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# Sunday 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 Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon  
   Fridays during Lent: Mass at 5:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross
- \*Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad, Gary Weisner.
- \*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.

## *Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman*

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

We are invited today to reflect on the meaning of life and on hope in an existence that has no end. Life: the reality in which our loved ones and we are immersed, a reality all the more to be marveled at since, in its fragility it is subject to illness and must succumb to death, that inevitable limit. Is it possible to believe in life and hope, in spite of everything?

The faith of Jairus whose twelve-year-old daughter is at the point of death (and will soon be dead), the faith of the distraught woman whose life, along with her blood, has gradually been seeping from her these past twelve years -such should our faith be in its confident simplicity. The two stories, dovetailed, make a single point. The woman suffering from a hemorrhage, who furtively touches Jesus in the hope of being cured, has a naive, almost a superstitious faith. Jesus does not despise her; rather He helps her to approach Him in a personal way and so to transform her gesture into an action, which saves and gives peace. Greater faith, even to the point of folly, is that of Jairus who has only his silence to set against the defeatism of the crowd. For them, it is only too clear that no one can do anything against death. For Jesus, death is simply a sleep, which, through faith, opens out on a morning of resurrection. In His words, we can catch the Christian interpretation of Baptism as a participation in the Resurrection of Christ: ***“Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”*** (Eph.5: 14)

This must surely put us in mind of what Péguy said about the little girl whose~ name is HOPE. In each one of us she lies asleep: she must be woken up regularly, made to get up and walk about. Wonders made possible only through faith in the one who can make our nights, even our darkest ones, open out on the morning of Easter.

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

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. It will be followed by the Benediction of the Cross. We start the Rosary and Litany at 5:15 pm. Please come early. 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.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Volunteers Who are sponsoring the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, March 1	Meal Sponsors: Dr. Nabel & Nisrine Alkhouri and Family
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 8	Meal Sponsor: Liz & Jay Murad
5 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 15	Meal Sponsors: George & Susan Saseen and the Frenn Family
6 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 22	Meal Sponsors: Don Nickerson and Family
<b>Good Friday, March 29</b>	Meal Sponsors: The Cedar Club & Parishioners
<b>Easter Sunday, March 31</b>	Happy Easter

### *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: Saturday-Sunday, February 24-25: Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman***

### **Saturday, February 24, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Mary Stees by Jean Weisner and Family

### **Sunday, February 25, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ 40-Day Mass for Mary Stees by Libby Magnone
- ✠ Lance Crowley by his mother-in-law Rosalie Conti

## ***Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Monday, February 26:** No Mass. Pastor's day off.

### **Tuesday, February 27, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Mary Stees by the Cedar Club

**Wednesday, February 28:** No Mass. Office works.

### **Thursday, February 29, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Mary Stees by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- ✠ John Shibben by Denna O. Shibben (FL)

### **Friday, March 1, at 5:30 pm Stations and Benediction & Light Dinner (Rosary starts at 5:15 pm)**

- ✠ Special prayers for those who prepared the light meal after the Stations of the Cross.

## ***Next Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, March 2-3: Sunday of the Prodigal Son***

### **Saturday, March 2, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ John Shibben by Denna O. Shibben (FL)
- ✠ Special Intention

### **Sunday, March 3, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Mary Stees by Mary Lee & Dennis Porter
- ✠ Bill Dougherty (Anniversary) by his wife Carol (OK)
- ✠ Lawrence Ferrera (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera

## ***Coming Parish Events***

March 2-3	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection Caritas Lebanon (please read attached letter)
Sunday, April 28	Mother Day dinner after 10:30 am Mass
Mother Day Masses	2 weekends Masses for Mothers & Grandmothers (May 11-19)
Saturday, May 11	Bake Sale. More details in next bulletins.
Father Day Masses	2 weekends Masses for Fathers & Grandfathers (June 15-23)
91 <sup>st</sup> Lebanese Festival	--Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm --Outdoor Mass at Oglebay at 10:00 a.m. --Live Band, Belly dancers, inflatables, face painting, souvenirs, Lebanese Food, shish kebab, pastry, wine, beer, adult and children games, and much more. --Raffle Prize will be \$10,000 if all 1,000 numbered tickets are sold.



