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Healing of the Paralytic

- *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 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- *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

Healing of the Paralytic

Readings: Is 35:1-10; 1Tim 5:24-6:5 and Mk 2:1-12

“Who can forgive sins but God?”

How can sins be rightly remitted unless the very One against whom one has sinned grants the pardon?

If Christ forgives sins, Christ must be truly God because no one can forgive sins but God alone.

In their ministry of the forgiveness of sin, pastors do not exercise the right of some independent power. For not in their own name but in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit do they forgive sins. They ask, the Godhead forgives. The service is enabled by humans, but the gift comes from the Power on high.

“Which is easier to say?”

The physician’s art, according to Democritus, heals the diseases of the body; wisdom frees the soul from its obsessions. But the good Instructor, Wisdom, who is the Word of the Father who assumed human flesh, cares for the whole nature of his creature. The all-sufficient Physician of humanity, the Savior, heals both body and soul conjointly. “Stand up,” he commanded the paralytic; “take the bed on which you lie, and go home”; and immediately the paralytic received strength.

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.

Third miracle of Jesus when he Drove Out an Evil Spirit

Jesus and those with him went to Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue. There he began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching. That’s because he taught them like one who had authority. He did not talk like the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue cried out. He was controlled by an evil spirit. He said, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the Holy One of God!” “Be quiet!” said Jesus firmly. “Come out of him!” The evil spirit shook the man wildly. Then it came out of him with a scream. All the people were amazed. So, they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching! And with so much authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits, and they obey him.” (Mark 1:21-27)

This Weekend: Mar 18-19: Healing of the Paralytic

Saturday, March 18 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ John Shiben by Philip Peters (AR)
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ John Shiben by Denna Shiben
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Next Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, March 20: No Mass. Pastor’s Day off.

Tuesday, March 21: Mass at Noon

- ✠ Bess Ferris Garcia (Birthday) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
- ✠ Greg George (Birthday) by his sister Margaret George (MN)
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday, March 22: No Mass. Office work.

Thursday, March 23: Mass at Noon

- ✠ Lawrence Ferrera (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Myron Law by Jeannine Thomas

✠ John Shiben by Lynne & Ben Exley

Friday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

✠ Intentions of Mary Stees and Libby Magnone for sponsoring the Social Hour

✠ Good health and speedy recovery of Julia Schness (daughter of Leo Bleifus)

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

Next Weekend: Mar 25-26: Healing of the Blind Man

Saturday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m.: Feast of the Annunciation

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

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

✠ Good health and speedy recovery of Julia Schness (daughter of Leo Bleifus)

Sunday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Michael & Annette Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family

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

✠ Good health and speedy recovery of Julia Schness (daughter of 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:
5 th Friday, March 24	Light Meal Sponsors: Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
6 th Friday, March 31	Light Meal Sponsor: George & Susan Saseen
Good Friday, April 7	Light 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 Shiben, Cathy Goodson, Al Depto, Denise Ferris, Linda Hostutler, Marge John, Dr. & Mrs. Al Ghaphery, Nick Ghaphery, Janet Shutler, George & Patty Fahey, Sue Jochum, Sharon & Tom Beatty, Kim & Jan Seabright, Caroline & Pat Popicg, Jamil Harb, Judy Bedway, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, David & Greg John, John & Kathleen Kazour (New Orleans), GiGi Rice (Ohio), Rosalie Conti, PJ, Nikki, Luke and Lindsey Lenz, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Mary Stees, Debbie & Mark Huffman, Susan & Ron Burns, Rex Strawn, Tom & Judy Brock, Carol Dougherty, Michael & Judy Sofka, Patrick & Laurie Henry, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Breit, Jim Moses, Jane Palmer, Michael Duymich, Denny Albaugh, Earl & Linda Duffy, Dave & Debbie Sengewalt, Angele Mansore, Dr. Dianna Vargo,

Palm Sunday Program (Saturday & Sunday, April 1 & 2)

On Palm Sunday, we commemorate Christ’s entry into Jerusalem where people came out to meet Him and shout, “Hosanna,” “Save us, O Lord.” On that day, we bless palm branches (symbol of victory), and we process inside the church to welcome Christ as the King of our life.

Processions: The palms will be blessed during both Masses and distributed. We will have a procession with the children inside the church in every Mass. Please bring your children and grandchildren and let us welcome Christ the King in our hearts with the shouts of “Hosannas.”

