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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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May Crowning

- ***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 AlKhoury
- ***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.

3rd Sunday of the Resurrection May Crowning

Readings: Job 42:1-6; 2Tim 2:8-13 and Lk 24:13-35

Which of us has not, at least once, walked the road to Emmaus, full of uncertainty about Jesus; full of disappointed hopes for his Church?

Again today, perhaps, we are tempted to lose heart. We are undergoing the shock of the passing away in our society of a certain kind of thinking about God; Christ is, to all appearances, defeated; the Church and its liturgy seems irrelevant to the unbelieving masses of people fascinated by latter-day idols. If God is going to lose his power before our money and machinery, then all that has been said about Jesus of Nazareth, about his saving power, about his resurrection, must surely be relegated to the realm of fables?

We must frequently walk this road to Emmaus, however painful the journey — this road which will bring us from despondency to faith. We must walk it in a twilight atmosphere before darkness falls. On roads like this we meet a disguised Companion. It is Jesus himself, who takes us just where we are, and who, at times, questions us at length. A long road is a good place to share confidence with a fellow traveler! Jesus has much to discuss with us concerning our destiny and his, and how we can enter into glory only by the gate of the cross. But he will do more than talk with us: he will break bread for us in that eucharistic banquet at which the scriptures take on their full significance and reveal the true features of him who is their completion and fulfillment.

Jesus vanishes from sight the instant his identity is revealed by the eucharistic signs celebrated in memory of his Passover. From now on there is more for the disciples to do than just gaze on his human features. They must begin being heralds of the good news that over there — beyond death — the Lord is forever alive.

Flowers to the Blessed Mother During May

May the Blessed Mother shower her graces upon all the generous parishioners who sponsored Flowers to decorate her altar during the month of May consecrated to her devotion.

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| May 4 th | Becky Ferrera, Jeanette Wakim, Mary lee Porter, Nettie Seidler and Mary Lish |
| May 11 th | Linda Duffy, Luane Frazier, Thomasina Geimer, Regina Hancher |
| May 18 th | Susan John Burns, Liz Murad |
| May 25 th | Libby G. Magnone, Patrick Stees, Pam Obyc, Kathleen George |

Turn off your cellular phone before you enter the church

It is a Common Sense that people silence or turn off their cellular phone before entering the church to pray and focus on prayers. Many public places display signs asking “Turn off your cell phone.” It is the right of every worshiper not to be disturbed while praying. Two signs are posted inside our church to this regard. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.
—Monsignor Bakhos

This Weekend, May 3-4: May Crowning

Saturday, May 3 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby
- ✠ Rosalie Olinski (Birthday) by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Sunday, May 4 Mass at 10:30 a.m.: May Crowning after Mass

- ✠ June Fahey (Anniversary) by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Harry J. Nolte (Anniversary) by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Robert Saseen (Illinois) by his friends the Tarazi Family of Wheeling

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, May 5: No Mass. Pastors' day off.

Tuesday, May 6 Mass at 12:00 Noon:

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

† Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

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

Wednesday, May 7: No Mass. Pastors' office work.

Thursday, May 8 Mass at 12:00 Noon:

† Rosemary F. Coury by Richard Coury

† Robert and Laurel Kate Matiassek by their last will.

† Robert Saseen (Illinois) by his friends the Tarazi Family of Wheeling

Friday, May 9: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next two Weekends, May 10-18: Masses for Mothers

Masses for the Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers

† Special Remembrance on these special days:

--on May 11: Gladys Howard by Lou, Charlotte & Louie Khourey

--on May 11: Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

--on May 17: Earl Ragase (Birthday) by his wife Mary Ragase

--on May 18: Rose Olinski (Anniversary) by Mary Ragase

† Deceased mothers & grandmothers of Jamil Harb (MI)

† Louise N. Khourey & Gladys V. Howard by Lou & Charlotte and Emmalena and Louie

† Emily Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

† Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

† Sadie Chidiac (mother), Kathrine & Hasibi (grandmothers) by Msgr. Bakhos

† Mahasen Kazour by her daughter Jocelyne Chahine and Family (Pittsburgh)

† Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart

† Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

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

† Eva M. Coury by her son Richard Coury

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

† Mary Ann Coury by Richard Coury

† Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Pearl (Nolte) Shutler & Isabelle (Frey) Nolte by Janet Shutler

