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6th 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.

6th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Readings: Prov 6:6-11; Gal 6:1-10 and Mt 25:14-30

Today's Gospel stresses once again the need for constant vigilance and courageous initiative on the part of these who, in their day, welcome the word of salvation. There are overtones of controversy here: Matthew is obviously thinking about a community which lacks enthusiasm and rests on its laurels. The servant who is satisfied with burying his talent and carrying out in servile fashion what he considers to be the minimum required as "WICKED AND LAZY" and "GOOD-FOR-NOTHING". Matthew's gospel is so anxious to urge the faithful to go beyond themselves when they enter upon the life of the Beatitudes, that what awaits such a servant is not surprising.

Matthew is not tender, and he is right: we are dealing with the relationship for eternity between Christ and the Christian, with that "MASTER'S HAPPINESS" to which we have been called. One could almost say that on the last day the judge we have to face will be the judge we deserve. There is nothing of the hard and demanding master in Jesus; what he expects of us is as much as his love for us which could not be stinted; he asks us for everything so that he can give us everything. There is much more than a question of developing the gifts we have received. The wealth entrusted to us by the Lord is, above all, his word; and this opens limitless horizons in our life. It goes so far as the task of spreading the gospel and involves the future of the Church and of the kingdom.

Let us ask ourselves: have we Christians tended to become custodians of the word -afraid to take risk, lacking imagination and initiative when faced with the needs of the world? Let us no longer miss our appointment with history through an excess of that caution which has imprisoned us for so long!

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 33rd miracle of Jesus when he raised Lazarus from the dead

A man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village where Mary and her sister Martha lived. Mary would later pour perfume on the Lord. She would also wipe Jesus' feet with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was sick in bed. So, the sisters sent a message to Jesus. "Lord," they told him, "The one you love is sick." When Jesus heard this, he said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory. God's Son will receive glory because of it." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, after he heard Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days. And then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "But Rabbi," they said, "a short time ago the Jews there tried to kill you with stones. Are you still going back?" Jesus answered, "Aren't there 12 hours of daylight? Anyone who walks during the day won't trip and fall. They can see because of this world's light. But when they walk at night, they'll trip and fall. They have no light." After he said this, Jesus went on speaking to them. "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep," he said. "But I am going there to wake him up." His disciples replied, "Lord, if he's sleeping, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking about the death of Lazarus. But his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So, then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your benefit, I am glad I was not there. Now you will believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas, who was also called Didymus, spoke to the rest of the disciples. "Let us go also," he said. "Then we can die with Jesus." Jesus Comforts the sisters of Lazarus When Jesus arrived, he found out that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary. They had come to comfort them because their brother was dead. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him. But Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "I wish you had been here! Then my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you anything you ask for." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again. This will happen when people are raised from the dead on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if they die. And whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied. "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. I believe that you are the one who is supposed to come into the world."

After she said this, she went back home. She called her sister Mary to one side to talk to her. "The Teacher is here," Martha said. "He is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet entered the village. He was still at the place where Martha had met him. Some Jews had been comforting Mary in the house. They noticed how quickly she got up and went out. So, they followed her. They thought she was going to the tomb to mourn there. Mary reached the place where Jesus was. When she saw him, she fell at his feet. She said, "Lord, I wish you had been here! Then my brother would not have died." Jesus saw her crying. He saw that the Jews who had come along with her were crying also. His spirit became very sad, and he was troubled. "Where have you put him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But some of them said, "He opened the eyes of the blind man. Couldn't he have kept this man from dying?" Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead once more Jesus felt very sad. He came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone in front of the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad smell. Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days." Then Jesus said, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?" So, they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up. He said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me. But I said this for the benefit of the people standing here. I said it so they will believe that you sent me." Then Jesus called in a loud voice. He said, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of linen. A cloth was around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the clothes he was buried in and let him go." (John 11:1-45)

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 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

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, October 23: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, October 24 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Bess Ferris Garcia (Anniversary) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone

Wednesday, October 25: No Mass. Office Work.