Saturday, April 1 at 4:00 p.m.: Mass & Procession with Palms

Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m.: Mass & Procession with Palms

Passion Week & Easter Schedule

Monday of Passion Week, April 3 at 5:30 p.m.:

Rite of the coming to the Harbor & Spiritual Reflection & Mass (No Stations of the Cross)

Tuesday of Passion Week, April 4 at 5:30 p.m.:

Rite of the Coming to the Harbor & Spiritual Reflection & Mass (No Stations of the Cross)

Wednesday of Passion Week, April 5 at 5:30 p.m.:

Rite of the Lamp & Spiritual Reflection & Mass (No Stations of the Cross)

Thursday of the Mysteries, April 6 at 5:30 p.m.:

Mass of the Lord’s Supper & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Great Friday of the Crucifixion, April 7:

No Morning or Evening Mass Today in All Catholic Churches

10:30 a.m.: Rite for the Signing of the Chalice (No Mass)

6:00 p.m.: Solemn Burial of the Lord followed by a complimentary Meatless Community Dinner sponsored by the Cedar Club.

Saturday of the Light, April 8:

10:30 a.m.: Rite of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation (No Mass)

4:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass & “Rite of Peace”

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection, April 9:

10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & “Rite of Peace.”

Coming Parish Events

2nd week of May	Spring Bake Sale
May 6 to May 14	Mother Day Masses
Sunday, May 7	May Queen Procession. Eva Murad will be the May Queen this year.
Saturday, June 17 after 4pm 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
- ✦ In Memory of Abdo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell
- ✦ In Memory of Bob Sengewalt by his son Dave and Family

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell
- March 22: Jennifer Imer
- March 26: Joseph John
- March 30: Greg John
- April 1: Patrick Sengewalt
- April 6: Ron Weisner
- April 8: Jesse John
- April 11: Randy Weisner
- April 12: Justin Frenn
- April 13: Adel Frenn
- April 14: Mark McLaughlin

From Saturday, May 6 until Sunday, May 14: Mother Day Masses

Masses for the deceased mothers and grandmothers

- † Deceased of the Togliatti and Harb Families by GiGi Rice
- † Deceased mothers and grandmothers of Jamil Harb (MI)
- † Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie
- † Emma Nader & Nabiha “Lena” Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- † Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra “Cassie” Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- † Sadie Chidiac (mother), Kathrine & Hasibi (grandmothers) & all my sisters by Msgr. Bakhos
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- † Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- † Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carole Burkhart
- † Deceased mothers of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- † Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- † Pearl I (Nolte) Shutler (mother), Clara Shutler (grandmother), Isabelle (Frey) Nolte (great-grandmother) by Janet Shutler
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson and Amelia Elias by Tammy Strong and their loving Family
- † Wanda Nickerson by her loving Family
- † Martha Saseen by her son George Saseen
- † Elizabeth Harasuik by her daughter Susan Saseen
- † Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Helen Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Laura Z. Wakim by The Wakim Family
- † For all mothers and grandmothers by The Wakim Family
- † Sara McLaughlin and Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

- ✠ Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Barbara Lenz by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay and Luke Lenz
- ✠ Betty Lou Petros by Jackie and Pat Petros
- ✠ Dolores M. Fahey by Jackie and Pat Petros
- ✠ Ginny and Martha Shia and Anna Shia by their Family
- ✠ Edna Jochum by her Family
- ✠ Angela Henning and Anna Bott by Don & Roberta Henning
- ✠ Cecilia (mother) and Saada (grandmother) by Carol Dougherty

Prayers for the living mothers and grandmothers

- ✠ Charlotte Kourey by her children Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Living mothers and grandmothers of Jamil Harb (MI)
- ✠ My sisters & their daughters in law by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Nikki Jo Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Nikki A. Popovich by Joe Popovich
- ✠ Viola J. Yeater by the Wakim Family
- ✠ Jeannette M. Wakim by her children Laura Chapman and Nathan Wakim
- ✠ Barb McLaughlin by Brad McLaughlin and Kristen & Matt Graney
- ✠ Barb McLaughlin by Nathan Graney
- ✠ Nikki Popovich by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay and Luke Lenz
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<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,067.00	Sunday Collection
301.00	2 nd collection: Caritas Lebanon
765.00	Diocesan Appeal
5.00	Bake sale
62.00	Candles
38.00	Coffee hour
50.00	Donation to the church
\$3,288.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Kourey, 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 Kourey), 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: Atheist feast day

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned."

Wisdom: Life

Sometimes people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there, to serve some sort of purpose, teach you a lesson, or to help you figure out who you are or who you want to become. You never know who these people may be (possibly your roommate, neighbor, co-worker, long lost friend, lover, or even a complete stranger), but when you lock eyes with them, you know at that very moment they will affect your life in some profound way.

And sometimes things happen to you that may seem horrible, painful, and unfair at first, but in reflection you find that without overcoming those obstacles you would have never realized your potential, strength, willpower, or heart. Everything happens for a reason.