† Clara Shutler by Janet Shutler

† Shirley Elias Nickerson & Amelia Elias by their Loving Family

† Mariam Joseph & Mary Catherine Habeb by Jean Weisner and Family

† Chamse Rahi and Marie Rouhana by the Peklinsky Family

† Dorothy Schweizer by Mary Lee & Dennis Porter

† Viola Porter by Mary Lee & Dennis Porter

† Martha Saseen by her son George Saseen

† Elizabeth Harasuik by her daughter Susan Saseen

† Mary K. Ferris by Denise Ferris

† Georgette Joseph, Nancy Valles & Betty Allen by Vickie Joseph

† Anne Bott & Angela Henning by Don & Roberta Henning

† Dolores M. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros

† Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros

† Ginny, Martha, Anna Shia & Edna Jochum by their children & grandchildren

† Lucille Gibbons by Bob & Paula Gibbons

† Elizabeth A. Magnone, Giovanni Magnone, Josephine Ferris, Nancy Coffield, Isabel Wolfe, Mary K. Ferris, Bess Garcia, Mary Stees and Zaid Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

† Charlotte George and Beatrice Stiles by Margaret George (MN)

- † Maryanna George by Margaret George (MN)
- † Cecilia Habdo Mays & Sada Habdo by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- † LaVerne Thomas and Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn
- † Anita Martha Weisner & Mariam Joseph by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Helen Schroeder by her son Mark Schroeder & her daughter Jane Wine
- † Dolores Palotay by the Palotay & Jarrett Families
- † Fran Huffman by Debbie & Mark Huffman
- † Lucy Gibbons & Ann Otterbeck & Sadie Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † Nell Duffy & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Eileen M. Hatty, Mary Ann Hatty & Cecilia F. Hatty by Judge Michael P. Hatty & Family
- † Rose Ann Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Lance Crawley by Rosalie Conti
- † Agnes Jacovetty by Patricia & George Fahey
- † June Fahey by George & Patricia Fahey
- † Mary (Joseph) Shipley & Salema (Awed) Joseph by Thomasina Geimer
- † Annette Togliatti by GiGi Rice
- † Sadie Harb by GiGi Rice
- † Viola Jeannette Yeater and Viola J. Belt by Chris & Jeannette Wakim and Family
- † Laura Z. Wakim and Edna Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim and Family
- † Margaret Glaser by her Family
- † Ella Boehm by her Family
- † Mary Popovich, Kay Popovich and Anna Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Helen Fielding, Freda Hartman and Angela Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Emily Shia Vince and Anna Shia by their children and grandchildren
- † Patricia Gompers by the Matt Gompers Family
- † Sharon Rose Wetzal and Lilly Hebdo by Rose Sharon Hebdo
- † Cecilia John and Carol Burns by their loving children Susan and Ron Burns
- † Sadie John, Tamamie Joseph and Sarah Burns by their loving grandchildren Susan and Ron Burns
- † Milly Manners by NiNi Miller
- † Dorothy Saseen and Marie Connell by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell
- † Mary Jean Stanton and Theresa Sofka by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka
- † Anna Spyra by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka
- † Rosemarie Henry and Alma Erbacher Welty by Patrick Henry
- † Barbara Orr Wynsel by Laurie Henry
- † Bernadine Elias by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Violet Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Virginia Porchiran and Ann Ragus by Kathleen George and Family
- † Siberia Cater (Aunte) by Dr. Maryann Cater
- † Foumia Saad Cater (mother) by Dr. Maryann Cater
- † Mary Piko (mother) and Lottie Elwartoski (aunt) by Marcia Laughlin
- † Evelyn Goodson and Mary Joseph by Cathy Goodson
- † Patricia Ross Hankish by Rose Hankish
- † Mary Popovich by her granddaughter Nicky Lenz and Family
- † Barbara Lenz by Nicky Lenz and Family
- † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
- † Mary Zaid Stees and Elizabeth A. Magnone by the Stees Family

Masses for the Living Mothers and Grandmothers

- † Barb McLaughlin by Brad McLaughlin and Kristen Graney
- † Barb McLaughlin by Nathan and Shane Graney
- † Charlotte Khourey by her children Emmalena and Louie
- † My sisters by Msgr. Bakhos