Thursday, October 26 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne
- ✠ John Shibben by Don & Lucinda Ullery

Friday, October 27: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend: Sat.-Sun., Oct 28-29: 7th Sunday after the Cross

Saturday, October 28, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ John Wilson (Anniversary) by Larry & becky Ferrera
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne

Sunday, October 29, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ Deceased of the Roxby and Olinski Families by Joe Roxby

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 at 10:00a.m.
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 1 st until November 9 th : 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 Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

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

✠ Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & 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 Jr., & 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 by Thomasina Geimer
- † 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
- † Bernard Connell by Jim & Pat Saseen-Connell
- † Marie Connell by Jim & Pat Saseen-Connell
- † Abdoo Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen-Connell

- † Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen-Connell
- † Deceased of Dr. & Mrs Nabil AlKhouri Family
- † Matthew Siebieda by Larry & Lillian Siebieda and Family
- † Constantino Cetorelli by Larry & Lillian Siebieda and Family
- † Delia Contorti Cetorelli by Larry & Lillian Siebieda and Family
- † Orval Blake by Larry & Lillian Blake Siebieda and Family
- † Elena Blake by Larry & Lillian Blake Siebieda and Family
- † Donnie Sigler (brother-in-law) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- † Albert & Anita Weisner by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Nimon & Mariam Joseph by Mary Beth Weisner
- † George Alan Weisner & Robert A. Weisner by Mary Beth Weisner
- † My mother's siblings – Joseph Family by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Bryce Luginbill by Mary Beth Weisner

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- 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>	
\$807.00	Sunday Collection
192.00	2 nd collection
1,910.50	Bake Sale
60.00	Candles
47.00	Coffee hour
50.00	Christmas Dinner
\$3,066.50	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns, Liz Murad

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)

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?

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.

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

Spirituality: Eucharist, pledge of eternal life

THE EUCHARIST, PLEDGE OF ETERNAL LIFE AND SEED OF A GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Why was Lazarus raised from the dead? Because he had often received our Lord into his house. The Savior loved him so much that he shed tears at seeing him lifeless. How then should he leave in the humiliation of the tomb those whom he has honored by his visit in Holy Communion, and who have eagerly desired him, and received him into a heart afire with love and clothed with purity? He has said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who ate my flesh and drank my blood has everlasting life, and I will raise him up in the last day..."

HOLY COMMUNION IS A PLEDGE TO US OF ETERNAL LIFE

St Teresa appeared one day to a nun, in the company of Jesus Christ. "Why, O Jesus," asked the astonished nun, "does you accompany Teresa?" The Savior answered that Teresa, during her life, had been so closely united to him in Holy Communion that he could not part from her!

... When the soul of a Christian who has received our Lord enters Paradise, it increases the joy of heaven. The angels and the Queen of angels come to meet it, because they recognize the Son of God in that soul. Truly happy are they who receive Holy Communion at the hour of death. At the particular judgment which takes place directly after death, God the Father sees his Son in them, and he cannot condemn them to hell. The more often and the more worthily we have received him, so much the more glorious will be our bodies when raised by Christ. No, there are no actions which adorn our bodies for heaven better than Holy Communion.

At the Day of Judgment our Lord's Body will shine through our glorified body, and his adorable Blood through our blood, as gold is seen shining in copper, or silver in lead. If, then, Jesus Christ, when he was still passable and mortal, raised the dead by his touch alone, shall we not rise who eat his Flesh and drink his Blood?

If a little yeast leavens the whole of a large lump of dough, if a spark suffices to set a house on fire, if one grain cast into the earth makes it fertile and produces others from it, how truly ought I to trust that thy blessed Body, entering into mine, in the fullness of time will raise it from corruption, kindle it with glory, and reproduce it immortal, impassible, agile, subtle, resplendent, and endowed with all the glorious qualities that can be hoped for.