## *Easter Lillies Donated in Memory of:*

- † Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Lois H. Khourey, Sr. by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- † Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- † Mary Stees by Denise Ferris
- † Adib & Sadie (parents), Nadim (brother), Mona (sister) by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Bob Saseen by his wife Fran
- † Deceased of the Duffy & Fadoul Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Matthew Siebieda & Charles & Della Cettorelli by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson & Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong
- † In Honor of Ron Weisner
- † Phillip Geimer & the Deceased Family of Thomasina Geimer
- † Pearl Shutler by her daughter Janet Shutler
- † Bob Shutler by his sister Janet Shutler
- † Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families
- † In Honor of Michael Duymich
- † Deceased of the Wakim & Yeater Families by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- † Mary Stees by the Jay & Liz Murad Family
- † Danny & Milly Manners by their daughter Nini Miller
- † The McLaughlin and Joseph Families by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
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## *Diocesan Appeal*

The Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is now taking place. A letter from Bishop Elias Zaidan about the Appeal will be mailed to every family. Copies are also available online at [www.eparchy.org](http://www.eparchy.org). The Eparchy relies upon you to support our Maronite parishes and train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal and please be generous. You may make a donation using a check, cash or credit card. Please support your Eparchy. Thank you.

## *Diocesan Appeal Fulfilled*

**Many Thanks for all the following 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 contribute to the forgiveness of your sins:** Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, David John, Jean Weisner, Tom & Sharon Beatty, Rosalie Conti, Carol Burkhart, Millet L. Fadoul, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Gary Weisner, Mark Schroeder, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Thomasina Geimer, Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Ron & Susan Burns, Robert Harris, Sue Jochum, Elsie Renzella, The Frenn Family, Rex Strawn,

## *Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:*

- February 27: MaryAnn Carl
- March 2: Ava Murad
- March 4: Jeff Sengewalt
- March 6: Kristen McLaughlin
- March 10: Liam George
- March 15: Shelby Imer
- March 16: Mia Ferrera
- March 18: Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros
- March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell
- March 22: Jennifer Imer

<i><b>Your Church Support Last Week</b></i>	
\$999.00	Sunday Collection
800.00	Diocesan Appeal
289.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Missions
100.00	Bulletin ad
34.00	Candles
14.00	Coffee hour
240.00	Mother Day dinner
70.00	Donation to the church
50.00	Donations to the church in Memory of Mary Stees
25.00	Easter Lillies
\$2621.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin

### ***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)*

Dolores Oser, Sally Sengewalt, Anthony Wakim, Frank Duymich, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Rex Strawn, Sandra DeMuth, Ken Imer, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Earl Ragase, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

### ***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

### ***What's New?***

#### ***Condolences: Marge Saseen***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Saseen Family on the loss of their beloved Marge who passed away in Hoschton, Georgia on February 14, 2024. Msgr. Bakhos will celebrate the Funeral Mass with all the Saseen Family at Our Lady of Lebanon Church later in June. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid Marge and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

Our Lady of Lebanon church is so grateful to **Marge's** family for directing all memorial contributions toward the Maintenance of the church. May her Memory be eternal. AMEN

#### ***Diocese Pilgrimage to Poland and Prague***

When: From August 26 to September 4, 2024. Space is limited

Where: Poland and Prague

Cost: \$2,900.00 double occupancy. Price per person

Information: call our Diocese at 323-336-3168 or 818-626-9193

#### ***In Our Mailbox***

Dear Msgr. Bakhos, We have a Saint Sharbel Retreat on Saturday March 23 at the Center and I wanted to see if you would be willing to announce it to anyone that might be interested in attending. The spots are filling up but I would love to connect with your parish. There will be a guest Speaker Fr. Daniel-Maria Klimek, Priest, Franciscan Friar and author of the book 'For the Love of Mary'.

