. It shot straight through and I felt completely relaxed.”

When he came out, Kathy went in. Francis told her that she didn’t need to pray out loud because God would hear her prayer. “I totally felt I was in God’s hands,” said Kathy. “I remember crying like a baby. I couldn’t stop. It was a feeling I will never forget. I had never experienced anything like that in my life.”

Kathy said that when she and Chad got into the car she was still crying. She reached into her pocket to grab a tissue Francis had given her in the house. “I went to wipe my eye and I caught a whiff of something perfumy,” she said. “I don’t wear perfume because I’m allergic to it.” She checked the tissue and there was no lotion on it. “Then I smelled my hands and it was on my hands and Chad’s hands too. It was very flowery like roses. At that time, I didn’t know about roses being a sign of Mary.”

“It smelled like a whole flower shop,” Chad added, “it was so strong. The mother and son didn’t have much time to ponder the scent (which continued into the next day) because of what happened next. “We were about five minutes down the road,” recalled Chad, who added that he was in the habit of frequently feeling his neck. “I had checked the lump that morning and it was huge, even larger than it had been before. About the time we first smelled the roses my hand automatically went across my neck.

“I felt again and it began to register that the lump was not there. I said, ‘Mom, it’s gone, and she said, ‘What’s gone? I said, ‘The lump is gone.’” As soon as the family arrived home, they checked Chad for any sign of the tumor. “The lump was definitely gone,” said Kathy. Five years later, Chad has no signs of Hodgkin’s.

As miraculous as Chad’s healing was, Kathy was shocked by her own personal healing. “God physically healed Chad, but He gave me a spiritual conversion I didn’t even know I needed,” she said. Once a marginal Catholic, Kathy is now a daily Communicant and also prays the rosary every day. “I shortchanged all of my family because of my skepticism,” Kathy confessed.

I wasn't solid in my faith and I was so verbal about it. People who see me now say, "Boy, have you changed." And the changes weren't limited just to Kathy. "I watched my husband grow in his faith. I watched my boys grow in their faith so incredibly. I see in them such strong Catholics."

Chad is very aware of the impact all this has had on his spiritual life. I have always been strong in my belief, but it is completely cemented now," he said. For the family, the greatest miracle has definitely been their conversion of faith.

"God has done this for others to witness," said Kathy. "And this is for everyone."

## *A Time To Laugh (41)*

### *A Liar in Heaven*

A liar appears before St. Peter at the pearly gates.

"Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asks.

"Well, I can think of one thing," the man offers.

"Once, on a trip to the Black Hills, I came upon a gang of high-testosterone bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker. I smacked him on the head, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring and threw it on the ground, and told him, 'Leave her alone now or you'll answer to me.'"

St. Peter was impressed. "When did this happen?"

"Just a couple of minutes ago."

### *Authority*

When an accident deprived the village headman of the use of his leg, he took to walking on crutches. He gradually developed the ability to move with speed -even to dance and execute little pirouettes for the entertainment of his neighbors.

Then he took it into his head to train his children in the use of crutches. It soon became a status symbol in the village to walk on crutches and before long everyone was doing so.

By the fourth generation no one in the village could walk without crutches. The village school included "Crutchery-Theoretical-Applied" in its curriculum and the village craftsmen became famous for the quality of the crutches they produced. There was even talk of developing an electronic, battery-operated set of crutches! One day a young Turk presented himself before the village elders and demanded to know why everyone had to walk on crutches since God had provided people with legs to walk on. The village elders were amused that this upstart should think himself wiser than them so they decided to teach him a lesson. "Why don't you show us how?" they said.

"Agreed," cried the young man.

A demonstration was fixed for ten o'clock on the following Sunday at the village square. Everyone was there when the young man hobbled on his crutches to the middle of the square and, when the village clock began to strike the hour, stood upright and dropped his crutches. A hush fell on the crowd as he took a bold step forward -and fell flat on his face.

With that everyone was confirmed in their belief that it was quite impossible to walk without the help of crutches.

### *Texas Ten Commandments*

The USA Today in their March 10, 2003, edition told about a church in Fairlie, Texas who have the Ten Commandments posted on a wall of their church. (Maybe if we all used these instead of the ones with all the "shall nots" in it, we could probably understand and live up to them a whole lot better). The Cowboy's Ten Commandments:

1-Just one God.

2-Honor yer Ma & Pa.

3-No telling tales or gossipin'.

4-Git yourself to Sunday meeting.

5-Put nothin' before God.



6-No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.

7-No killin'.

8-Watch yer mouth.

9-Don't take what ain't yers.

10-Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff.

## *Famous Quotes (41)*

Jesus:

Be sure you do not perform your acts of piety before men, for them to watch; if you do that, you have no title to a reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in synagogues and in streets, to win the esteem of men. Believe me, they have their reward already. But when you give alms, you shall not so much as let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so secret is your almsgiving to be; and then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, you are not to be like hypocrites, who love to stand praying in synagogues or at street-corners, to be a mark for men's eyes; believe me, they have their reward already. But when you are praying, go into your inner room and shut the door upon yourself, and so pray to your Father in secret; and then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Moreover, when you are at prayer, do not use many phrases, like the heathens, who think to make themselves heard by their eloquence. You are not to be like them; your heavenly Father knows well what your needs are before you ask him. This, then, is to be your prayer, Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen. Your heavenly Father will forgive you your transgressions, if you forgive your fellow men theirs; if you do not forgive them, your heavenly Father will not forgive your transgressions either. Again, when you fast, do not shew it by gloomy looks, as the hypocrites do. They make their faces unsightly, so that men can see they are fasting; believe me, they have their reward already. But do you, at your times of fasting, anoint your head and wash your face, so that your fast may not be known to men, but to your Father who dwells in secret; and then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (Matthew 6:1-18)