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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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5th Sunday after the Holy Cross

- *Weekend Masses: Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m.
Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- *Weekday Masses: Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.
Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon
- *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Every 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass.
- *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 Khourey, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad.
- *Choir Members: Lou Khourey, 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.

5th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Readings: Song of songs 5:2-8; Phil 2:12-18 and Mt 25:1-13

“The bridegroom is coming! Go out and meet him with lamps burning bright”

God loves to tell stories. He inspired a book full of them. And His Son takes after Him. He was a great storyteller. One day He told the story of ten bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom. Five were wise and five otherwise. The five wise had a goodly supply of oil so that when the bridegroom came they were ready to meet him with lamps burning bright. The Advent readings are a wonderful source of oil to keep the lamps of our desire for the coming Lord burning bright. May the Christmas Songs, the Praise of the Angels, and Infancy Narrative replenish your lamp each day during this wonderful season of expectation. May they keep you burning bright with desire for our coming Lord. For he comes into the lives of each one of us to the extent that we throw the door open wide, clear out all the debris, and illumine his way with the bright light of burning desire.

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.

The 32nd miracle of Jesus when he healed Healed Ten Men Who Have a Skin Disease

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. He traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men met him. They had a skin disease. They were standing close by. And they called out in a loud voice, “Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!” Jesus saw them and said, “Go. Show yourselves to the priests.” While they were on the way, they were healed. When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back. He praised God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Weren’t all ten healed? Where are the other nine? Didn’t anyone else return and give praise to God except this outsider?” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.” (Luke 17:11-19)

Creating your legacy

How can you manage your charitable giving more efficiently to benefit the charities you love and support, like our church established by our ancestors since 1906? The Parish Council opened an Endowment Fund Account designated exclusively for the church maintenance for years to come. All donations are tax deductible. Please let us keep our beautiful church well maintained and donate anytime toward this account or put the church in writing in your last will. To donate, please call the church office at 304-233-1688. May the Blessed Mother reward you in this life and in the next.

--Monsignor Bakhos, pastor.

This Weekend: Sat.-Sun., Oct 14-15: 5th Sunday after the Cross

Saturday, October 14, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Mary Thomas by Rebecca (Daniel) & Michael DiFabrizio
- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Roxby & Olinski Families by Joe Roxby

Sunday, October 15, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey Sr., by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, October 16: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

Tuesday, October 17 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

Wednesday, October 18: No Mass. Office Work.

Thursday, October 19 Mass at Noon:

✠ John Shibben by Don & Lucinda Ullery

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

Friday, October 20: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend: Sat.-Sun., Oct 21-22: 6th Sunday after the Cross

Saturday, October 21, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

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

✠ Betty Joseph (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrara

✠ Living & Deceased of the Roxby & Olinski Families by Joe Roxby

Sunday, October 22, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

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

✠ John Shibben by Don & Lucinda Ullery

Coming Parish Events

Sunday, October 22 nd	Flower Arranging Class by the Women's Society at 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 1 st	Thanksgiving Bake Sale: Baking Kibbee at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 2 nd	Thanksgiving Bake Sale: Baking Meat pies, Zatar bread, Sesame bread
Saturday, November 4 th	Thanksgiving Bake Sale: Orders Pick-Up
Sunday, December 3 rd	Christmas Dinner after 10:30 am Mass (Dinner will be served at noon)

All Souls Masses for the Repose of the Souls of:

From November 1st until November 9th: All Souls Masses

✠ Special Prayers during this week to:

Wednesday, November 1st: ✠ Charlotte George (Birthday) by Margaret George (MN)

Tuesday, November 7th to: ✠ Libby G. Magnone (Birthday) by her sister Mary Zaid Stees

Thursday, November 9th: ✠ Elizabeth Ferris Magnone (Birthday) by her daughters Mary Stees & Libby G. Magnone

✠ Deceased of Zaidan Chahine by Youssef & Jocelyne Chahine (PA)

✠ Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac

✠ 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

✠ 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

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

✠ John Wilson by Judy Wilson & Family

✠ Rudy Hodulik, Theodore Hodulik and Wayne Wilson by Judy Wilson

✠ Julia Hodulik, Filka Hodulik by Judy Wilson

✠ Alice Wilson by Judy Wilson & Family

✠ Tom Ferris by his nieces Mary Stees and Libby G. Magnone

✠ Zaid Hawa Ferris by her granddaughters Mary Stees and Libby G. Magnone

✠ 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)