Here is the Agenda:

**Friday March 22:** *Saint Sharbel Day at the Center* (Confessions available all day).

2pm-4pm Registration, Quiet reading/meditation

3pm Stations of the Cross

4pm Eucharistic Adoration

5pm Rosary

5:30pm Divine Liturgy and blessing with Relic of St. Sharbel and holy oil

7:30pm-Dinner and Discussion

**Saturday March 23:** Retreat Day

7:30am-8:15am: Continental Breakfast

8:15am: Chaplet of Saint Charbel

8:30am-10am: Saint Sharbel with Dr. Anne Borik

10am-10:15am: Break

10:15am-11:45am Eucharistic Miracles with Dr. Anne Borik

12Noon-1:15pm: Lunch

1:30pm-2:45pm: SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER Fr. Daniel-Maria Klimek, a Catholic Priest, Franciscan Friar and Mariologist who has taught at Franciscan University of Steubenville and St. Bonaventure University.

Author of the book "For the Love of Mary". He will speak about diving into a deeper spirituality/intimacy with Our Lady.

2:45pm-3pm: Break

3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Holy Rosary

4pm: Divine Liturgy and blessing with holy oil of Saint Sharbel

6pm-8pm: Dinner and Wrap up

**IMPORTANT:** If anyone is traveling from out of town, we have room accommodations at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center (only 8 mi from the Center). Please email me if you are interested.

Cost: \$45 includes all meals and Saint Sharbel Chaplet and material handouts.

I will send you a flyer.

Blessings, Anne Borik cell 480-628-3929. [www.saintsharbelcenter.org](http://www.saintsharbelcenter.org)

## ***Spirituality: God's Plan***

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." **Jeremiah 29:11**

God has a plan for your life. He brought you into this world to fulfill that plan. It is the best plan that anyone could ever make for you. It is a plan that will bring Him the greatest glory and you the greatest good. From the beginning of this calendar year until its end, God is working out His plan.

As you follow God's plan for your life, you do so by faith. It is important to remember that He is the Guide and you are the follower. He does not need to bring you into His planning room as a consultant to help Him decide what is best for your life. God has called you to trust Him and to take the next step of obedience according to His will. God has said, "I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them." **Isaiah 42:16**

Here are some ways that God is working out His plan:

***He is your Shepherd—He is leading you.***

***He is your Provider—He is taking care of you.***

***He is your Strength—He is enabling you.***

***He is your Counselor—He is speaking to you.***

***He is your Shield—He is protecting you.***

***He is your Comfort—He is encouraging you.***

***He is your Father—He is blessing you.***

## ***Wisdom***

### **A Reason, a Season, or a Lifetime**

People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. When you figure out which one it is, you will know what to do for each person.

When someone is in your life for a REASON . . . It is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are! They are there for the reason you need them to be.

Then, without any wrong doing on your part, or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end.

Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand.

What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered. And now it is time to move on.

When people come into your life for a SEASON . . . Because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn. They bring you an experience of peace, or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done.

They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real! But, only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons; things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person, and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.

## *Story*

“Dad, can I just peek inside?” our ten—year—old son Luke asked, holding a cardboard box.

“Wait until we get home,” my husband answered. “I don’t want ducklings flopping around the car.”

This was a day Luke had dreamed of for weeks. Finally, ducks! We had moved out into the country two months earlier. Even though we had dogs, cats, and assorted reptiles and amphibians, Luke was impatient for some kind of farm animal. His five brothers and sisters were mildly interested in the ducklings, but not like Luke was. He was the one who had pleaded mercilessly for them.

Even though Luke had begged us for the ducks, it was the grasshoppers that clinched it. There was a serious invasion of them that summer of 1996, inflicting major damage on our first country garden.

“They eat grasshoppers?” my husband had asked with sudden interest. That’s when Luke knew his dad would relent.

