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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to Zechariah

***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.

Beginning of the Christmas Season

How hard it is to wait. We wait for birth; we wait for death. We wait for the end of war and the establishment of God's reign of peace and justice. In these waiting days of Advent, we have guides who can assist us. The prophets John the Baptist, Paul and Mary show us how to wait in patience and hope. They give us courage to be ready for Christ's coming now and at the end of the age. Let us learn from them so that we can announce his coming with love and joy. Let us be glad that through Jesus, the world is freed from the power of evil. Let us rejoice that with Jesus, we will reign forever. Let us exult that in Jesus, God is with us to save us.

The Maronite Church remembers and celebrates the saving deeds and events of Christ's life through the entire year. Through this process of remembrance and celebration the people of God encounter the Lover of humankind and experience the ongoing mystery of God's transformative love. The Church year has two main parts:

A- The Sanctoral Cycle:

That is the calendar of feasts honoring and remembering the exemplary lives of:

Jesus, Son of the Living God; Presentation in the Temple; Transfiguration; Ascension; Mary, Mother of the Light; Presentation of Mary in the Temple; Praises of Mother of God; Annunciation to Mary; Our Lady of Lebanon; Our Lady of the Seeds; Dormition-Assumption of Mary; Birth of the Virgin Mary; Saints of the Maronite Calendar: John the Baptizer; Anthony the Great; Maron; John Maron; Gabriel; Michael; Peter; Paul; John and other Apostles; Sharbel; Elias; Ephrem; Rafka; Ignatius of Antioch; and James of Serugh.

B- The Temporal Cycle:

That is the weekly calendar of Christ's saving deeds commemorated in six Seasons:

Season of Announcement. It contains seven Sundays preceded by one or two Sundays in November recalling the Consecration of the Church and the Dedication of the Temple.

Zachary's announcement of the Baptizer's birth; Mary's announcement of the Messiah's birth; Elizabeth's visit by Mary; John the Baptizer's birth; Joseph's announcement of the Messiah's birth; Genealogy, announcements to Old Testament prophets; Christmas - announcement of the Angels.

Each of these Sundays consecutively announces and prepares for the Birth of Jesus, the Savior. From the Announcement to Zachariah to the Genealogy Sunday news of the Lord's Incarnation is given to various individuals who had been awaiting the Messiah's coming. The final announcement is made by the "*Watchers in Glory*" to all of creation of the Feast of the birth of our Lord: "Glory to God on high and peace and good hope to all people. Today the Church rejoices as she hears the announcement of the birth of the Anointed One. Today, the Creator returns to make the land a palace and of the seas a Kingdom. How happy is this day forever."

Announcement to Zechariah

Readings: Gen 17:15-22; Rom 3:13-25 and Lk 1:1-25

"THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE." To understand what this means, we must realize that a Gospel is not just a collection of anecdotes about Jesus and his teaching. Each evangelist is a witness to the Son of God. He sets himself to answer the question confronting everyone to whom it has been given to meet Jesus, either by hearing someone speak of him, or by discovering him in the life of one of his followers: WHO ARE YOU LORD?" Each of these witnesses relates his faith in Jesus in the form of a story - that of the doings and words of Jesus- expressed in relation to his own experience and background. This explains the originality of each evangelist, each having his own emphasis, his own way of presenting the mystery of Christ and his teaching. For all that, there is only one Gospel, because there is only one Christ, to whom we are sent by all the scriptures...

It happened in Nazareth, in the synagogue, that one day it was Jesus' turn to comment on the reading from the Law, giving with it a text from the prophets. His choice fell on a text from Isaiah -he does not discuss it, he simply declares: THIS TEXT IS BEING FULFILLED TODAY EVEN AS YOU LISTEN": HE, IN WHOM ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD HAVE FOUND THEIR 'YES' (2 Cor 1:20), could not read the divine word without putting it into practice, without immediately accomplishing it. And this is why miracles flowered under his feet for the poor, for prisoners, for the blind, for the oppressed.

