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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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11th 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.

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Ez 18:22-28; Eph 2:17-22 and Lk 19:1-10

How can Jesus' predilection for publicans and sinners be explained, except that there is some divine link between salvation and that which is lost? Such, at least, is suggested by the story of Zacchaeus, this senior tax collector. A man rich, despised, but enterprising, dogged and straightforward, wholly devoid of caring about appearances. It is not every day that a senior tax collector climbs a tree like a schoolboy in order to see Jesus passing by, making a public show of himself while Jesus is visiting Jericho!

It is from his perch in the sycamore that the Lord's grace plucks Zacchaeus, with humor and gentleness: "COME DOWN, HURRY!" Zacchaeus responds promptly to the divine impatience. He hears the words which do away with his life as an outcast and fill him with joy: I must stay at your house today. Today you too can become a son of Abraham! This "TODAY" of salvation Jesus no doubt explained at length to Zacchaeus in his house, while the people of Jericho complained outside. The offer of grace, the decision to accept it by the obedience of faith, this is the "TODAY" of God and mankind.

Forthright even in his spectacular conversion, Zacchaeus opens at the same time his house, his heart, his life: the fiscal officer admits his income, and taxes it generously for the poor and any he may have wronged. Some may have thought he had lost his head, but his unusual generosity was the simple consequence of God's goodness to him, the outer sign of an inward change of heart. When one has really been forgiven, the desire is to give everything in return, for one has become a new person, a descendant of Abraham, saved and believing in the unexpected and surprising love God bears towards us. The Church, too, is the house of sinners: but are we sufficiently aware of that?

This Weekend: Sat-Sun., July 27-28: 11th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 27 at 4:00 pm:

- ✠ George Alan Weisner (Anniversary) by his wife Jean & Family
- ✠ Barbara Hodulik (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families

Sunday, July 28 at 10:30 am:

- ✠ Ann Marie (Weisner) & Richard Serafin (40th Wedding Anniversary) by Mary Beth Weisner
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, July 29: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, July 30 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Earl Ragase by his wife Mary & Family
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family

Wednesday, July 31: No Mass. Office works.

Thursday, August 1, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Friday, August 2: No Mass. Visitations of the sick.

Next Weekend: Sat-Sun., Aug 3-4: Transfiguration of our Lord

Saturday, August 3 at 4:00 pm: Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Earl Ragase by his wife Mary & Family
- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 4 at 10:30 am: Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne & Family
 ✠ John Shibben by Erica Shibben & Family
 ✠ Earl Ragase by his wife Mary & Family

Coming Parish Events***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.

--**Brochures:** more than 5,000 were mailed to many addresses around us.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- July 30: Dee Shibben, Susan John Burns
 August 1: Anthony Ferrera
 August 2: Rosella C. DeMuth
 August 16: Tara George Musilli
 August 17: Judy Bedway
 August 20: Tricia Committee
 August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning
 August 25: Al Depto
 August 26: Nathan Wakim, Jessica George

Your Church Support Last Week

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| \$999.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 70.00 | Candles |
| 32.00 | Coffee hour |
| 440.00 | Donation to the church |
| 817.00 | Mahrajan |
| 297.25 | Utilities |
| \$2,655.25 | 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

Diocese Pilgrimage to Canonization

Subject: Canonization of the three Massabki Brothers

Where: Rome

When: From October 15 till 24th, 2024.

Sites to visit: Rome, Polsena, Orvieto, Florence, Assisi, Casia, Naples

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

Spirituality: Jesus is the greatest

Who is Jesus?

In Chemistry, he turned water to wine.

In biology, he was born without the normal conception.

In physics, he disapproved the law of gravity when he ascended into heaven.

In economics, he disapproved the law of diminishing return by feeding 5000 men with two fishes and five loaves of bread.

In medicine, he cured the sick and the blind without administering a single dose of drugs.

In history, he is the beginning and the end.

In government, he said that he shall be called wonderful counselor, prince of peace.

In religion, he said no one comes to the Father except through him.

So, who is he? He is Jesus.

The Greatest Man in History Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.

Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.

He had no army, yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

I feel honored to serve such a Leader who loves us!

Wisdom

Gimme a little smile, won'tcha?

Few people are born knowing how to relate well to others. We learn in childhood how to get along with people, which is something we call "people skills." You can develop these skills so that you don't rub people the wrong way. Start with the basics, and you'll see some quick progress:

SMILE: This seems very simple, but it's amazing how people's moods and words are misjudged because they look too serious. A smile shows that you like yourself, you like your current place in the world and you're happy with the people you're interacting with.