Nothing happens by chance or by means of good luck. Illness, injury, love, lost moments of true greatness, and sheer stupidity all occur to test the limits of your soul. Without these small tests, whatever they may be, life would be like a smoothly paved, straight, flat road to nowhere. It would be safe and comfortable, but dull and utterly pointless. The people you meet who affect your life, and the success and downfalls you experience, help to create who you are and who you become. Even the bad experiences can be learned from. In fact, they are probably the most poignant and important ones.

If someone hurts you, betrays you, or breaks your heart, forgive them, for they have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious when you open your heart.

If someone loves you, love them back unconditionally, not only because they love you, but because in a way, they are teaching you to love and how to open your heart and eyes to things.

Make every day count. Appreciate every moment and take from those moments everything that you possibly can for you may never be able to experience it again. Talk to people that you have never talked to before, and actually listen.

Let yourself fall in love, break free, and set your sights high.

Hold your head up because you have every right to. Tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself, for if you don't believe in yourself, it will be hard for others to believe in you. You can make of your life anything you wish. Create your own life and then go out and live it with absolutely no regrets.

Most importantly! If you LOVE someone tell him or her, for you never know what tomorrow may have in store. And learn a lesson in life each day that you live.

Story: Music in the Metro station

Perception, Something To Think About.

Washington, DC Metro Station on a cold January morning in 2007. The man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time approx. 2 thousand people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. After 3 minutes a middle aged man noticed there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried to meet his schedule.

4 minutes later: The violinist received his first dollar: a woman threw the money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

6 minutes: A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

10 minutes: A 3-year old boy stopped but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children. Every parent, without exception, forced their children to move on quickly.

45 minutes: The musician played continuously. Only 6 people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

1 hour: He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed. No one applauded, nor was there any recognition.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before Joshua Bell sold out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell playing incognito in the metro station was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities.

The questions raised:

-In a common place environment at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty?

-Do we stop to appreciate it?

-Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made. How many other things are we missing?

A Time to Laugh (54)

Human Nature

A fellow went to a psychiatrist and was diagnosed as a workaholic. So he had to take a second job to pay for the therapy.

The Wise Woman's Stone

A wise woman, while traveling in the mountains, found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she encountered a hungry traveler. The woman opened her bag to share what food she had, but the hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked if he could have it.

She gave it to him without hesitation.

The traveler left rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. A few days later, he returned the stone to the woman, "I've been thinking," he said. "I know how valuable this stone is, but I must give it back in the hope you will give me something even more precious. Give me what you have inside of you that enabled you to give me this stone."

Truth

Story has it that when New Mexico became part of the United States and the first court session opened in the new state, the presiding judge was a hardened old former cowboy and Indian fighter.

He took his place on the bench and the case opened. A man was charged with horse-stealing. The case for the prosecution was made, the plaintiff and his witnesses were duly heard.

Whereupon the attorney for the defendant stood up and said, "And now, your Honor, I should like to present my client's side of the case."

Said the judge, "Sit down. That won't be necessary. It would only confuse the jury!"

A Good Name

There were two boys in the Taylor family. The older said he must make a name for the family, and so turned his face toward fame. The younger decided to give his life for Christ and so turned his face toward missionary duty in China.

Hudson Taylor, missionary, died beloved and known on every continent. "But when I looked in the encyclopedia to see what the other son had done," said a student, I found these words, "The brother of Hudson Taylor."

Love

Former Boston Red Sox third baseman Wade Boggs used to hate going to Yankee Stadium. Not because of the Yankees, but because of a fan.

The guy had a seat close to the field and when the Red Sox were in town he would torment Boggs by shouting obscenities and insults. One day Boggs decided he'd had enough.

He walked directly over to the man and said: "Hey fella, are you the guy who's always yelling at me?" The man said: "Yeah, it's me. What are you going to do about it?"

Wade took a new baseball out of his pocket, autographed it, tossed it to the man, and went back to the field to continue his pre-game routine. The man never yelled at Boggs again; in fact, he became one of Wade's biggest fans at Yankee Stadium.

You may find yourself in Wade's shoes someday. For no discernible reason, someone may decide not to like you. Our natural inclination is to fight back. But there is a better way to eliminate enemies once and for all.

On this subject, the Apostle Paul said: "Do not repay anyone evil for evil..... if it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Rom. 12:17-18)

Relationship

Boss: "You look exhausted. What happened?"

Secretary: "Well, I..... No, you wouldn't believe me if I told you."

"Of course I would." "No, you wouldn't. I know you wouldn't."

"I really will believe you. I promise I will." "Well, I worked too hard today." "I don't believe it."