- † Jocelyne Chahine (Pittsburgh) by her children and grandchildren
 † Susan Saseen by her granddaughter Ginny Naswadi
 † Nancy Valles by Vickie Joseph
 † Josie Fertig, Arlene Magnone, Caroline McDowell, Carla Ferris, Lacey Magnone, Amanda Buzzard, Maria Rayl, Brea Wayt, Angela Snyder, Sherry Sullivan by Libby G. Magnone
 † Diane Frenn and Brenda Riedel by Dr. Adel and Justin Frenn and Andreah, Zack & Christian Riedel
 † Margaret Jean Joseph Weisner by Mary Beth Weisner
 † Dolores Oser by Debbie & Mark Huffman
 † Nikki J. Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich, PJ Lenz, Lindsay and Luke Lenz
 † Nikki A. Popovich by Joe Popovich
 † Nikki Popovich and Helen Fielding by their daughter Nicky Lenz and Family
 † Sally Joseph by Nicky Lenz and Family
 † Andreah Riedel by Dr. Adel & Diane and Justin and Zack and Christian Riedel
 † Libby G. Magnone by her godchild Pat Stees

Coming Parish Events

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| Sunday, May 4 | May Procession. Ma'lia Shia will be the May Queen. |
| Sunday, May 11 | Mother's Day Brunch served by the gentlemen of the parish after Mass |
| Spring Bake Sale | Kibbee baking: Wednesday, May 14 Meat pie baking: Thursday, May 15 Order pick-up: Saturday, May 17 |
| Sunday, June 15 | Father's Day |
| Thanksgiving Bake Sale | ??????? |

Mother's Day Brunch (Sunday, May 11 after Mass)

On Mother's Day, Sunday May 11, the gentlemen of the parish are serving a brunch to honor all mothers. In return, the ladies will serve a brunch on Fathers' Day, June 15th to honor all fathers. All are invited.

Festival (Mahrajan) News (Sunday, August 10 from 11 to 6pm)

--**Outdoor Mass** at Oglebay at 10:00 a.m. Booths open after Mass. No Mass at the church on August 10th.

--**Table Reservations** (ready to be reserved):

1-Under the Tent = \$130. One (1) table and eight (8) chairs under the tent.

2-Open-air = \$65. One (1) wooden picnic table in open-air (under the trees).

Reservation due date: May 15, 2025. Please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688 to reserve a table.

--**50/50 RAFFLE Tickets \$10,000 Prize** (Ready for sale):

...The festival 50/50 Raffle tickets are now ready for sale for \$20 per ticket! We have only printed 1,000 tickets. If all tickets are sold, there is an opportunity to win \$10,000 Cash! Tickets can be purchased from Monsignor Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Once received, Monsignor will fill-out the raffle ticket and mail the stub to the buyer. THANK YOU for helping us defraying the expenses of the Festival.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

- May 5: Eden DeMuth
 May 6: Nikki Lenz
 May 16: Jacqueline Petros
 May 17: Tina Kitlak, David Weisner
 May 18: Millet L. Fadoul
 May 23: Danny Ferrera
 May 27: Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin
 May 30: Josie Stees Fertig
 June 1: Billy Committee

June 2: Debbie Sengewalt

June 5: Earl "Mickey" Duffy, Kenly George

| <i>Your Church Support Last Week</i> | |
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| \$1,047.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 317.00 | 2 nd collection: Home Missions |
| 48.00 | Candles |
| 11.00 | Coffee hour |
| 267.00 | Donation to the church |
| 1,290.00 | Mahrajan |
| \$2,980.00 | 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)

Brian Bleifus, Earl & Linda Duffy, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Mary Ragase, Becky Ferrera, Gavin Hancher, Monroe DeLuca, Sally Sengewalt, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Anthony Wakim, Fran Saseen, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Denny Albaugh, Rita Rae Sage,

What's New?

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

Question & Answer (#12)

Question #13: "Why does God make us suffer from abuse and diseases like cancer?"

Answer #13: God doesn't make us suffer from abuse and disease, although He sometimes permits them.

To understand evil, we need to understand God. God has one ultimate "will," but this "will" is expressed in two ways: His *positive* will and His *passive* will. His positive will is what brings about all the good we see. His passive will *allows* evil to happen, but only because God intends to bring about a greater good from it. Evil happens because of man's free choices. God simply allows some of man's choices to bring about their natural consequences. Even so, God can bring greater good from this.

Let's say a man has lived a very selfish life that includes heavy drinking and abuse of his wife. God may allow this man to lose his health because He knows that if the man stays healthy, he will continue to seriously sin. But, if the man is incapacitated, he may come to see the true beauty of his wife, and then may reconcile himself to God and his spouse. Much good can come from suffering if we embrace it when it comes our way.

One final point. God understands our suffering through the suffering of Christ on the cross. We can link our sufferings with the sufferings of Jesus on the cross and, thus, offer them up as gifts to the Father.

Giving in Scriptures

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents.