BE A GOOD LISTENER: Encourage others to talk about themselves. Often when we're nervous talking to others, we hide it by talking incessantly about ourselves. People interpret this as arrogance. However, if you want to develop your people skills, you really don't have to say much at all. Ask an open-ended question and let the other person begin talking.

REMEMBER NAMES: A person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language. You can never say someone's name too much. If you are constantly using others' names as you talk, they will know you care enough to remember this important fact about them.

LOOK PEOPLE IN THE EYE: Every time a person begins talking to you, look him or her in the eye and smile first, then get on with the conversation. Also, when you enter a room full of people, smile and look around at everyone. If you want to start talking to one person, or even a group, come up to them and smile.

Story

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea. Only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no other recourse but to pray to God. To find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren. After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, there was nothing.

Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, more food. The next day, like magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing. Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered.

As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven booming,

"Why are you leaving your companion on the island?"

"My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered. *"His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."*

"You are mistaken!" the voice rebuked him. *"He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings."*

"Tell me," the first man asked the voice, *"what did he pray for that I should owe him anything?"*

"He prayed that all your prayers be answered."

For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of others praying for us.

"As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind?" (From the Bible)

A Time to Laugh (126)

Mommy, Do We Have Two Stoves?

Four-year-old Rebecca asked her mommy, *"Do we have two stoves?"*

"Yes," answered her mom, *"the one downstairs we burn wood in."*

To which Rebecca answered, *"Oh yeah, and the one up here we burn food in."*

Your Husband Gets It Double

This woman's husband was cheating on her. The woman and her husband got a divorce and the woman went on with her life hating her ex-husband. One day she found a beautiful lamp lying in the streets. She picked it up and rubbed it a little bit. Suddenly, a genie popped out of the lamp! The genie said that it would grant her 3 wishes and that with every wish her husband it get the same thing only double!

So, the woman thinks of a first wish...

"I want to be rich!!!"

So, the woman became rich, and the husband became twice as rich!

So, the woman thinks of a second wish...

"I want to be beautiful!!!"

So, the woman became beautiful, and the husband became twice as beautiful. *"Okay,"* the genie says. *"This is your last wish so be careful what you wish for!"*

The woman thinks real hard and finally comes to a decision.

"I Want You To Scare me HALF To Death!!!"

Career Choices

One day, Sister Josephine asked her fifth grade class of Catholic students what they planned to be when they grew up. One by one, the children responded with various occupations such as a firefighter, a nurse, a teacher, etc. Finally, Sister Josephine got to little Kristy, who said, *"When I grow up I'm going to be a prostitute!"* A chock wave raced through the room and Sister Josephine glared back at the little girl and said, *"What did you just say?"* Kristy replied, *"I want to be a prostitute."* Sister Josephine smiled a sigh of relief saying, *"O" Thank God!... I thought you said you wanted to be Protestant."*

Blonde Joke

Bambi, a blonde in her fourth year as a UCLA freshman, sat in her US government class. The professor asked Bambi if she knew what Roe vs. Wade was about.

Bambi pondered the question then finally said, "That was the decision George Washington had to make before he crossed the Delaware."

Famous Quotes (29)

--The common argument that crime is caused by poverty is a kind of slander on the poor.

--Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.

Some rules to live by:

- 1- If you open it — close it.
- 2- If you turn it on — turn it off.
- 3- If you unlock it — lock it.
- 4- If you move it — put it back.
- 5- If it belongs to someone else and you want it — get permission.
- 6- If you borrow it — return it.
- 7- If you don't know how to operate it — leave it alone.
- 8- If you use it — take care of it.
- 9- If you break it — repair it.
- 10- If you can't fix it — call someone who can.
- 11- If you mess it up — clean it up.
- 12- If it will brighten someone's day — say it.

--Let us leave sadness to the devil and his angels. As for us Christians, what can we be but rejoicing and glad? (St. Francis of Assisi)

--Make your life a mission not an intermission. (Arnold Glasgow)

--There is very little motion sickness on a journey with God.

--Energy is the essence of life. Every day you decide how you're going to use it by knowing what you want and what it takes to reach that goal, and by maintaining focus. (Oprah)

--People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing. (**Dale Carnegie**)

--You are a living magnet. What you attract into your life is in harmony with your dominant thoughts.

(Brian Tracy)

--Whatever you can do, or dream you can begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. (**Goethe**)

--Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

(Thomas Edison)

--Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence...Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

(Calvin Coolidge)