- † Sarah Harb (sister of Benefactor Jamil Harb) by the Family
- † Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- † Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- † Chamse Rahi by the Peklinsky, Howarth, Storm & Rahi Families
- † Deceased of the Rouhana Family by the Peklinsky, Howarth, Storm & Rahi Families
- † Tina Rahi by the Peklinsky, Howarth, Storm & Rahi Families
- † Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- † George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † Debbie Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † Paul Hankish by Rose Hankish Carpenter
- † Patty Ross Hankish by Rose Hankish Carpenter
- † Christopher Hankish by Rose Hankish Carpenter
- † Deceased of Gus & Anna Shia by the Family
- † Tim, Ginny & Martha Shia by the Family
- † Tom Jochum by his Family
- † George, Dolores and Bert Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Philip & Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Ray, Sara, Mick and Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Elias & Selma, Edward & Edith, George & Betty Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Deceased of the Daniel and DiFabrizio Families by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio
- † Mike Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Sam & Bernadine Elias & Deceased Family members by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Alphonse & Violet Golebiewski & Deceased Family members by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Zack, Andreah and Christian Riedel
- † Jim & LaVerne Thomas by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Zack, Andreah and Christian Riedel
- † Fouad Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Zack, Andreah & Christian Riedel
- † Rose Ann & Angelo Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Katheryn & Hermon E. Conti by Rosalie Conti
- † Herman E. Conti Jr, & Tony Matesic by Rosalie Conti
- † Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty (OK)
- † Deceased of the Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty
- † Emily Vince by her Children & grandchildren
- † Donald Vince by his Children & grandchildren
- † Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vickie Gompers
- † 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 & Schmeichel Families by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- † Betty Abraham, Clara Carter & Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner & Family
- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Jean Weisner
- † Betty Coram Purpura by Jean Weisner
- † Mary Thomas by Jean Weisner
- † Sophie Moses by Jim Moses
- † John G. Moses by Jim Moses
- † Jeffery Moses by Jim Moses
- † Loved Ones of the Bine, Gaudio & Paesani Families by Shirley Bine

- † Deceased of the Fadoul & Duffy Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Robert “Herk” Henry by Patrick Henry
- † Rosemary Henry by Patrick Henry
- † Alma Erbachen by Patrick Henry
- † Barbara Wenskey by Patrick Henry
- † Don Wensyel by Patrick Henry
- † Paul & Anna Orr & Jim Orr by Patrick Henry
- † Camille & Selma Rohanna by Kim & Jan Seabright
- † Harry Charles Seabright by Kim & Jan Seabright
- † Frank Lish by Kim & Jan Seabright
- † Louis C. Seabright by Kim & Jan Seabright
- † Louise S. Gladkowski by Kim & Jan Seabright
- † Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
- † Elizabeth “Betty” Purpura by Robert & Sandra Coram
- † Noel Foreman by his wife Anne Foreman
- † Rose Maxwell Hazlett by her daughter Anne Foreman
- † Rose McKennan Hazlett by her sister Anne Foreman
- † Helen & Al Schroeder by Mark Schroeder & Jane Wine
- † Frank Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson & Deceased members of the Elias Family by their Loving Family
- † Donald Nickerson Sr. & Deceased members of the Nickerson Family by their Loving Family
- † Cathy Sharp-Howard by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Betty Jane Fadoul by Millet Fadoul & Family
- † Susie Marie Fadoul by Millet Fadoul & Family
- † Our parents John & Cecilia John & D. William Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Our grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph & Sarah Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Our Aunts & Uncles, Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sister Mary Thomasina John & Roland & Julia Tappe by Ron & Susan Burns
- † All deceased of The Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus by Ron and Susan Burns
- † Deceased of the Gibbons and Otterbeck Families by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † Robert Hunter Sr., & Robby Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- † Ralph & Mary (Joseph) Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- † Phillip Geimer by his wife Thomasina Geimer
- † Deceased of the Namon & Salema (Awed) Joseph Family
- † Andrew Sr. & Mary Demsko by their daughter Rosemary
- † Andrew Demsko Jr. by his sister Rose
- † Rhoda Marie Perilli “Ginger Perilli” by Diana Gavin and Paula Perilli
- † Silvio “Joe” Perilli by Diana Gavin and Paula Perilli
- † Evelyn Goodson by her daughter Cathy Goodson
- † Albert & Annette Togliatti by GiGi Rice
- † Khalil, Sadie & Agatha Harb by GiGi Rice
- † Sarah Volk by GiGi Rice
- † Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- † Robert & Pearl Shutler by their daughter Janet Shutler
- † Robert J. Jr. & William F. Shutler by their sister Janet Shutler
- † Harry J. Nolte by his granddaughter Janet Shutler
- † Harry F. & Isabelle Nolte by their great-granddaughter Janet Shutler
- † Fred & Clara Shutler by their granddaughter Janet Shutler
- † Isaac & Bertha Nolte by their great niece Janet Shutler
- † Charles & Bettie Nolte by Janet Shutler

