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14th 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.

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Deut 6:4-9; Thess 2:1-13 and Lk 10:38-42

We hear today of a great sign: a woman clothed with the sun, carrying her newborn child. It is a frightening sign: for the dragon stands ready to devour the child. Yet the woman protects the fruit of her womb and takes him safely to heaven.

The Blessed Virgin Mary cares for all children, even us. Just as she nurtured the Son of the Living God within her womb for nine months, so for all eternity she cares for his brothers and sisters as Mother of the Church and Mother of all Christians. As a mother she is a model for all mothers: for the single mother who fears the shame, for the immigrant mother who knows no rest, for the homeless mother who gives birth far from her family: Mary is the Mother of all who would love her Son and the Sons and daughters of every human being.

Imagine the joy Mary felt as she ran to the hill country to share with her cousin the good news of great joy that she carried the child Jesus in her womb. Imagine the great joy of Elizabeth, and even of the child in her womb, who danced for joy that the Mother of her Lord would come to be with her.

We may rejoice as well.

For Mary comes to us in every time of temptation and trouble. She is interceding for us with her Son. For she wishes to share the joy of Christ with each one of us. She abides with us and gives wings to our prayers that they might reach the presence of the one through whom all things were made and the author of the Gospel of Life.

Even at the hour of our death, Mary is there, gently leading us home. For she knows that from the moment of our conception until the last breath has left our bodies, we are the temple of God's Holy Spirit and an instrument of his love. Like any mother, she wants only the best for her children. And so, she guides us gently home at the hour of our death to rest in God's heavenly kingdom, in the presence of eternal perfect peace.

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the *cause of life*: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may *proclaim the Gospel of life* with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to *accept that Gospel* as a gift ever new, the *joy of celebrating* it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to *bear witness to it* resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. --Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*

From the Pastor's desk

The weather at the festival this year was perfect. You can not ask for a better day that was a special gift from the Blessed Mother to us. It was blue sky of 78 degrees and no humidity. We thank the Blessed Mother for showering her graces upon us with that weather, huge crowd, and mainly for granting us a peaceful successful day. Every one had good time savoring delicious food, drink, wine and enjoying the folkloric dance and singing. Our beautiful dance troupe did very well wearing their national outfits. The crowd gave them encouragement and cheer. But most of all, we are all proud of our chairpersons and the over 100 volunteers who organized and run the festival. The winner of the raffle was Maggie Nader of Alaska. She donated \$1,000 back to the church, congratulations. The festival is indeed a necessity for us to keep our identity in our beloved city Wheeling. Many people traveled from the four corners of the United States to attend the festival because it means the whole world for them. In addition to our miraculous church, the festival had become a trademark of our community that was established in the Wheeling area for more than 100 years. As your pastor for the last 24 years, I am proud of you and plead you to keep the torch of the festival lit and vibrant. May the Blessed Mother grant you and your family members all the graces you need in good health and happy life. Msgr Bakhos

This Weekend, August 17-18: 14th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 17, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Nimon Joseph (Anniversary) by the Weisner and Joseph Families
- ✠ Gene & Janice Roxby by their son Joe Roxby

Sunday, August 18, Mass at 10:00 a.m.:

- ✠ John Miller (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family

Weekdays Mass Schedule**Monday, August 19:** No Mass. Pastor's day off.**Tuesday, August 20 Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Wednesday, August 21: No Mass. Office works.**Thursday, August 22, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Friday, August 23: No Mass. Visitations of the sick.***Next Weekend, August 24-25: 15th Sunday of Pentecost*****Saturday, August 24 at 4:00 pm:**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- ✠ Gene & Janice Roxby by their son Joe Roxby
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 25 at 10:30 am:

- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family

Coming Parish Events***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:***

- August 20: Tricia Committee
- August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning
- August 25: Al Depto
- August 26: Nathan Wakim, Jessica George
- August 31: Joseph R. Simon
- September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson
- September 8: Carol Dougherty
- September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees, Lorenzo Ferrera
- September 10: Chris George
- September 18: Michael Duymich

Your Church Support Last Week

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| \$1,578.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 26.00 | Candles |
| 1,115.00 | Mahrajan |

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| 2,848.62 | Donation to the church |
| \$5,567.62 | 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, Debbie Blake, 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, Polsen, Orvieto, Florence, Assisi, Casia, Naples

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

Spirituality: The U in Jesus

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God stuck U in the name of His Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.
You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.
And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.
Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.
When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all - Just like I love U."
So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.