Luke barely waited until the engine turned off before he bounced out of the car with his box. As if unwrapping a precious treasure, Luke gingerly lifted the lid. One by one the ducklings jumped out into a blinding August sun. Never content just to watch critters, he cornered and scooped up the ducklings one by one. As he held them securely and talked softly, each one relaxed in his hand until he slowly put it down and lifted another.

“I’m going to name this one Quacks,” Luke decided, holding the littlest one. As Quacks calmed down, Luke held him gently against his chest and stroked his fluffy down.

The remainder of the day was spent with my kids and neighbors coming in and out of the yard to watch the peeping little flock. Luke never left the brood except to eat dinner. Throughout the day he herded them in and out of our garden for several periods of grasshopper patrol.

As the sun began to set, Luke steered his ducklings into the garden for one last snack. When he attempted to return the flock to their pen, however, he accidentally stepped into their huddle and scattered them. The other ducks drew back together but Quacks ran off. Luke hurriedly got the flock into the pen and then chased Quacks where he had scampered behind a storage chest in the garage.

“Good, I’ve got him cornered,” Luke thought. When he moved the chest aside, he heard little peeps but Quacks was nowhere in sight. Taking a closer look, Luke gasped. Quacks had fallen down a small drainage pipe. The opening was golf-hall sized. Luke ran into the house for a flashlight. The deep hole only swallowed up his light. Stricken, he walked into the house to find me.

“Mom, something bad has happened,” Luke said. He explained the situation. “Is there anything we can do?” he asked doubtfully.

I went with him to the hole. “I can’t think of anything,” I told him helplessly.

“That’s what I thought,” he said and sadly turned to the house. “And he was my favorite one too—Quacks.” The day which had started with such promise had turned sour. Bedtime was quiet except for the heartbreaking peeps that drifted into my second-floor bedroom from the garage underneath.

There were still eleven ducklings left but the little lost one broke our hearts. The parable of the Good Shepherd suddenly took on new relevance. Quack’s frantic cries continued through the night. When I awoke to his peeps early the next morning, I wondered how long before lack of food and water would finally quiet him.

“Food,” I thought. “That’s it!” Luke, the first one up, was just coming out of his room. “Luke,” I whispered, “I have an idea. What if you used a piece of fishing line and tied a grasshopper to the end of it? If Quacks is hungry enough, maybe he’ll swallow it and you can pull him up. Then we can cut the end of the fishing line off.” I admitted I had no idea if he could survive swallowing the fishing line.

“It’s worth a try,” Luke said, bounding out the door. He returned a short time later.

“Mom,” Luke called excitedly. “Can you pray? Quacks bites the grasshopper but when I pull up the line he lets go. I was surprised by the question. Pray for a duck? Luke looked at me hopefully, so of course I told him yes.

As he left to try again, Luke’s request suddenly made perfect sense. God made animals with feelings. They got cold, scared, lonely, tired, and hungry. I sat clown in the living room and prayed for God to guide Quacks up out of the hole. In minutes Luke returned with a big smile and a little duckling.

“He hit the grasshopper and I was able to pull him all the way up,” he explained breathlessly. “When I grabbed him, he just let the grasshopper drop out of his mouth.”

By now the other kids were coming downstairs. As we filled them in on the rescue, I couldn’t get over the fact that Quacks had actually made it out of the hole.

“Didn’t you all think it was impossible that we’d ever see Quacks again?” I asked.

The kids looked at me surprised. “I knew God could do anything so I prayed to Him last night to save Quacks,” seven—year—old Tyler said nonchalantly.

“That’s what I did too,” agreed Luke.

Now, I was really impressed. Their faith had no limits. If God could save wayward souls that fall through the cracks, how could I have doubted that He would be willing to save our wayward Quacks?