- ✠ William T. Breit by the Michael Breit Family
 ✠ Aurora Doris Lantagne by the Michael Breit Family
 ✠ Elizabeth Ann Parsons by the Michael Breit Family

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- October 15: Denise "Nini" Miller
 October 16: Karen John, Natalie DeMuth Mulvey
 October 20: Courtney Sengewalt
 October 24: Jonathan D. Fadoul
 October 27: Holly (Porter) Stahl
 October 30: Michael Duffy, Andreah Frenn Riedel
 November 4: Kenny Joseph, Libby G. Magnone
 November 8: Mark Wilson
 November 9: Liz Murad, Cindy Thomas
 November 11: Ryan Murad

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,831.00	Sunday Collection
55.00	Candles
34.00	Coffee hour
170.00	Christmas Dinner
52.00	Utilities
\$3,142.00	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)

Anthony Wakim, Frank Duymich, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Mary Stees, Rex Strawn, Sandra DeMuth, Ken Imer, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Jamie Stoneking (nephew of Charlotte and Lou Khourey), Patty Olinsky, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Earl Ragase, Patrick Sengewalt, Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

Mahrajan Golden Sponsors

--Many Thanks to Mark & Barb McLaughlin for sponsoring a Blackstone Griddle to be used for cooking at Oglebay Park.

Flower Arranging Class *(Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m)*

The Womens Society will host a Flower Arranging Class on Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 PM in the social hall. There is no fee for the class. You will need to bring your supplies. You will need a container for your arrangement and your flowers, ribbon and anything else you would like to add to your arrangement. You may want to bring florist foam for your arrangement.

If you have Wire Cutters and a Glue gun and glue please bring them. We will have some if you do not have a glue gun or wire cutters.

This class is open to anyone who would like to attend. Please RSVP to Jeannette Wakim @ 304-551-3934

Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Baking date:

Wednesday, November 1st: Kibbee

Thursday, November 2nd: Meat pies, sesame and zatar bread.

Orders Pick-Up: Saturday, November 4, 2023.

2024 Offering Envelopes

Many Thanks for all parishioners of good standing who are supporting the church via envelopes, cash or checks. Only donations (cash and checks) via envelopes or loose checks (not cash) are recorded all year long for tax deduction. The financial committee is unable to identify the names of those who put cash in the collection basket. Consequently, no one could claim cash donations unless it is marked. Those who donate less than \$50.00 throughout 2023 will not receive 2024 offering envelopes. They are still considered parishioners and welcomed to the church. –Msgr. Bakhos

Christmas Gift from our Church Gift Shop

Order your Christmas Gifts to your family and friends from our Gift Shop. Please call 304-233-1688

Aprons	\$25.00
Born & Raised T-shirt	\$25.00
Heartbeat T-shirt	\$25.00
Dry Fit Festival T-shirt (youth)	\$25.00
Dry Fit Festival T-shirt (adult)	\$30.00
Festival Golf Shirt (youth)	\$35.00
Festival Golf Shirt (adult)	\$40.00

Rummage Sale Items Drop off all Year Long

Please bring with you to the church all the items you wish to donate toward the Rummage Sale. Items are accepted all year long. The Cedar Club and the Women Society raise funds to cover the expensive Building Insurance of our church. Any donation is accepted and helpful. We will open the basement door for you anytime. Please call 304-233-1688

Around Us

Annual Card Party (November 5, 2023)

St. Alphonsus Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild will be hosting their

Where: St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

When: Sunday, November 5, from 1:00-3:00 pm. Cost per seat \$10

For reservations call: Barb (304) 243-0604, Mary (304)650-8162, or the Parish Office at (304) 232-4353

Spirituality: Eucharist unites us to Jesus

THE EUCHARIST UNITES US TO JESUS CHRIST and INCREASES OUR LOVE FOR OUR NEIGHBOUR

Communion does indeed lavish upon us actual grace to love our brothers generously and sincerely. Do not suffer, then, ill-will or spite or hatred against your neighbor to be in your heart; that would be directly to counteract the action of Jesus within you. But that is not enough. At the time of Communion and afterwards, beg for the conversion of sinners, fervor for the lukewarm, health for the sick, and deliverance for the dead. When infinite love comes to you, it can refuse you nothing for the souls that are a thousand times more dear to it than to yourselves.

