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6th 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 Kourey, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad, Gary Weisner.
 - ***Choir Members:** Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Holly Stahl.
 - ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
 - ***Altar Servers:** Joe Roxby and Christopher AlKhouri
 - ***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President
 - ***Women's Society:** Jeannette Wakim, President
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- ***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.

6th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Ezek 3:1-12; 1Cor 12:12-30 and Mt 10:16-25

It is evident that the gospel of the kingdom has not yet been preached in all the world. It is not reported to have been preached among all the Ethiopians, especially among those beyond the river, nor among the Serae, nor in the East. What are we to say of the Britons, or of the Germans along the ocean, or of the barbarians, Dacians, Samaritans and Scythians, the greatest part of whom have not yet heard the word of the gospel, but who will certainly hear it by the time of the end? If any one is minded to say rashly that the gospel of the kingdom has already been preached in all the world as a testimony to all nations, he will consequently be constrained to say that the end has already come! That would be a most rash statement indicating a lack of understanding.

Therefore the Lord exhorts us to wait with patient and reverent faith until the end comes, for *“Blessed is he that endures to the end.”* It is neither a blessed nothingness that awaits us, nor is nonexistence the fruit, nor annihilation the appointed reward of faith. Rather the end is the final attainment of the promised blessedness. They are blessed who endure until the goal of perfect happiness is reached, when the expectation of faith reaches toward complete fulfillment. Their end is to abide with unbroken rest in that condition toward which they are presently pressing.

This Weekend, Sat-Sun. July 12-13: 6th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 12 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Judy Ghaphery by Mrs. Jean Weisner
- ✠ Bill Blazier by the Weisner Family
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby

Sunday, July 13 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Rose Olinski (Birthday) by Mary ragase
- ✠ Tom and Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise
- ✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, July 14: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, July 15, Mass at Noon:

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

Wednesday, July 16: No Mass. Office works.

Thursday, July 17, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Robert & Laurel Kate Matiasek by their Last Will
- ✠ Walter Elwartoski (Birthday) by his son Richard
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Friday, July 18: No Mass.

Next Weekend, Sat-Sun. July 19-20: Saint Sharbel

Saturday, July 19 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Judy Ghaphery by Mrs. Jean Weisner
- ✠ Bill & Luanna Frazier by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby

Sunday, July 20 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ LaVerne Thomas (Anniversary) by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack & Christian Riedel

✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone
 ✠ Judy Ghaphery by Mrs. Jean Weisner

Coming Parish Events

Women Society meeting	Sunday, July 13 after 10:30 am Mass
Food Handling Classes	Thursday, July 17 at 5:30 pm at our Cedar Hall. (Please call Jeannette 304-551-3934 for information)
Cedar Club meeting	Sunday, July 20 after 10:30 am Mass
Kibbee baking for the festival	TUESDAY, JULY 29 th
Fall Bake Sale	???????

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):

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

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.

--**Youth Dance Troupe:** We are calling all parish youth interested in the OLOL Dance Troup practices for the Festival will begin on Sunday, June 1, immediately following 10:30 a.m, Mass. Please contact Mariana Alkhouri at 304-231-6234. If you are interested. Yalla!

-- **NEW at the 2025 Lebanese Festival!**

The Lebanese Festival Committee has exciting news to share with you! This year, we have added two new menu items to our festival: **ALMAZA Lebanese Beer** – A pure malt beer imported from Lebanon and **Pistachio & Kataifi Chocolates** – The OLOL church version of the viral Dubai Chocolate bar featuring a pistachio cream and crunchy Kataifi filling covered in milk or dark chocolate. Please be sure to try these two new items! Many thanks to Mark McLaughlin and Emmalena Khourey for bringing these new items to the festival committee!

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

July 14: Chloe Imer
 July 15: Denny Albaugh
 July 16: Payton Wilson, Pam Obyc
 July 20: Shirley George
 July 22: Grace Klein, Mark Boehm
 July 25: Ma'lia Shia
 July 26: Anna Marie Duymich
 July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns
 August 1: Anthony Ferrera
 August 2: Rosella C. DeMuth
 August 10: Thomasina Geimer

Your Church Support Last Week

\$2,244.00	Sunday Collection
93.00	Candles
18.00	Coffee Hour

965.00	Mahrajan
\$3,320.00	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), Earl & Kenny Joseph, 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?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to all our Volunteer Angels who helped the Festival Committee prepare the **2025 Lebanese Festival Brochure mailing!** It was a major mailing to over 2,300 parishioners and friends of OLOL Church. Everyone did a GREAT job and made the task quick, efficient, and fun. We appreciate and love our Volunteer Angels!! May God Bless your heart and hands!

Question & Answer (#24)

Question #24: "What is the difference between the Old and New Testaments?"

Answer #24 : The Old Testament is the collection of books that record the story of the creation of man; the fall of man through sin; the giving of the Law (including the Ten Commandments); the promise of God given to us through the prophets of a Messiah (Jesus); the life and trials of the chosen people -the Jews, as they struggled to be faithful while waiting for the Messiah; and the events leading up to the birth of Jesus.

The Old Testament contains 46 books which are traditionally divided into four categories: the Pentateuch, the historical books, the wisdom books and the prophetic books. A list of the books in each of these categories can usually be found in the instructional pages of your Bible.

The New Testament begins with the birth of Jesus, but it tells us little about the life of Christ before He began His public ministry around age 30.

The New Testament can also be divided into four kinds of writing: gospels (summaries of Jesus' life and teaching), the letters (called epistles) of various apostles and apostolic men (Paul, Peter, James, John, Jude and the author of Hebrews) to early Catholic communities, the Acts of the Apostles (a history of the early Christians) and the Apocalypse (Revelation). There are 27 books in the New Testament.