In our turn we cannot read the Gospel as something that belongs to the past. It must be read as of now, IN THE TODAY OF OUR LIFE BEFORE GOD. Then our time, also, will be "THE LORD'S YEAR OF FAVOR."

All Souls Two Week Masses (From November 1st until November 17th)

The weekend Masses will be followed by the Prayer of Incense for the Repose of All Souls

Special remembrance during these two week Masses for All Souls:

Sunday, November 17th: † Emily Vince (Birthday) by her children & grandchildren

† Mary Miller (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

Masses for All Souls

† Deceased of the Kourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Kourey & Emmalena & Louie

† Virginia Kourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Kourey Family by the Kourey Family

† Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Kourey & 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

† Deceased of Zaidan Chahine by Youssef & Jocelyne Chahine (PA)

† Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac

† Gene & Janice Roxby by their son Joe Roxby

† John Shibben by his wife Dee

† Tom Brock Jr. by his wife Judy & Family

† Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

† Sarah Harb (sister of Benefactor Jamil Harb) by the Family

† Deceased Family members of Anthony & Rena Nassar

† George A. & Dolores M. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros

† Philip G. & Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros

† Chamse Rahi by Alicia Peklinsky & Family

† Deceased of the Rouhana and Rahi Families by Alicia Peklinsky & Family

† Tina Rahi by Alicia Peklinsky & Family

† Lucille Gibbons by Robert & Paula Gibbons

† Robert Armstrong by Robert & Paula Gibbons

† Charles & Roy Gibbons by Paula & Bob Gibbons

† Larry Gibbons by Paula & Bob Gibbons

† Barkett & Sadie Coury Gibbons by Robert & Paula Gibbons

† Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Zack, Andreah & Christian Riedel

† Jim & LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Zack, Andreah & Christian Riedel

† Fouad Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Zack, Andreah & Christian Riedel

† Deceased of the Henning & Bott Families by Don & Roberta Henning

† Richard Frazier by his wife Luane Frazier

† Thomas A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris

† Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris

† Sam & Bernadine Elias Mike & Terri Golebiewski

† Alphonse & Violet Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski

† Alfred Felici by his wife Francie Felici and Family

† Tom Ferris by his niece Libby G. Magnone

† Mary Stees by her sister Libby G. Magnone

† Elizabeth A. Magnone by her daughter Libby G. Magnone

† Josephine Ferris by her niece Libby G. Magnone

† Deceased members of the Ferris Family by Libby G. Magnone

† Deceased of the Alkhouri and AlAhmar Families by Dr. & Mrs. Nabil AlKhouri and Family

† Ray, Sara, Mick and Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Elias & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

- † George & Betty Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Edward & Edith & Gerard Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Tom Jochum by his wife Sue, his children & grandchildren
- † Deceased of Gus & Anna Shia by the Family
- † Tom & Edna Jochum by Sue and Family
- † Deceased of Anna Shia Family by Sue and Family
- † Charles & Selma Meder by Sue & Family
- † Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty (Ok)
- † Deceased of the Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty
- † Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
- † Tony George by his daughter Margaret George (MN)
- † Charlotte George by her daughter Margaret George (MN)
- † Michael George by his sister Margaret George (MN)
- † Gregory George by Margaret George (MN)
- † Nicholas T. Bedway Jr. by Judy Bedway
- † Michelle Bedway by Judy Bedway
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson by her Loving Family
- † Deceased members of the Elias Family by their Loving Family
- † Nicholas Elias, Amelia Elias, Albert Nickerson, Wanda Nickerson by their Loving Family
- † Donald A. Nickerson Sr. by his Loving Family
- † 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 Namon & Salema (Awed) Joseph & Family by Thomasina Geimer
- † Susie Marie Fadoul by Millet Fadoul & Family
- † Marth Ann Rinehart by Millet Fadoul & Family
- † Mary Zaid Stees by Millet Fadoul & Family
- † Bernard & Marie Connell by Jim & Pat Saseen-Connell
- † Abdo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen-Connell
- † Angelo & Rose Ann Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Joseph & Ina Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Gene & Dorothy Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Tony Matesic by Rosalie Conti
- † Herman & Katheryn Conti by Rosalie Conti
- † Virginia & Anton Matesic by Rosalie Conti
- † Lance Crowley (son-in-law) by Rosalie Conti
- † Deceased of the Fadoul & Duffy Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Deceased members of the Porter Family by Dennis & Mary Lee Porter
- † Deceased members of the Schweizer Family by Dennis & Mary Lee Porter
- † Deceased members of the Gibbons and Otterbecks Families by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Cathy Sharp-Howard by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Michael Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Dennis & June Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Vincent & Agnes Jacovetty by George & Patty Jacovetty-Fahey
- † James Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Sam & Robert Jacovetty by George & Patty Jacovetty-Fahey
- † Deceased Members of the Albaugh & Bernas Families by Denny Albaugh