Wisdom: Smile

Just a little smile on your lips:

Cheers your heart, keeps you in good humor, preserves peace in your soul, promotes your health, beautifies your face, induces kindly thoughts, inspires kindly deeds.

SMILE TO YOURSELF

until you notice that your constant seriousness, or even severity, has vanished.

until you have warmed your own heart with the sunshine of your cheery countenance. Then, go out and radiate your smile!

THAT SMILE has work to do, work to do for God.

You are an apostle now, and your smile is your instrument for winning souls. Sanctifying Grace dwelling in your soul will give the special charm to your smile which will render it productive of much good.

SMILE on the lonely faces.

SMILE on the timid faces.

SMILE on the sorrowful faces.

SMILE on the sickly faces.

SMILE on the fresh young faces.

SMILE on the wrinkled old faces.

SMILE on the familiar faces of your family and friends

let all enjoy the beauty and inspiring cheer of your smiling face.

COUNT

If you will, the number of smiles your smile has drawn from others in one day. The number will represent how many times you have promoted contentment, joy, satisfaction, encouragement, or confidence in the hearts of others. These good dispositions always give birth to unselfish acts and noble deeds. The influence of your smile is spreading, though you do not always see the wonders it is working.

YOUR SMILE

can bring new life and hope and courage into the hearts of the weary, the overburdened, the discouraged, the tempted, the despairing.

can help to develop vocations, if you are a priest, a Brother, or a Sister.

can be the beginning of conversion to the Faith.

can prepare the way for a sinner's return to God.

can win for you a host of devoted friends.

SMILE, TOO, AT GOD

Smile at God in loving acceptance of whatever he sends into your life, and you will merit to have the radiantly smiling face of Christ gaze on you with special love throughout eternity.

Story

I showered and shaved ... I adjusted my tie.

I got there and sat ... In a pew just in time.

Bowing my head in prayer ... As I closed my eyes.

I saw the shoe of the man next to me ... Touching my own. I sighed.

With plenty of room on either side ... I thought, "Why must our soles touch?"

It bothered me, his shoe touching mine ... But it didn't bother him much.

A prayer began: "Our Father" ... I thought, "This man with the shoes has no pride.

They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!"

"Thank You for blessings," the prayer went on.

The shoe man said ... a quiet "Amen."

I tried to focus on the prayer ... But my thoughts were on his shoes again

Aren't we supposed to look our best. When walking through that door?

"Well, this certainly isn't it," I thought, Glancing toward the floor.

Then the prayer was ended ... And the songs of praise began.

The shoe man was certainly loud ... Sounding proud as he sang.
 His voice lifted the rafters ... His hands were raised high.
 The Lord could surely hear ... The shoe man's voice from the sky.
 It was time for the offering ... And what I threw in was steep.
 I watched as the shoe man reached ... Into his pockets so deep.
 I saw what was pulled out ... What the shoe man put in.
 Then I heard a soft "clink." ... as when silver hits tin.
 The sermon really bored me ... To tears, and that's no lie
 It was the same for the shoe man ... For tears fell from his eyes.
 At the end of the service ... As is the custom here
 We must greet new visitors ... And show them all good cheer.
 But I felt moved somehow ... And wanted to meet the shoe man
 So after the closing prayer ... I reached over and shook his hand.
 He was old and his skin was dark ... And his hair was truly a mess
 But I thanked him for coming ... For being our guest.
 He said, "My names' Charlie ... I'm glad to meet you, my friend."
 There were tears in his eyes ... But he had a large, wide grin.
 "Let me explain," he said ... Wiping tears from his eyes.
 "I've been coming here for months ... And you're the first to say 'Hi.'"
 "I know that my appearance ... "Is not like all the rest
 "But I really do try ... "To always look my best."
 "I always clean and polish my shoes ... "Before my very long walk.
 "But by the time I get here ... "They're dirty and dusty, like chalk."
 My heart filled with pain ... and I swallowed to hide my tears
 As he continued to apologize ... For daring to sit so near.
 He said, "When I get here ... "I know I must look a sight.
 "But I thought if I could touch you ... "Then maybe our souls might unite."
 I was silent for a moment ... Knowing whatever was said
 Would pale in comparison ... I spoke from my heart, not my head.
 "Oh, you've touched me," I said ... "And taught me, in part;
 "That the best of any man ... "Is what is found in his heart."
 The rest, I thought, ... This shoe man will never know.
 Like just how thankful I really am ... That his dirty old shoe touched my soul.

