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Bulletin #27

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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8th Sunday of Pentecost

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

8th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Is 42:1-9; Rom 8:1-11 and Mt 12:14-21

To find a treasure either by a stroke of luck or after a persistent search is real good fortune. What wouldn't one do to find a treasure island or simply to win a lottery? The chance of a lifetime, the unexpected opportunity, is to discover in Jesus the kingdom of heaven. But to take possession of it, we have to sell everything we possess like this merchant, this digger, in order to buy what we desire. And it's too bad for those who will describe as folly what is basically no more than wisdom, the capacity to appreciate and to look for the genuine article. "Ask yourselves", said Newman, "if, in the event of the kingdom disappearing, there might be something in your life you would have to change; if you are aware of nothing to be changed, it is because your life is not staked on Christ and the Kingdom".

A life staked on Christ and the kingdom: that is exactly how demanding is the Christian life received in baptism; that is its hallmark, as against all other ways of life. In social, professional, even family life there are certain limits to be observed, but not in Christian living. This overwhelming passion for Christ is like a great wave which swamps everything and knows no division. Anyone who wants to follow Christ must therefore really "sell everything" and admit not even the smallest proportion of hypocrisy or compromise.

Even less is it a question of being only half free. How can anyone speak of sacrifice, when detachment is only the reverse of attachment to Jesus in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge? Better than any of the great causes, Jesus can arouse only joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering a purpose in life, the joy of feeling caught up in the adventure of holiness. Truly, all the joy of the world!

This Weekend: Sat-Sun., July 6-7: 8th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 6 at 4:00 pm: Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

- ✠ Teresa Ferrera (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Laura Z. Wakim (Anniversary) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

Sunday, July 7 at 10:30 am: Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Duffy, Fadoul & Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, July 8: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, July 9 Mass at Noon:

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

Wednesday, July 10: No Mass. Office works.

Thursday, July 11, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Erlinda Pacheco Tackaberry by her husband Steve (TN)
- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne & Family
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family

Friday, July 12: No Mass. Visitations of the sick.

Next Weekend: Sat-Sun., July 13-14: 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 13 at 4:00 pm:

- ✠ Debbie Saseen by George & Susan & Matthew & Luke Saseen & Jeff & Jena Naswadi

✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families

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

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 am:

✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan by Lou & Charlotte & Emmalena & Louie Khourey

✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben and Family

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

Coming Parish Events

Food Handlers Class (Thursday, July 11 at 5:30 pm)

Our Lady of Lebanon church will host the food handlers class on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the cedar Hall. If you are getting a volunteer card, there is not a charge. If you need one for work purposes, there is a \$10.00 charge. Please reserve with Jeannette Wakim at 304-551-3934. Please confirm which card you will need. Thank you.

91st Mahrajan News Update

--**Mahrajan Date:** Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm at Oglebay Park.

--**Church Dance Troupe Announcement**

We are looking for kids and young adults to participate in our parish dance troupe for the 91st Mahrajan! If you know anyone who would be interested, please contact the church at 304-233-1688. Practices will be held every Sunday starting April 7 after 10:30 am Mass. Mrs. Nesrin Alkhouri

--**Mass:** Outdoor Mass at Oglebay **at 10:00 a.m.** not 10:30 am.

--**Program:** 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.

--**Magnet:** Save the Date Magnet was mailed to everyone on the church mailing list.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

July 11: Allison Duffy-Totterdale, Justin Wilson

July 12: Shaun Hancher, Deana Ferrera

July 14: Chloe Imer

July 15: Denny Albaugh

July 16: Payton Wilson, Pam Obyc

July 20: Shirley George

July 22: Grace Klein, Mark Boehm

July 26: Anna Marie Duymich

July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns

August 1: Anthony Ferrera

August 2: Rosella C. DeMuth

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,597.00	Sunday Collection
208.00	2 nd collection: Peter's Pence
49.00	Candles
44.00	Coffee hour
140.00	Mahrajan
100.00	Utilities
\$2,138.00	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)
Regina, Shelly and Gavin Hancher, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Sally Sengewalt, Anthony Wakim, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

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

Maronite Pilgrimage to Mexico

When: From October 7 to October 12, 2024.

Where: Mexico City, Guadalupe, Tlaxcala, Puebla, Coyoacan

Cost: \$1,599.00 per person. Flights to be booked separately

Information: please call our chancery at: 323-336-3168

Spirituality

The Jelly Bean Prayer:

Red is for the Blood he gave

Green is for the Grass he gave

Yellow is for the Sun so bright

Orange is for the Edge of Night

Black is for the Sins we made

White if for the Grace he gave

Purple is for the Hours of Sorrow

Pink is for our New Tomorrow

A bagful of Jelly Beans colorful and sweet is a Prayer, a Promise, a small child's Treat.

Wisdom

(In chapter 32 of Exodus, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai and saw the Israelites worshipping the golden calf, he threw down the tablets of the Ten Commandments so that they shattered.)

There is a Jewish legend that tells us that while Moses was climbing down the mountain with the two stone tablets on which God had written the Ten Commandments, he had no trouble carrying them although they were large, heavy slabs of stone and the path was steep. After all, though they were heavy, they had been inscribed by God and were precious to him. But when Moses came upon the people dancing around the golden calf, the legend goes, the words disappeared from the stone. They were just blank stones again. And now they became heavy for him to hold on to.