THE EUCHARIST INCREASES SANCTIFYING GRACE IN US

When Jesus entered the house of Elizabeth, although he was imprisoned in Mary's womb, he sanctified both mother and child; and Elizabeth exclaimed, 'Whence comes so great a happiness to me, that the Mother of my God deigns to come to me?' I leave you to consider how much greater is the happiness of him who receives Jesus Christ in Holy Communion, not like Elizabeth, into his house, but into the depths of his heart, to be its protecting Master, not six months, as in Elizabeth's case, but all through life."

St Cyril says that the Eucharist, by kindling the ardors of charity in the soul, calms the disordered inclinations of our flesh, diminishes the fire of concupiscence, and strengthens our piety. It puts the devil to flight, so that he cannot excite our imagination or our senses by unwholesome images or dangerous impulses; it assures to us abundant graces, which remove occasions apt to awake our passions, and surrounds us with a special Providence. This is why St Bernard says, speaking to his monks “If any one among you no longer feels violent assaults of anger, envy, lust, or other disordered desires, let him render thanks to the Body and Blood of Christ; it is the virtue of the Sacrament which is working in him.”

Strengthened by the Eucharist, one can no longer offend the good God; the soul is all embalmed with our Lord’s precious Blood.

Wisdom: Overcoming Obstacles

“Effort only fully releases its reward after a person refuses to quit.” (Napoleon Hill)

“History has demonstrated that the most notable winners usually encountered heart-breaking obstacles before they triumphed. They won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats.” (B.C.Forbes)

Consider This:

--The Academy Award-winning writer failed English at the University.

--The author of the bestseller Exodus, failed high school English three times.

--A famous actress was told by the head instructor to, “Try any other profession. Any other.”

--In 1959, a Universal Pictures executive dismissed Clint Eastwood and Burt Reynolds at the same meeting with the following statements. To Burt Reynolds: “You have no talent.” To Clint Eastwood: “You have a chip on your tooth, your Adam’s apple sticks out too far and you talk too slow.” As you no doubt know, Burt Reynolds and Clint Eastwood went on to become big stars in the movie industry.

--In 1944, the director of a famous agency, told modeling Marilyn Monroe, “You’d better learn secretarial work or else get married.”

--A nominated two times for the Academy Award for Best Actress, failed an audition for the state theater school. The judges told her she had no talent.

--The late editor-in-chief of Forbes magazine, one of the most successful business publications in the world, failed to make the staff of the school newspaper when he was an under-graduate at the University.

--Four nervous young musicians played their first record audition. The executives were not impressed. While turning down this group called the Beatles, one executive said, “We don’t like their sound. Groups of guitars are on the way out.”

--While firing a singer, he was told “the biggest no-talent I ever worked with.” Twenty years later Rolling Stone called Holly, along with Chuck Berry became “the major influence on the rock music of the sixties.”

--The manager of the Grand Ole Opry fired Elvis Presley after one performance. He told Presley, “You ain’t goin’ nowhere.., son. You ought to go back to drivin’ a truck.” Elvis Presley went on to become the most popular singer in America.

--When Bell invented the telephone in 1876, it did not ring off the hook with calls from potential backers. After making a demonstration call, President Rutherford Hayes said, “That’s an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one of them?”

--Thomas Edison was probably the greatest inventor in American history. When he first attended school in Michigan, his teachers complained that he was “too slow” and hard to handle. As a result, Edison’s mother decided to take her son out of school and teach him at home. The young Edison was fascinated by science. At the age of 10 he had already set up his first chemistry laboratory. Edison’s inexhaustible energy and genius (which he reportedly defined as “1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration”). eventually produced in his lifetime more than 1,300 inventions.

--When Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, he tried over 2,000 experiments before he got it to work. A young reporter asked him how it felt to fail so many times. He said, “I never failed once. I invented the light bulb. It just happened to be a 2,000-step process.

--In the 1940s, another young inventor named Chester Carlson took his idea to 20 corporations, including some of the biggest in the country. They all turned him down. In 1947 -after seven long years of rejections!- he finally

got a tiny company in New York to purchase the rights to his electrostatic paper-copying process. Haloid became Xerox Corporation, and both it and Carlson became very rich.

--John Milton became blind at age 44. Sixteen years later he wrote the classic *Paradise Lost*.

When Pablo Casals reached 95, a young reporter threw him the following question. "Mr. Casals, you are 95 and the greatest cellist that ever lived. Why do you still practice six hours a day?" Mr. Casals answered, "Because I think I'm making progress."

--After years of progressive hearing loss, by age 46 German composer Ludwig van Beethoven had become completely deaf. Nevertheless, he wrote his greatest music, including five symphonies, during his later years.