- † Deceased Members of Olinski & Ragase Families by Mary Ragase
- † Alois Marchy by Mary Ragase
- † Deceased Members of Stolarik Family by Mary Ragase
- † Merle McConn & Mark Slvga by Mary Ragase
- † Earl Ragase by Mary Ragase
- † Rosemary F. Coury by Richard Coury
- † Eva M. Coury by Richard Coury
- † Mary Ann Khoury by Richard Coury
- † Edward A. Khoury by Richard Coury
- † George Alan Weisner by Jean Weisner & Family
- † 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 Jean Weisner & Family
- † Betty Abraham, Clara Carter & Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner & Family
- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Jean Weisner
- † George Alan Weisner by his daughter Mary Beth Weisner
- † Bryce D. Luginbill by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Robert N. Ayoob by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Al & Helen Schroeder by their son Mark & their daughter Jane Wine
- † Frank Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
- † Suzanne Bush by Mark Schroeder
- † Deceased of the Hughes Family by Mark Schroeder
- † Deceased Members of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler
- † Deceased Members of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler
- † Betty Jane Fadoul by Millet, John & Family
- † George & Rose Fadoul by Millet Fadoul & Family
- † Emily Shia Vince by her Children & grandchildren
- † Donald Vince by his Children & grandchildren
- † Patricia Gompers by Matthew Gompers Family
- † Deborah Vargo by Matt & Vickie Gompers
- † Gus & Anna Shia by Matt & Vickie Gompers
- † George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † Debbie Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † John & Judy Wilson by Becky Ferrera
- † Joseph Abraham (Cleveland) by Msgr. Bakhos & the parishioners
- † Deceased of the Bine & Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine
- † Steve & Theresa Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Mary Jean & Jim Stanton by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † John William Sayre by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Anna & Leo Spyra by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Violet Machel by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Lawrence & Teresa Ferrera; Mary Jean Comas; Janet Ferrera, Joann Ferrera Slack by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † George & Betty Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Patti Smith, Diane Russell, Judy & John Wilson, Barb Hodulik, Jack Harsan by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Matthew Siebieda (father) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- † Constantino & Delia Cetorelli (grandparents) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- † Friend & Ida Blake (grandparents) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- † Orval & Elena Blake (parents) by Larry & Lillian Blake Siebieda
- † Debbie Blake (sister-in-law) by Larry & Lillian Blake Siebieda
- † Donnie Sigler (brother-in-law) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda

- † Vincent & Judi Blake (brother and sister-in-law) by Larry & Lillian Blake Siebieda
- † Josef and Antonina Siebieda (grandparents) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- † Nicola & Angela Caputi (grandparents) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- † David Frey by his loving Family
- † George & Mary Popovich, Kay Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Don, Helen, Stan Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Augie Montalbano and Mike O’Kane by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † In Honor of Jesus’ Agonizing suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Thomas George by his Family
- † Dolores Palotay by the Jarrett & Palotay Families
- † Rezzo Palotay by the Jarrett & Palotay Families
- † Diane Palotay by the Jarrett & Palotay Families
- † Jerrie Williams by the Jarrett & Palotay Families
- † Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol Burkhart
- † Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- † George Alan Weisner by his son Gary Weisner
- † Linda Hostutler by Gary Weisner
- † Mike Linton by Gary Weisner
- † Dr. Ned Cunningham by Mary Beth Weisner
- † The Deceased of the Wakim & Nagem Families by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † The Deceased of the Teater & Reass Families by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † Stephen Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † John M. Wakim (brother) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † John & Erma Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † William & V. Jeannette Yeater by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † Robert Yeater by his uncle & aunt Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † Kayla Yeater by her uncle & aunt Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † Melo J. & Laura Z. Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † Andrew & Mary Demsko by their daughter Rosemary Cornish
- † Andrew Demsko Jr. by his sister Rosemary Cornish
- † Howard & Anna Franks by their niece Rosemary Cornish
- † Our beloved parents John & Cecilia John & William & Carol Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Our beloved grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph, & Sarah Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- † All deceased Aunts & Uncles, especially Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sister Mary Thomasina John, & Roland & Julia Tappe by Ron and Susan Burns
- † All deceased of The Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Rhoda Marie Perilli “Ginger Perilli” by the Perilli Family
- † Silvio “Joe” Perilli by the Perilli Family
- † John A. Tapscott by Paula Perilli & John Tapscott
- † Rick Workman by Larry & Lillian Siebieda

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, November 18: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

Tuesday, November 19 Mass at Noon:

- † Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- † 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

Wednesday, November 20: No Mass. Office works.

Thursday, November 21, Mass at Noon:

- † Josephine Ferris (Birthday) and Mary Stees by Libby G. Magnone

✠ Alphonsus Joseph (Birthday) by Vickie Joseph

✠ Special prayer for good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Friday, November 22: No Mass. Visitation of the Sick.

This Weekend, Nov. 23-24: Announcement to Mary

Saturday, November 23 at 4:00 pm:

✠ Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik (Wedding Anniversary) by George, Susan, Matthew & Luke Saseen and Jeff & Jena Naswadi

✠ Gary McLaughlin, George Joseph (Birthday) and Selma Joseph (Anniversary) by Becky & Larry Ferrera

✠ Gene & Janice Roxby by their son Joe Roxby

✠ Special prayer for good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Sunday, November 24 at 10:30 am:

✠ Selma Joseph and Gary McLaughlin (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick

✠ Deceasen Members of Magistrate Joe Roxby

Coming Events

Sunday, Nov. 17	Cedar Club Meeting after 10:30 a.m. Mass in Cedar Hall
Sun. December 8	Christmas Dinner. Complimentary to all parishioners. Free will donation to the church will be appreciated at the Dinner.
Sun. December 15	34 th Anniversary to Priesthood of Msgr. Bakhos. Brunch for parishioners

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:

Please donate toward decorating the altar with poinsettias during Christmas. Every poinsettia cost \$25.00

✠ Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family

✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by Denise Ferris

✠ In honor of the Blessed Mother by Denise Ferris

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

November 26: Mary Lish

November 29: Tony Renzella

November 30: Melissa Ferrera-Renzella

December 3: Joey John

December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla

December 12: Lou Khourey

December 15: Lucca Ferrera

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,987.00	Sunday Collection
480.00	Bulletin Ads
49.00	Candles
9.00	Coffee hour
70.00	utilities
\$2,595.00	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! 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)
 Monroe DeLuca, Sally Sengewalt, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, 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?