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "**Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.**" (Mk 12:41-44)

Spirituality: Sanctity

Sanctity is not a question of relinquishing or abandoning or giving up something for Christ; it is a question of exchange. Our Lord never said it was wrong to love the world. He said only that it was a loss, for **“what shall a person give in exchange for his soul?”** Exchange is founded on the fact that there are two classes of goods: first, things that we can get along without; second, things we cannot get along without. I can very well get along without dime, but I cannot get along without the bread that it will buy, and so I exchange one for the other. So, too, in the spiritual world, I soon learn that there are many things I can get along without, and as I grow in acquaintance with Christ, I find that I can get along without sin, but I cannot get along without his peace of conscience, and so I exchange one for the other. Later on, as I get to know him better, I find that I can get along without an innocent pleasure, but I cannot get along without the pleasure of daily communion with him, and so I exchange one for the other. I find, by a still deeper acquaintance, that I can get along without the world’s good, but not without the wealth of Christ’s grace, and so I exchange one for the other, and that is the vow of poverty. I find that I can get along very well without the pleasures of Christ’s spirit, and I exchange the one for the other, and that is the vow of chastity. I find that I can get along very well without my own will, but I cannot get along without his, and so I exchange the one for the other, and that is the vow of obedience.

Thus the saint goes on exchanging one thing for another. And thus it is that in making himself poor, he became rich, and in making himself a slave, he became free. The gravitation of the earth grows weaker, and the gravitation of the stars grows stronger, until finally, when there is nothing left to exchange, like Paul he cries out: **“For me to die is gain,”** because by that last exchange his gain is Christ in everlasting life.

Sanctity, then, is not giving up the world. It is exchanging the world. It is a continuation of that sublime transaction of the Incarnation in which Christ said to humanity:

“You give Me your humanity, I will give you My Divinity.

You give Me your time, I will give you My eternity.

You give Me your bonds, I will give you My omnipotence.

You give Me your slavery, I will give you My freedom.

You give Me your death, I will give you My life.

You give Me your nothingness, I will give you My all.

And the consoling thought throughout this whole transforming process is that it does not require much time; it requires only much love.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, *In the Fullness of Time*, pp.111-113.

Wisdom: Tough questions

2 tough questions

Question 1: If you knew a woman who was pregnant, who had 8 kids already, three who were deaf, two who were blind, one mentally retarded, and she had syphilis, would you recommend that she have an abortion?

Read the next question before looking at the response for this one.

Question 2: It is time to elect a new world leader, and only your vote counts.

Here are the facts about the three candidates. Who would you vote for?

Candidate A: Associates with crooked politicians, and consults with astrologist. He's had two mistresses. He also chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B: He was kicked out of office twice, sleeps until noon, used opium in college, and drinks a quart of whiskey every evening.

Candidate C: He is a decorated war hero. He's a vegetarian, doesn't smoke, drinks an occasional beer, and never cheated on his wife.

Which of these candidates would be your choice?

Decide first... no peeking, then read down the response.

Candidate A. is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Candidate B. is Winston Churchill.

Candidate C. is Adolph Hitler.

And, by the way, on your answer to the abortion question: If you said YES, you just killed Beethoven.

Pretty interesting isn't it? Makes a person think before judging someone.

Wait till you see the end of this note! Keep reading.

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember:

Amateurs...built the ark. Professionals...built the Titanic. And Finally, can you imagine working for a company that has a little more than 500 employees and has the following statistics:

- 29 have been accused of spousal abuse
- 7 have been arrested for fraud
- 19 have been accused of writing bad checks
- 117 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses
- 3 have done time for assault
- 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
- 8 have been arrested for shoplifting
- 21 are currently defendants in lawsuits
- 84 have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year...

Can you guess which organization this is?

Give up yet? It's the 535 members of the United States Congress. The same group that crank out hundreds of new laws each year designed to keep the rest of us in line.

Story

Years ago, a hardworking man took his family from New York State to Australia to take advantage of a work opportunity there. Part of this man's family was handsome young son who had aspirations of joining the circus as a trapeze artist or an actor. This young fellow, biding his time until a circus job or even one as a stagehand came along, worked at the local shipyards which bordered on the worse section of town.

Walking home from work one evening this young man was attacked by five thugs who wanted to rob him. Instead of just giving up his money the young fellow resisted. However, they bested him easily and proceeded to beat him to a pulp. They mashed his face with their boots, and kicked and beat his body brutally with clubs, leaving him for dead. When the police happened to find him lying in the road, they assumed he was dead and called for the Morgue Wagon.