Wisdom: The Paradox of our time

There are taller buildings. ..but shorter tempers;
 Wider freeways... but narrower viewpoints.
 We spend more, but have less; We buy more, but enjoy it less,
 We have bigger houses.. .and smaller families
 More conveniences. ..but less time.
 We have more degrees.. .but less sense;
 More knowledge... but less judgment:
 More experts.. .but more problems;
 More medicine.., but less wellness.
 We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values...
 We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.
 We have learned how to make a living.. .but not a life...
 We've added years to life, but not life to years.
 We've been all the way to the moon and back...
 But we have difficulty crossing the street to meet the neighbors.
 We've conquered outer space, but not our inner space...
 We've cleaned the air... but polluted the soul.
 We have split the atom, but not our prejudice.
 We have higher incomes, but lower morals.
 We've become long on quantity, but short on quality...
 These are the times of tall men, and short character:
 Of steep profits, and shallow relationships.
 These are times of world peace, but domestic warfare...
 These are days of more leisure, but less fun;
 Of more kinds of food, but less nutrition.
 These are days of two incomes, but more divorce;
 Of fancier houses, but broken homes...
 We can choose to ignore these sad facts of life...
 Or we can choose to make a difference.
 Christ has no body on earth but ours,
 He has no hands but our hands...
 We have only one life, which soon will pass,
 Find those acts we perform for Christ are the only that will last!
 We must sacrifice ourselves for souls!

Story: The Pilot

Years ago, I was enthralled as I listened to a pastor who for several years had faithfully served the church. His executive responsibilities had taken him all over this country. As he concluded his message, he told of one of the most frightening yet thought-provoking experiences of his life.

He had been on a long flight from one place to another. The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on Fasten your seat belts. Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened."

As he looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive. Later, the voice of the announcer said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us."

And then the storm broke. The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around

on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash.

The pastor confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him. He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying. The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm. Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently, the storm meant nothing to her! She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was calm and orderly.

Sometimes she closed her eyes, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry and fear were not in her world.

When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm, when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvelous child was completely composed and unafraid. The minister could hardly believe his eyes. It was not surprising therefore, that when the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, our pastor lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long time. Having commented about the storm and behavior of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid.

The child replied, "Cause my Daddy's the pilot, and he's taking me home."

There are many kinds of storms that buffet us. Physical, mental, financial, domestic, and many other storms can easily and quickly darken our skies and throw our plane spinning out of control. We have all known such times, and let us be honest and confess, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky.

Just remember: Our Father is the Pilot. He is in control and taking us home!

A Time to Laugh (84)

Hunters

President Theodore Roosevelt had a passion for big-game hunting. When he heard that a famous British hunter was visiting the States he invited the man to the White House in the hope of getting some pointers from him. After a two-hour meeting at which the two of them were closeted together and left undisturbed, the Englishman emerged looking somewhat dazed.

"What did you tell the President?" a reporter asked.

"I told him my name," said the worn-out visitor.

Lawyer and a Thief

A man was charged with the theft of an expensive sports car. After a lengthy trial, the man was acquitted. Shortly after his trial, the acquitted man returned to see the judge and told him that he wanted to file a warrant against his lawyer. The judge wanted to know why the man wanted his lawyer arrested after his lawyer had won his case and his freedom for him.

The man explained, "Well, I didn't have enough money to pay my lawyer, so he took the car I stole as payment."

Shoveling for a Horse

There were two rooms-one full of brand-new toys, the other full of hay and horse manure. Two children were taken into them, one a pessimist, the other an optimist. The pessimist looked at the first room and cried because all those wonderful toys would soon be broken. The optimist was in the other room shoveling. "I know there has to be a horse in here somewhere," he said.

Veal Cutlets and Pancakes

A man went into the hospital for tests, where he learned that he had several highly contagious incurable illnesses. He was quite upset and asked the doctor what he was to do. The doctor informed him there was only one way to treat him at this point-he would receive a private room and would need to eat veal cutlets and pancakes every day.

The patient liked pancakes and veal cutlets but asked, "Why do you want me to eat the same things every day? How will they help me?"

The doctor answered, "Oh, they won't really help you. They're just easy to slide under the door to your room."

Finely Tuned Body

Your body is a great deal like a finely tuned automobile: Even if you take good care of it, eventually it will break down anyway.

Smooth Cupcakes

A man was visiting his brother and sister-in-law and found his young nephew helping them bake cupcakes. The parents went into the living room and let the boy finish frosting the cupcakes by himself. When the boy finished, he brought the cupcakes into the living room and served them to his parents and his uncle.

"These cupcakes look wonderful!" his uncle exclaimed. He then took a couple more bites while looking at the other cupcakes. "And they are delicious too."

The boy's parents were still eating their first cupcake when the uncle had finished, so he took another. As he began his second cupcake, he thanked his nephew again and asked, "How did you get the icing to spread so smoothly?"

His nephew answered, "I licked them."