Lower Your 2024 Income Tax Bill

One way to lower your income tax bill for this year is to make charitable contributions, which can be deducted from your income if you are planning to itemize your deductions when you file your 2024 income tax. Gifts you make to charities, such as **Our Lady of Lebanon Church**, are tax deductible. But in order for you to claim the deduction on your tax return for **2024**, you must make the gift this year. That is important to keep in mind if you are planning on making a year-end gift. For example, if you are going to give money using a check, be sure the date on the check is on or before December 31st, 2024. Also, be sure to give the check to the church on or before that date. If your gift is **\$250** or more, and you plan to claim the gift as a deduction on your tax return, the IRS requires that you have a letter or receipt from the church that received the gift. By the end of January **2025** all donors -who donated \$250 or more- will receive a statement from **the Church** stating their names and the amount of gift received –through checks or weekly offering envelopes- from **January 1st, 2024 until December 31st, 2024**. It is wise to keep the church statement with your tax records, in case the IRS questions your itemized deductions.

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 Building Insurance of our church which exceeds \$22,000. Any donation is accepted and helpful. We will open the basement door for you anytime. Please call 304-233-1688

Spirituality: Message from Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima said:

FASHIONS: “Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend My Son very much!” (Message in 1917)

HELL: “More souls go to hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reason!” (Sins against the 6th Commandment.)

BAD MARRIAGE: “Many marriages are not good; they do not please Our Lord and are not of God.”

PUNISHMENT OF THE WORLD: “The Blessed Mother can no longer restrain the Hand of Her Divine Son from striking the world with just punishment for its many crimes.”

FIVE WARNINGS: “If my requests are not granted, Russia will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecution of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed!” (Message in 1917)

AMEND: “I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to offend Our Lord who is already deeply offended.”

ROSARY: “Say the Rosary every day, to obtain peace for the world. Add after each decade the following prayer: “Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of your mercy.”

PRAY: “Pray, pray, a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners for many souls go to hell because they have no one to make sacrifices and pray for them.”

IMMACULATE HEART DEVOTION: “God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to My IMMACULATE HEART. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.”

WORLD PEACE: “Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerable together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her.”

WAR: “War is a punishment from God for sins.”

FINAL PEACE: "In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. Russia will be converted, and there will be peace!"

Wisdom: Filter Tests

The three filter test

In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his Wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?" "Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me I'd like you to pass a little test.

It's called the Triple Filter Test." "Triple filter?" asked the man.

"That's right," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my student, let's take a moment to filter what you're going to say. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?" "No," the man said, "actually I just heard about it and..." "All right," said Socrates. "So, you don't really know if it's true or not".

"Now let's try the second filter, the filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?" "No, Socrates, on the contrary." "So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, even though you're not certain it's true?" The man shrugged, a little embarrassed. Socrates continued.

"You may still pass the test though, because there is a third filter -the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?" "No, not really" "Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither True or Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?" The man was defeated and ashamed.

This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem. It also explains why he never found out that Plato was banging his wife.

Story

Jack took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down: 73 in a 55 zone. Fourth time in as many months. How could a guy get caught so often? When his car had slowed to 10 miles an hour, Jack pulled over, but only partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard. Maybe some other car will tweak his backside with a mirror.

The cop was stepping out of his car, the big pad in hand. Bob? Bob from Church? Jack sunk farther into his trench coat. This was worse than the coming ticket. A cop catching a guy from his own church. A guy who happened to be a little eager to get home after a long day at the office. A guy he was about to play golf with tomorrow.

Jumping out of the car, he approached a man he saw every Sunday, a man he'd never seen in uniform. "Hi, Bob. Fancy meeting you like this." "Hello, Jack." No smile. "Guess you caught me red-handed in a rush to see my wife and kids." "Yeah, I guess." Bob seemed uncertain. Good. "I've seen some long days at the office lately. I'm afraid I bent the rules a bit, just this once."

Jack toed at a pebble on the pavement "Diane said something about roast beef and potatoes tonight. Know what I mean" "I know what you mean. I also know that you have a reputation in our precinct." Ouch. This was not going in the right direction. Time to change tactics. "What did you clock me at," "Seventy. Would you sit back in your car please?" "Now wait a minute here, Bob. I checked as soon as I saw you. I was barely nudging 65." The lie seemed to come easier with every ticket. "Please, Jack, in the car."

