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Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.

***Weekday Masses:** Mondays and Wednesdays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.

Tuesdays and Thursday: Mass at 12:00 Noon

Fridays during Lent: Mass at 5:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment

***Confession:**

***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

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Readings: Num 15:37-41; 2 Cor 7:4-11 and Lk 8:40-56

The theme of salvation and faith are the major themes of this two—faceted story. Jairus is persuaded that at Jesus' touch his daughter will be "MADE WELL" and the woman is convinced that if she touches Jesus' garments she will be "MADE WELL". Each time the Greek verb used is **sozo, which** also means "TO SAVE". More pointedly, Jesus reassures the woman, telling her, "YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL" has "SAVED" you. Mark has in mind more than bodily healing. Salvation stands in close relation to faith. Jesus exhorts the father of the girl, "DO NOT FEAR, ONLY BELIEVE". Furthermore, the evangelist lets it be understood that the narrative of the daughter of Jairus has to do with resurrection. The verb "TO RAISE UP" and "TO RAISE", we have seen, are used to describe the resurrection of Jesus. The Christian reader could not fail to grasp the overtones of terms that had already found their way into the vocabulary of the Christian. A confirmation of the theological significance of the raising is the presence of the three privileged witnesses, Peter, James, and John. Jesus raises the dead girl to life because he is "THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE". For Mark and his readers Jesus is the Son of God already mediating the power of his resurrection; he is the Lord, the source of saving power. And the narrative is a lesson of salvation by faith.

Jesus performed 37 Miracles.

We will publish them weekly in order to strengthen our faith that Jesus is indeed the Son of God who has divine power to heal and raise the dead by a Word from his mouth. Blessed are those who believe without seeing Him.

First miracle of Jesus when he changed Water Into Wine

On the third day there was a wedding. It took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why are you telling me about this?" Jesus replied. "The time for me to show who I really am isn't here yet." His mother said to the servants, "Do what he tells you." Six stone water jars stood nearby. The Jews used water from that kind of jar for special washings. They did that to make themselves pure and "clean." Each jar could hold 20 to 30 gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." So, they filled them to the top. Then he told them, "Now dip some out. Take it to the person in charge of the dinner." They did what he said. The person in charge tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He didn't realize where it had come from. But the servants who had brought the water knew. Then the person in charge called the groom to one side. He said to him, "Everyone brings out the best wine first. They bring out the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink. But you have saved the best until now." What Jesus did here in Cana in Galilee was the first of his signs. Jesus showed his glory by doing this sign. And his disciples believed in him. (John 2:1-11)

This Weekend: Mar 4-5: Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

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

- ✠ Betty Abraham, Clara Cater, Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner & Family
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 5 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Bill Dougherty (Anniversary) by his wife Carol (OK)
- ✠ Mike Ledergerber by his uncle Leo Bleifus
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Next Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, March 6: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Tuesday, March 7: Mass at Noon

- ✠ John Shibben by William & Mary Beth Yaeger
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Wednesday, March 8: No Mass. Office work.**Thursday, March 9: 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 William & Mary Beth Yaeger

Friday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m.:**Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and light dinner sponsored by Susan & Ron Burns**

- ✠ Intentions of Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ John Shibben by William & Mary Beth Yaeger

Next Weekend: Mar 11-12: Parable of the Prodigal Son**Saturday, March 11 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Sunday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mary Joseph-Shiple and Robby Hunter (Anniversary) by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Mike Ledergerber by his uncle Leo Bleifus

Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner *(Every Friday during Lent)*

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Cross. The “*Stations of the Cross*” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary. Many Thanks to these generous families who sponsored light meatless dinners after the Stations of the Cross. If any other family wants to participate in the social hour, please ask and join the families listed below.

Date:	Volunteers Who are sponsoring the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
3 rd Friday, March 10	Meal Sponsors: Chris & Jeannette Wakim
4 th Friday, March 17	Meal Sponsor: Liz & Jay Murad
5 th Friday, March 24	Meal Sponsors: Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
6 th Friday, March 31	Meal Sponsor: George & Susan Saseen
Good Friday, April 7	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

Easter Obligation Fulfilled

Many Thanks for all the generous parishioners who fulfilled their Easter Obligations so far. Our Quota is \$3,000 to be sent to our Diocese to help paying the cost of different projects mainly educating our seminarians. May your fasting and almsgiving be accepted and may your sins be forgiven.