Story

For weeks the boyscout troop had been engaged in expectant preparation for its parents' night program. Everything was in order. The walls were filled with displays, the scouts with enthusiasm and the tables with good things to eat. The toastmaster was well under way. The crowd sang with that respectably restrained enthusiasm that typified a night.

Then Tom arose to give his oration. This was the moment he had looked forward to for many weeks. As he arose, he caught a glimpse of his mother's beaming face and his father's stolid assured countenance. He

started with a great burst of enthusiasm. He waxed more eloquent, conscious that his listeners were paying a high tribute to him by their careful attention. Then something happened. The world seemed to swim before him. He slowed down –faltered- stopped. His face flushed, his hands sought each other frantically and in desperation he looked helplessly toward his leader. And ever prepared, having heard that boyish masterpiece rehearsed again and again, the boy’s leader supplied the missing words and the lad went on. But somehow it was different now. The masterpiece had been marred.

Tom paused again -and the leader prompted him again. For the remaining two minutes, the oration seemed more the leader’s than the boy’s. But Tom finished it. In the heart of the lad who sat down, knowing that he had failed, there was a heavy load. Chagrin was plainly written on the face of the boy’s mother, and a twitch of the father’s face indicated a pained consciousness of shame. The audience applauded in a perfunctory way, sorry for and pitying the boy whom they thought had failed.

But the leader was on his feet. His quiet eyes twinkled. All listened tensely, for he did not talk loudly. What was he saying? “I am more happy than any of you can possibly understand because of what has just happened. You have seen a boy make a glorious victory out of what might have been a miserable failure. “Tom had his chance to quit. To have quit would have been easy. But to finish the job even in the face of 150 people required the highest kind of bravery and courage I know.

“You may someday hear a better oratorical effect, but I am confident that you will never see a finer demonstration of the spirit of our troop than Tom has just given you -to play the game even under difficulties!”

The people thundered their applause now. Tom’s mother sat straight and proud. The old look of assurance was back on the face of the boy’s father. The entire group was enthusiastic again and Tom, with a lump in his throat, said something to the friend beside him that sounded like, “Gee, if I can be that kind of a leader someday.”

Extra Story for you: God’s Wings

An article in National Geographic several years ago provided an interesting picture of God’s wings. After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno’s damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick when he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother’s wings.

The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety, but had refused to abandon her babies. Then the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, so those under the cover of her wings would live. He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge.” (Psalm 91:4)

Being loved this much should make a difference in your life. Remember the One who loves you, and then be different because of it.

A Time to Laugh (122)

Watch out for Jesus

One night, a burglar broke into a house and began loading up his bag with jewelry, silverware and crystal. The burglar was working in the dark with only a flashlight to lead his way.

Suddenly a voice spoke out, “Jesus is watching you!”

“Who said that?” the burglar asked as he began shining his flashlight all around the room.

He saw no one and continued his work, hurrying to get finished.

“Jesus is watching you,” said the voice again.

The burglar pointed his flashlight in the direction of the voice and saw a parrot perched in his cage. The burglar walked up to the parrot and asked, “Did you say that?” “Yes,” replied the parrot “and Jesus IS watching you.”

The burglar was amazed that the parrot was so smart and said, “You’re funny... What’s your name?”

“Moses,” replied the parrot.

“Moses?” said the burglar. “What kind of idiots would name their parrot ‘Moses’?”

The parrot replied, "Oh, I guess the same idiots who would name their pit bull 'Jesus.'"

Bulletin Blunders

"The ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done."

"Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children."

"The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church."

"The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession."

"Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice."

"Pastor is on vacation. Messages can be given to the church secretary."

(Extract from Heavenly Humor, Vol. I, Texas, 1997)

Stupidity

A Russian, an American, and a stupid were talking one day. The Russian said, "We were the first in space!" The American said, "We were the first on the moon!" The stupid said, "So what, we're going to be the first on the sun!" The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. "You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!" said the Russian. To which the stupid replied, "We're not stupid, you know, we're going at night!"

Famous Quotes (25)

--"Learn from the mistakes of others, you can't live long enough to make them all yourself."

--"Following the path of least resistance is what makes people and rivers crooked!"

--"Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side."

--Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.

--Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

--How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

--If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?

--Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.

--You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

--Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

--We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors... but they all have to learn to live in the same box.

--A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

--Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

--"Father, bless this person in whatever it is that You know he or she may be needing this day!"

--"When the character of a man is not clear to you, look at his friends." (Japanese Proverb)

--"Do what you feel in your heart to be right - for you'll be criticized anyway. You'll be damned if you do, and damned if you don't." (Eleanor Roosevelt)

--"If you want to be FREE, there is but one way; it is to guarantee an equally full measure of liberty & democracy to all you neighbors. There is no other way!" (Carl Schurz)

--"How much easier is it to be critical than to be correct." (Benjamin Disraeli)

--Shall I not tell you what is better than prayers and fasting and giving alms to the poor?

--It is making peace between one another: enmity and malice destroy all virtues.

--"Both in life and in death, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14)

--"Christian life is the life of Christ in us and our life in Christ." (R. Guardini)

--"For me 'life' means Christ; hence dying is so much gain." (Phil. 1)

--"To renounce all is to gain all; to descend is to rise; to die is to live." (K. Rahner)

--"To stay angry with anyone is to punish yourself for his faults."

--"It's easy to be good while she's around!" Do people say this about you?"