A Time to Laugh (129)

Dialing 911

A man frantically calls 911 and says, *"help...my wife has gone into labor and her contractions are 10 minutes apart."* **911:** *"Is this her first child?"* **Man:** *"Of course not, you idiot...this is her husband."*

The Cowboy

A cowboy rode into town and stopped at a saloon for a drink. Unfortunately, the locals always had a habit of picking on strangers, which he was. When he finished his drink, he found his horse had been stolen. He goes back into the bar, handily flips his gun into the air, catches it above his head without even looking and fires a shot into the ceiling.

"Which one of you sidewinders stole my hoss?" He yelled with surprising forcefulness.

No one answered.

"Alright, I'm gonna have another beer, and if my hoss ain't back outside by the time I finish, I'm gonna do what I dun in Texas and I don't like to have to do what I dun in Texas."

Some of the locals shifted restlessly. He had another beer, walked outside, and his horse is back. The bartender

wanders out of the bar and asks, "Say partner, before you go... what happened in Texas?"
The cowboy turned back and said, "I had to walk home."

Shingles

Bubba walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Bubba said: "Shingles." So she wrote down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat. Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, "Shingles." So she wrote down his height, weight, a complete medical history and told Bubba to wait in the examining room. A half hour later a nurse came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, "Shingles." So the nurse gave Bubba a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram and told Bubba to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor. An hour later the doctor came in and found Bubba sitting patiently in the nude and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, "Shingles." The doctor asked, "Where?"

Bubba said, "Outside on the truck. Where do you want me to unload 'em??"

An Old American In France

A group of Americans, retired teachers, recently went to *France* on a tour. Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in *Paris* by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on. "You have been to *France* before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to *France* previously.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready." The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it." "Impossible. Americans always have to show your passports on arrival in *France*!" The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained. "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in '44 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find any Frenchmen to show it to."

Too Many Barking Dogs

An apartment manager was showing a prospective tenant an apartment. The prospective tenant asked, "Are there any barking dogs in the adjoining apartments?"

The manager assured her, "Oh no! I would never allow such a thing."

The relieved woman sighed, "That's good, because I have two barking dogs of my own, and I don't think I could stand to hear any others."

Famous Quotes (31)

--"You can't cross a sea by merely staring into the water." (**Rabindranath Tagore**)

--"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today." (**Franklin D. Roosevelt**)

--"The belief in a thing makes it happen." (**Frank Lloyd Wright**)

--"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." (**Michael Jordan**)

--"Fortune sides with him who dares." (**Virgil**)

--"What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."
(**Ralph Waldo Emerson**)

--"The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one."
(**Elbert Hubbard**)

--"You have to believe in yourself when no one else does. That's what makes you a winner."
(**Venus Williams**)

--"The first requisite of success is the ability to apply your physical and mental energies to one problem without growing weary." (**Thomas Edison**)

--"All life is a chance. So, take it! The person who goes furthest is the one who is willing to do and dare."
(**Dale Carnegie**)

--"In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins not by strength but by perseverance." (**H. Jackson Brown**)

--"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." (**Robert F. Kennedy**)

--"Never give up, never, never give up." (**Winston Churchill**)

--"Life is like a combination lock; your job is to find the right numbers, in the right order so you can have anything you want."

--"Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential." (**John Maxwell**)

--"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." (**Abraham Lincoln**)

--"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." (**Chinese Proverb**)

--"Success is a state of mind. If you want success, start thinking of yourself as a success."

(**Dr. Joyce Brothers**)

All that we are is the result of what we have thought. Buddha

If you judge people, you have no time to love them. Mother Teresa

The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud. Coco Chanel

The greatest wealth is to live content with little. Plato

The future belongs to those who prepare for it today. Malcolm X

I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious. Albert Einstein

The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus. Bruce Lee

Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly. John F. Kennedy

A great man is always willing to be little. Ralph Waldo Emerson

The root of suffering is attachment. Buddha

Wisely, and slow. They stumble that run fast. William Shakespeare

Keep calm and carry on. Winston Churchill

To be, or not to be, that is the question. William Shakespeare

That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind. Neil Armstrong

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise. Benjamin Franklin

Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country. John F. Kennedy

Family is the most important thing in the world. Diana (Princess of Wales)