Lee Bentz, Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Ron & Kim Gibbons, Mark Schroeder, Fran Saseen, Randy Weisner, Jean Weisner, Gary Weisner, Joe & Nikki Popovich, Robert Harris, Chris & Jeannette Wakim, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Millet L. Fadoul, Thomasina Geimer, Nettie Seidler, Bill & Tricia Committee, Mary Beth Weisner, Dolores Oser, Dee Shibben, Cathy Goodson, Al Depto, Denise Ferris, Linda Hostutler, Marge John, Dr. & Mrs. Al Ghaphery, Nick Ghaphery,

Coming Parish Events

Monday, March 13 at 6:00 pm	Cedar Club Meeting in the Cedar Hall
1 st week of May	Bake Sale
Saturday, June 17 after 4h Mass	Parish Dinner on the occasion of Father Day. Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 13 until 7:00 pm	Mahrajan (Festival) at Oglebay Park, Levenson Shelter 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass at Oglebay (No Mass at the church)

Easter Lillies

Many Thanks to all who donated toward decorating the church during Easter. All donations small or great are appreciated, but only donations greater than \$20.00 are mentioned here. If you need to donate a flower in memory of a beloved family member, please write a note to Msgr. Bakhos

✦ In Memory of Gladys Howard and Louise N. & Louis H. Kourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Kourey and Family

✦ In Memory of the Murad and Tatalovich Families by Liz & Jay & Eva Murad

✦ In Memory of our beloved parents John T. & Cecilia John and D. William Burns by Ron & Susan Burns

✦ In Memory of husband Phil and Deceased Family members of Thomasina Geimer

✦ In Memory of Danny & Milly Manners by their daughter NiNi Miller

✦ In Honor of Chris and Jeannette Wakim

✦ In Honor of Ron Weisner

✦ In Honor of Jean Weisner

✦ In Honor of Frank & Anna Marie Duymich

✦ In Honor of Fran Saseen

✦ In Honor of Jackie & Pat Petros

✦ In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Adel Frenn

✦ In Honor of Denise Ferris

✦ In Honor of Larry & Lillian Siebieda

✦ In Memory of Shirley Elias Nickerson and the Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong

✦ In Memory of Chamse Rahi by her daughter Alicia Peklinsky and Family

✦ In Memory of Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Joseph and Weisner Families

✦ In Memory of the Deceased members of the McLaughlin, Joseph & Miller Families by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

March 6: Kristen McLaughlin

March 10: Liam George

March 15: Shelby Imer

March 18: Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros

March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell

March 22: Jennifer Imer

March 26: Joseph John

March 30: Greg John

April 1: Patrick Sengewalt

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,122.00	Sunday Collection
975.00	Diocesan Appeal
38.00	Candles
39.00	Coffee hour

100.00	Donation to the church
85.00	Easter Flowers
25.00	Mahrajan
\$2,384.00	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)

Fred Jaquay, Tim Pack, Patty Olinsky, Earl Ragase, Bettie Jane Fadoul, Patrick Sengewalt, 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, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

Rummage Sale

The ladies of the church would appreciate any items to be donated toward the coming rummage sale in June. Please bring your items with you to the church and we will open the basement door for you. Many Thanks.

Discernment Weekend *(March 24-26, 2023)*

Wondering if the Lord is calling you to the priesthood in the Maronite church? Men aged 18-40 are invited for the weekend of fellowship, prayer, discussion and discernment on March 24-26, 2023 at the Maronite Seminary, Washington, DC. Information: 202-723-8831

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

- This year we will celebrate our 90th Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan) at Oglebay Park on Sunday, August 13.
- Outdoor Mass at 10:00 a.m. not 10:30 a.m. There will be no Mass at the church the day of the Festival.
- Many Thanks to Susan & Ron Burns for sponsoring the welcome center tent at the entrance of the Mahrajan (Festival) this year. It is a beautiful 10x10 red and white stripes. May God reward you manyfolds.
- The church purchased 2 refrigerators for pop and water. Also one Sajj (woke) for Lebanese cheese pizza and Zaatar bread.
- The church purchased four red tents 10x15 feet each to be used for our special booths.
- There will be a special booth for Lebanese wine taste.
- If you have a friend or know someone who is interested in receiving correspondence about our Festival, please submit their addresses to Msgr. Bakhos.

Spirituality: Angels

What Do Angels Look Like?