On the way to the morgue a policeman heard him gasp for air, and they immediately took him to the emergency unit at the hospital. When he was placed on a gurney a nurse remarked to her horror, that this young man no longer had a face. Each eye socket was smashed, his skull, legs, and arms fractured, his nose literally hanging from his face, all his teeth were gone, and his jaw was almost completely torn from his skull.

Although his life was spared, he spent over a year in the hospital. When he finally left his body may have healed but his face was disgusting to look at. He was no longer the handsome youth that everyone admired.

When the young man started to look for work again, he was turned down by everyone just on account of the way he looked. One potential employer suggested to him that he join the freak show at the circus as The Man Who Had No Face. And he did this for a while. He was still rejected by everyone and no one wanted to be seen in his company.

He had thoughts of suicide. This went on for five years.

One day he passed a church and sought some solace there. Entering the church, he encountered a priest who had saw him sobbing while kneeling in a pew. The priest took pity on him and took him to the rectory where they talked at length. The priest was impressed with him to such a degree that he said that he would do everything possible for him that could be done to restore his dignity and life, if the young man would promise to be the best Catholic, he could be, and trust in God's mercy to free him from his torturous life. The young man went to Mass and communion every day, and after thanking God for saving his life, asked God to only give him peace of mind and the grace to be the best man he could ever be in His eyes.

The priest, through his personal contacts was able to secure the services of the best plastic surgeon in Australia. They would be no cost to the young man, as the doctor was the priest's best friend. The doctor too was so impressed by the young man, whose outlook now on life, even though he had experienced the worse was filled with good humor and love.

The surgery was a miraculous success. All the best dental work was also done for him. The young man became everything he promised God he would be. He was also blessed with a wonderful, beautiful wife, and many children, and success in an industry which would have been the furthest thing from his mind as a career if not for the goodness of God and the love of the people who cared for him. This he acknowledges publicly. The young man was and is Mel Gibson.

Jokes (165)

Truth

The great Gensha once invited a court official to tea.

After the customary greetings, the official said, *"I do not wish to squander this opportunity of spending some time in the presence in spite of our having it in our daily of so great a Master. Tell me, what does it mean when they say that life we do not see it?"*

Gensha offered the man a piece of cake. Then he served him his tea. After eating and drinking, the official, thinking that the Master had not heard his first sentence, repeated the question. *"Yes, of course,"* said the Master. *"This is what it means: that we do not see it even though we have it in our daily life."*

Love

A massively built woman strode into the registrar's office, slamming the door shut behind her.

"Did you or did you not issue this license for me to marry Jacob JACOBSON?" she said, slamming the document on the table.

The registrar inspected the document closely through his thick glasses. *"Yes, ma'am, I believe I did. Why?"* *"Because,"* said the woman, *"he's escaped. What are you going to do about it?"*

Love

A teacher observed that one of the little boys in her class was pensive and withdrawn.

"What are you worried about?" she asked.

"My parents," he replied. *"Dad works all day to keep me clothed and fed and sent to the best school in town. And he's working overtime to be able to send me to college. Mom spends all day cooking and cleaning and ironing and shopping so I have nothing to worry about."*

"Why, then, are you worried?"

"I'm afraid they might try to escape."

Happiness and Marriage

At a wedding reception a woman and her friend watched the newly married couple cut their cake. As they watched, the woman remarked to her friend, "I never knew what true happiness was until I got married, but by then it was too late."

Man without Mirth

A man without mirth is like a wagon without springs: He is jolted disagreeably by every pebble in the road.
(Henry Ward Beecher)

Make Someone Happy

The late Congressman Sol Bloom would habitually drop a coin into the street. When someone asked why, he said, laughingly, "Oh, somebody is sure to find it and be happy the rest of the day."

Too Much Good

Excess: Too much of a good thing is wonderful!

Delighted Lightning Bug

Here is a "bright" opening: "I am delighted to speak to you today. Like the lightening bug who backed into a fan."

Famous Quotes (60)

Be Fair When You Judge Other People

Jesus said, "Do not judge other people. Then you will not be judged. You will be judged in the same way you judge others. You will be measured in the same way you measure others. "You look at the bit of sawdust in your friend's eye. But you pay no attention to the piece of wood in your own eye. How can you say to your friend, 'Let me take the bit of sawdust out of your eye'? How can you say this while there is a piece of wood in your own eye? You pretender! First take the piece of wood out of your own eye. Then you will be able to see clearly to take the bit of sawdust out of your friend's eye. "Do not give holy things to dogs. Do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they might walk all over them. They might turn around and tear you to pieces.

(Matthew 7: 1-6)