--After having lost both legs in an air crash, British fighter pilot Douglas Bader rejoined the British Royal Air Force with two artificial limbs. During World War II he was captured by the Germans three times -and three times he escaped.

--After having his cancer-ridden leg amputated, young Canadian Terry Fox vowed to run on one leg from coast to coast the entire length of Canada to raise \$1 million for cancer research. Forced to quit halfway when the cancer invaded his lungs, he and the foundation he started have raised over \$20 million for cancer research.

--Wilma was the 20th of 22 children. She was born prematurely and her survival was doubtful. When she was 4 years old, she contracted double pneumonia and scarlet fever, which left her with a paralyzed left leg. At age 9, she removed the metal leg brace she had been dependent on and began to walk without it. By 13 she had developed a rhythmic walk, which doctors said was a miracle. That same year she decided to become a runner. She entered a race and came in last. For the next few years every race she entered, she came in last. Everyone told her to quit, but she kept on running. One day she actually won a race. And then another. From then on, she won every race she entered. Eventually this little girl, who was told she would never walk again, went on to win three Olympic gold medals. "My mother taught me very early to believe I could achieve any accomplishment I wanted to. The first was to walk without braces."

--Franklin D. Roosevelt was paralyzed by polio at the age of 39, and yet he went on to become one of America's most beloved and influential leaders. He was elected president of the United States four times.

--Sarah Bernhardt, who is regarded by many as one of the greatest actresses that ever lived, had her leg amputated as a result of an injury when she was 70 years old, but she continued to act for the next eight years.

--Louis, successful author of over 100 western novels with over 200 million copies in print, received 350 rejections before he made his first sale. He later became the first American novelist to receive a special congressional gold medal in recognition of his distinguished career as an author and contributor to the nation through his historically based works.

--In 1953, Julia and her two collaborators signed a publishing contract to produce a cookbook. Julia and her colleagues worked on the book for five years. The publisher rejected the 850-page manuscript. Julia and her partners worked for another year totally revising the manuscript. Again the publisher rejected it. But Julia did not give up. She and her collaborators went back to work again, found a new publisher and in 1961 they sold more than 1 million copies.

--General Douglas MacArthur might never have gained power and fame without persistence. When he applied for admission to West Point, he was turned down, not once but twice. But he tried a third time, was accepted and marched into the history books.

--Abraham Lincoln entered the Blackhawk War as a captain. By the end of the war, he had been demoted to the rank of private.

--In 1952, Edmund Hillary attempted to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain then known to humans, 29,000 feet straight up. A few weeks after his failed attempt, he was asked to address a group in England. Hillary walked to the edge of the stage, made a fist and pointed at a picture of the mountain. He said in a loud voice, "Mount Everest, you beat me the first time, but I'll beat you the next time because you've grown all you are going to grow. . . but I'm still growing!" On May 29, only one year later, Edmund Hillary succeeded in becoming the first man to climb Mount Everest.

Story: Blind Pilot

A man was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane stopped in Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the

aircraft, the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one gentleman who was blind. The man had noticed him as he walked by and could tell the gentleman was blind because his seeing eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of him throughout the entire flight. He could also tell he had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached him, and calling him by name, said, "Keith, we're in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?" The blind man replied, "No thanks, but maybe my dog would like to stretch his legs."

Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story . . . Have a great day and remember . . . things aren't always as they appear!!!!

A Time to Laugh (82)

Father of Lawyers

A minister once asked a lawyer, "What do you do if you make a mistake on a case?"

The lawyer answered, "I try to fix it if it's big and ignore it if it's insignificant." The lawyer then asked, "What do you do?" The minister told the lawyer, "I do more or less the same. Let me give you an example. The other day I meant to say, 'The devil is the father of liars,' but I said instead, 'The devil is the father of lawyers,' so I let it go."

The Unused Heart

An elderly patient needed a heart transplant and discussed his options with his doctor.

The doctor said, "We have three possible donors; you need to tell me which one you want to use.

"One is a young, healthy athlete who died in an automobile accident. The second is a young businessman who never drank or smoked and died in his private plane. The third is an attorney who just died after practicing law for forty years."

"I'll take the lawyer's heart," said the patient.

The doctor asked the patient why he wanted the heart of the lawyer.

"That's easy," the patient replied. "I want a heart that hasn't been used."

Lightbulb Changers-A Collection

Q: How many Calvinists does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: None: God has predestined when the lights will be on.

Q: How many Arminians does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Just one, but it has to be changed again and again.

Q: How many Christian counselors does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Only one, but the bulb has to be committed to long-term change.