- Like the little old lady who returned your wallet yesterday.
- Like the taxi driver who told you that your eyes light up the world, when you smile.
- Like the small child who showed you the wonder in simple things.
- Like the poor man who offered to share his lunch with you.
- Like the rich man who showed you it really is all possible, if only you believe.
- Like the stranger who just happened to come along, when you had lost your way.
- Like the friend who touched your heart, when you didn't think you had one left to touch.
- Angels come in all sizes and shapes, All ages and skin types.
- Some with freckles, some with dimples, some with wrinkles, some without.
- They come disguised as friends, enemies, teachers, students, lovers and fools.
- They don't take life too seriously, They travel light.
- They leave no forwarding address, They ask for nothing in return.

They wear sneakers with gossamer wings, They get a deal on dry cleaning.

They are hard to find when your eyes are closed, But They are everywhere you look when you choose to see.

Wisdom: Life

In the interview by Paul Bradshaw with Rick Warren, Rick said: People ask me, What is the purpose of life? And I respond: In a nutshell, life is preparation for eternity. We were made to last forever, and God wants us to be with Him in Heaven.

One day my heart is going to stop, and that will be the end of my body, but not the end of me. I may live 60 to 100 years on earth, but I am going to spend trillions of years in eternity. This is the warm-up act - the dress rehearsal. God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity.

We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life isn't going to make sense. Life is a series of problems: Either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into another one.

The reason for this is that God is more interested in your character than your comfort. God is more interested in making your life holy than He is in making your life happy. We can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life. The goal is to grow in character, in Christ likeness.

This past year has been the greatest year of my life but also the toughest, with my wife, Kay, getting cancer. I used to think that life was hills and valleys - you go through a dark time, then you go to the mountaintop, back and forth. I don't believe that anymore. Rather than life being hills and valleys, I believe that it's kind of like two rails on a railroad track, and at all times you have something good and something bad in your life. No matter how good things are in your life, there is always something bad that needs to be worked on. And no matter how bad things are in your life, there is always something good you can thank God for.

You can focus on your purposes, or you can focus on your problems.

If you focus on your problems, you're going into self-centeredness,"which is my problem, my issues, my pain." But one of the easiest ways to get rid of pain is to get your focus off yourself and onto God and others. We discovered quickly that in spite of the prayers of hundreds of thousands of people, God was not going to heal Kay or make it easy for her. It has been very difficult for her, and yet God has strengthened her character, given her a ministry of helping other people, given her a testimony, drawn her closer to Him and to people. You have to learn to deal with both the good and the bad of life. Actually, sometimes learning to deal with the good is harder. For instance, this past year, all of a sudden, when the book sold 15 million copies, it made me instantly very wealthy. It also brought a lot of notoriety that I had never had to deal with before. I don't think God gives you money or notoriety for your own ego or for you to live a life of ease.

So I began to ask God what He wanted me to do with this money, notoriety and influence. He gave me two different passages that helped me decide what to do, II Corinthians 9 and Psalm 72.

First, in spite of all the money coming in, we would not change our lifestyle one bit. We made no major purchases. Second, about midway through last year, I stopped taking a salary from the church. Third, we set up foundations to fund an initiative we call The Peace Plan to plant churches, equip leaders, assist the poor, care for the sick, and educate the next generation. Fourth, I added up all that the church had paid me in the 24 years since I started the church, and I gave it all back. It was liberating to be able to serve God for free.

We need to ask ourselves: Am I going to live for possessions? Popularity? Am I going to be driven by pressures? Guilt? Bitterness? Materialism? Or am I going to be driven by God's purposes (for my life)?

When I get up in the morning, I sit on the side of my bed and say, God, if I don't get anything else done today, I want to know You more and love You better. God didn't put me on earth just to fulfill a to-do list. He's more interested in what I am than what I do. That's why we're called human beings, not human doings.

Happy moments, PRAISE GOD. Difficult moments, SEEK GOD. Quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD. Painful moments, TRUST GOD. Every moment, THANK GOD.

Story: Mother's intuition

Mother Senses Daughter Is in Big Trouble

An orange-sherbet sunrise heralded the day as I reached for my morning tea. Glancing at the clock, I knew Amanda would soon be on her way home, tired from her night shift at the coffee shop in the city.

I went about my usual morning routine, and thought how determined my daughter was to earn enough money to help put herself through college. It was a challenge for her to juggle two jobs, but she managed. As I drifted from dishes to dusting, I felt an unusual surge of concern for my now late-arriving daughter. I tried to keep busy, but I found myself watching out the window and listening for the familiar sound of Amanda's car pulling into the driveway.