Flustered, Jack hunched himself through the still-open door. Slamming it shut, he stared at the dashboard. He was in no rush to open the window. The minutes ticked by. Bob scribbled away on the pad. Why hadn't he asked for a driver's license?

Whatever the reason, it would be a month of Sundays before Jack ever sat near this cop again. A tap on the door jerked his head to the left. There was Bob, a folded paper in hand Jack rolled down the window a mere two inches, just enough room for Bob to pass him the slip. "Thanks." Jack could not quite keep the sneer out of his voice. Bob returned to his police car without a word. Jack watched his retreat in the mirror. Jack unfolded the

sheet of paper. How much was this one going to cost? Wait a minute. What was this? Some kind of joke? Certainly not a ticket. Jack began to read: "Dear Jack, Once upon a time I had a daughter. She was six when killed by a car. You guessed it a speeding driver. A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free. Free to hug his daughters, all three of them. I only had one, and I'm going to have to wait until Heaven before I can ever hug her again. A thousand times I've tried to forgive that man. A thousand times I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Even now. Pray for me. And be careful, Jack, my son is all I have left." "Bob" Jack turned around in time to see Bob's car pull away and head down the road. Jack watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later, he too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived.

A Time to Laugh (142)

The Sin Of Lying

A minister told his congregation, *"Next week I plan to preach about the "sin of lying."*
To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."
 The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17.
 Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, *"Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on "the sin of lying."*

The Bible

There was this Christian lady that had to do a lot of traveling for her business, so she did a lot of flying. Flying made her nervous, so she always took her Bible along with her to read and it helped relax her. One time, she was sitting next to a man. When he saw her pull out her Bible, he gave a little chuckle and went back to what he was doing. After awhile, he turned to her and asked, *"You don't really believe all that stuff in there do you?"* The lady replied, *"Of course I do. It is the Bible."* He said, *"Well, what about that guy that was swallowed by that whale?"* She replied, *"Oh, Jonah. Yes, I believe that, it is in the Bible."* He asked, *"Well, how do you suppose he survived all that time inside the whale?"* The lady said, *"Well, I don't really know. I guess when I get to heaven, I will ask him."* *"What if he isn't in heaven?"* the man asked sarcastically. *"Then you can ask him."* replied the lady.

The Iowan Purchases A Chain Saw

An Iowan walks into a hardware store and asks for a chain saw that will cut 6 trees in one hour. The salesman recommends the top of the line model. The Iowan is suitably impressed, and buys it.

The next day he brings it back and says, *"This chainsaw is defective. It would only cut down 1 tree and it took ALL DARN DAY!"*

The salesman takes the chain saw, starts it up to see what's wrong, and the Iowan says, *"What's that noise?"*

Famous Quotes (41)

Jesus:

Be sure you do not perform your acts of piety before men, for them to watch; if you do that, you have no title to a reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in synagogues and in streets, to win the esteem of men. Believe me, they have their reward already. But when you give alms, you shall not so much as let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so secret is your almsgiving to be; and then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, you are not to be like hypocrites, who love to stand praying in synagogues or at street-corners, to be a mark for men's eyes; believe me, they have their reward already. But when you are praying, go into your inner room and shut the door upon yourself, and so pray to your Father in secret; and then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Moreover, when you are at prayer, do not use many phrases, like the heathens, who think to make themselves heard by their eloquence. You are not to be like them; your heavenly Father knows well what your needs are before you ask him. This, then, is to be your prayer, Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen. Your heavenly Father will forgive you your transgressions, if you forgive your fellow men theirs; if you do not forgive them, your heavenly Father will not forgive your transgressions either. Again, when you fast, do not shew it by gloomy looks, as the hypocrites do. They make their faces unsightly, so that men can see they are fasting; believe me, they have their reward already. But do you, at your times of fasting, anoint your head and wash your face, so that your fast may not be known to men, but to your Father who dwells in secret; and then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (Matthew 6:1-18)