## *A Time to Laugh (104)*

### ***So Sorry.....***

A man comes home from a night of drinking. As he falls through the doorway, his wife snaps at him, *"What's the big idea coming home half drunk?"*

The man replies, *"I'm sorry honey. I ran out of money."*

Some call them their *"Golden Years"*; in reality, they are the *"Rust Years!"*

You can't make a fact out of an opinion by raising your voice.

### ***Richness in God***

Some years ago when the cloister of a Carmelite convent was broken by a Cardinal and opened to the public, a good Carmelite nun was showing a visiting priest through the convent. From the roof of it one could look over a valley, and on to an opposite hill where there stood a large and beautiful home that seemed to stand as a symbol for all that was Sweet and beautiful and lovely in life.

Recalling the economic poverty of this poor nun, the visitor said to her, *"Sister, just suppose that before you entered Carmel, you could have lived in that home. Suppose that you could have had all the wealth, refinement, and opportunities for worldly enjoyment that such a home would give you. Would you have left that house to have become a poor Carmelite?"*

And she answered, *"Father, that is my house!"*

### ***Who says rednecks aren't real bright?***

*"Hello, is this the FBI?" "Yes. "What do you want?" "I'm calling to report about my neighbor Billy Bob Smith! He is hiding marijuana inside his firewood."*



*"Thank you very much for the call, sir."*

The next day, the FBI agents descend on Billy Bob's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept. Using axes, they bust open every piece of wood, but find no marijuana. They swore at Billy Bob and left.

The phone rings at Billy Bob's house. *"Hey, Billy Bob! Did the FBI come?"*

*"Yeah!" "Did they chop your firewood?" "Yep." "Happy Birthday, Buddy"*

## *Famous Quotes (10)*

### **Antipathy**

--A cruel story runs on wheels, and every hand oils the wheels as they run. (Louise Ouida)

--The offender never pardons. (George Herbert)

--All the while you studied revenge, you are tearing your own wound open.

### **Antiques**

--Two kinds of families are likely to have a house full of antique furniture: the kind with money and the kind with children.

--An antique is an object that has made a round trip to the attic.

--If it is hard to dust, it's probably an antique.

--One man's junk is another man's rare antique.

--Antiques aren't always as old as they are cracked up to be.

### **Anxiety**

--Trouble is the common denominator of living. It is the great equalizer. (Ann Landers)

--Neurotic means he is not as sensible as I am, and psychotic means he's even worse than my brother-in-law. (Karl Menninger)

--Anxiety is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained. (Arthur Roche)

--The thinner the ice, the more anxious is everyone to see whether it will bear. (Josh Billings)

--Where everything is bad, it must be good to know the worst. (Francis Bradley)

--We have a lot of anxieties, and one cancels out another very often. (Winston Churchill)

--God never built a Christian strong enough to carry today's duties and tomorrow's anxieties piled on the top of them. (Theodore Ledyard Cuyler)

--How much have cost us the evils that never happened! (Thomas Jefferson)

--Borrow trouble for yourself, if that's your nature, but don't lend it to your neighbors. (Rudyard Kipling)

### **Apartment**

--An apartment building is a place where the landlord and the tenant are both trying to raise the rent.

--I finally figured out how to make a landlord paint your apartment—move out.

--The walls in my apartment are so thin that I recently asked a visitor a question and I got three answers.

### **Apathy**

One good thing about apathy is you don't have to exert yourself to show you're sincere about it.

### **Aphory**

--Everything has been said before, but since nobody listens, we have to keep going back and beginning all over again. (André Gide)

--Good things, when short, are twice as good. (Baltasar Gracian)

--Men's maxims reveal their characters. (Marquis de Vauvenargues)

--The only way to read a book of aphorisms without being bored is to open it at random and, having found something that interests you, close the book and meditate. (Prince de Ligne)

--Whatever sentence will bear to be read twice we may be sure was thought twice. (Henry David Thoreau)

--Solomon made a book of proverbs, but a book of proverbs never made a Solomon. (Anonymous)

--All the good maxims already exist in the world; we just fail to apply them. (Blaise Pascal)