A wave of nausea washed over me, and my heart raced for a moment. I closed my eyes and prayed for her safety, then chastised myself for being a paranoid mother. Amanda often jokingly reminded me about my smothering-mother tendencies. I countered with the "until you have children of your own" lecture. Was this one of those moments? I called Amanda's cell phone. No answer.

Something was terribly wrong. I felt an urge to jump in my car and look for her. First, though, I called out to God for direction. I cannot say I heard an audible voice - it was more like a gentle nudge, but I truly felt God wanted me to leave the house.

My heart raced as I followed the likely route Amanda would take home. I kept pushing the redial button on my cell phone, but Amanda was not answering. I felt a sudden grip of fear and pulled over to the side of the road, wondering what to do. I remembered the countless times I had told Amanda to pray — how it was the most important step to take when fear crouched on the doorstep. So I prayed. I prayed that God would send His angels to protect my daughter. My fear, thankfully, did not turn into panic, as I still felt compelled to drive. I drove for 40 minutes, but there was no sign of Amanda. Then my cell phone rang. My heart jumped to my throat. It was a female voice. The connection was so poor that I could hardly make it out: "... accident... Bethel Sideroad ..." I thought it was Amanda's voice, but I couldn't be sure. I was about 15 minutes away from the Bethel Sideroad, so I did my best to keep my composure and drove, praying without ceasing.

A sickening sight awaited me. An ambulance and two police cars blocked the path of oncoming traffic. I saw Amanda's little gray car wrapped around a broken hydro pole. The whole car was crushed. I gasped in horror and knew Amanda had surely perished in such a wreck. Feeling faint, I jammed on my brakes. A policewoman, approached me, and I wailed in agony. I jumped out of my car, frantically screaming for Amanda. Just then, she stepped out of the ambulance. "Mom!" she called. Traced to her and clung to her with my arms and heart.

How had she survived? The paramedics kept saying it was nothing less than a miracle. The police officers, after they had calmed me down, told me they had expected to pull a body out of the car. In their estimation, no one should have survived such a horrendous accident.

Amanda apparently had fallen asleep at the wheel, and as she hit the side of the road, her car had flipped twice and hit the hydro pole. The entire car was crushed - except for the driver's seat. She was taken to the hospital for observation, but other than a few scratches and bruises, she was fine. I still marvel at the power of prayer and the sense of urgency that flooded my mind and heart that morning. The Almighty Protector shielded my Amanda - and sent His angels to protect her, just as I had prayed.

A Time to Laugh (52)

You Wuz A Deer

Each Friday night after work, Boudreaux would fire up his outdoor grill and cook a venison steak. But, all of Boudreaux's neighbors were Catholic. And since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Friday. The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The Priest came to visit Boudreaux, and suggested that he become a Catholic.

After several classes and much study, Boudreaux attended Mass ... and as the priest sprinkled holy water over him, he said, "You were born a Baptist, and raised a Baptist, but now you are a Catholic."

Boudreaux's neighbors were greatly relieved, until Friday night arrived, and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighborhood.

The Priest was called immediately by the neighbors, and, as he rushed into Boudreaux's yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement.

There stood Boudreaux, clutching a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat and chanted:

"You wuz born a deer, you wuz raised a deer, but now you is a catfish."

Human Nature

Two little boys met.

"How old are you?"

"I'm five. How old are you?"

"I don't know."

"You don't know how old you are?"

"Nope"

"Do women bother you?"

"Nope"

"You're four."

Service

A farmer, whose corn always took the first prize at the State Fair, had the habit of sharing his best corn seed with all the farmers in the neighborhood.

When asked why, he said: "It is really a matter of self-interest. The wind picks up the pollen and carries it from field to field. So if my neighbors grow inferior corn the cross-pollination brings down the quality of my own corn. That is why I am concerned that they plant only the very best."

[All that you give to others, you are giving to yourself]

Human Nature

Doctor to patient: "I've been treating you for guilt for the past ten years, and you are still feeling guilty about a trifle like that?"

You ought to feel ashamed of yourself!"

Relationships

A woman complained to a visiting friend that her neighbor was a poor housekeeper.

"You should see how dirty her children are, and her house. It is almost a disgrace to be living in the same neighborhood as her. Take a look at those clothes she has hang out on the line. See the black streaks on the sheets and towels!"

The friend walked up to the window and said: "I think the clothes are quite clean, my dear. The streaks are on your window."