In short, the Old Testament is the story of the Jewish people and the New Testament is the story of the Catholic people who were both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews) who accepted and followed Christ.

Spirituality: Virtues

Thirteen Virtues

1. **TEMPERANCE** - Eat not to dullness; drink not to elevation.
2. **SILENCE** - Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation.
3. **ORDER** - Let all your things have their places; let each part of your business have its time.
4. **RESOLUTION** - Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.
5. **FRUGALITY** - Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; i.e., waste nothing.
6. **INDUSTRY** - Lose no time; be always employ'd in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions.
7. **SINCERITY** - Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly, and, if you speak, speak accordingly.
8. **JUSTICE** - Wrong none by doing injuries, or omitting the benefits that are your duty.
9. **MODERATION** - Avoid extremes; forbear resenting injuries so much as you think they deserve.
10. **CLEANLINESS** - Tolerate no uncleanness in body, cloaths, or habitation.
11. **TRANQUILLITY** - Be not disturbed at trifles, or at accidents common or unavoidable.
12. **CHASTITY** - Rarely use venery but for health or offspring, never to dulness, weakness, or the injury of

your own or another's peace or reputation.

13. HUMILITY - Imitate Jesus and Socrates.

--Benjamin Franklin

Wisdom: We reap what we sow

Dear God, Why didn't you save the school children at?

Moses Lake, Washington 2/2/96

Bethel, Alaska 2/19/97

Pearl, Mississippi 10/1/97

West Paducah, Kentucky 12/1/97

Stamp, Arkansas 12/15/97

Jonesboro, Arkansas 3/24/98

Edinboro, Pennsylvania 4/24/98

Fayetteville, Tennessee 5/19/98

Springfield, Oregon 5/21/98

Richmond, Virginia 6/15/98

Littleton, Colorado 4/20/99

Taber, Alberta, Canada 5/28/99

Conyers, Georgia 5/20/99

Deming, New Mexico 11/19/99

Fort Gibson, Oklahoma 12/6/99

Santee, California 3/ 5/01 and

El Cajon, California 3/22/01?

Sincerely, Concerned Student

Reply:

Dear Concerned Student, I am not allowed in schools. Sincerely, God

How did this get started?

I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found recently) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK.

Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school the Bible says, "You shall not kill, you shall not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself." And we said OK.

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about. And we said OK.

Then someone said teachers and principals better not discipline our children when they misbehave. The school administrators said no faculty member in this school better touch a student when they misbehave because we don't want any bad publicity, and we surely don't want to be sued (there's a big difference between disciplining, touching, beating, smacking, humiliating, kicking, etc.). And we said OK.

Then someone said, let's let our daughters have abortions if they want, and they won't even have to tell their parents. And we said OK.

Then some wise school board member said, since boys will be boys and they're going to do it anyway, let's give our sons all the condoms they want so they can have all the fun they desire, and we won't have to tell their parents they got them at school. And we said OK.

Then some of our top elected officials said it doesn't matter what we do in private as long as we do our jobs. Agreeing with them, we said it doesn't matter to me what anyone, including the President, does in private as long as I have a job and the economy is good. Then someone said let's print magazines with pictures of nude women and call it wholesome, down-to-earth appreciation for the beauty of the female body. And we said OK.

And then someone else took that appreciation a step further and published pictures of nude children and then further again by making them available on the Internet. And we said OK, they're entitled to free speech. Then the entertainment industry said, let's make TV shows and movies that promote profanity, violence, and illicit sex. Let's record music that encourages rape, drugs, murder, suicide, and satanic themes. And we said it's just entertainment, it has no adverse effect, nobody takes it seriously anyway, so go right ahead.

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out.

I think it has a great deal to do with "WE REAP WHAT WE SOW."

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how you can send 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Are you laughing?

Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

Story

“There comes that mysterious is meeting in life when someone acknowledges who we are and what we can be, igniting the circuits of our highest potential.” (R. Berkus)

I began life as a learning-disabled child. I had a distortion of vision called dyslexia. Dyslexic children often learn words quickly, but don't know they don't see them the way other people do. I perceived my world as a wonderful place filled with these shapes called words and developed a rather extensive sight vocabulary that made my parents quite optimistic about my ability to learn. To my horror, I discovered in the first grade that letters were more important than words. Dyslexic children make them upside down and backwards, and don't even arrange them in the same order as everybody else. So, my first-grade teacher called me learning-disabled. She wrote down her observations and passed them on to my second-grade teacher over the summer so she could develop an appropriate bias against me before I arrived. I entered the second grade able to see the answers to math problems but having no idea what the busy work was to reach them, and discovered that the busy work was more important than the answer. Now I was totally intimidated by the learning process, so I developed a stutter. Being unable to speak up assertively, unable to perform normal math functions and arranging letters inappropriately, I was a complete disaster. I developed the strategy of moving to the back of each class, staying out of sight and, when apprehended and called upon, muttering or mumbling, “I d-d-don't kn-kn-know.” That sealed my fate.

My third-grade teacher knew before I arrived that I couldn't speak, write, read or do mathematics, so she had no real optimism toward dealing with me. I discovered malingering as a basic tool to get through school. This allowed me to spend more time with the school nurse than the teacher or find vague reasons to stay home or be sent home. That was my strategy in the third and fourth grades. Just as I was about to die intellectually, I entered the fifth grade and God placed me under the tutelage of the awesome Miss Holly, known in the western United States as one of the most formidable elementary school teachers ever to walk the Rocky Mountains. This incredible woman, whose six-foot-frame towered above me, put her arms around me and said, “He's not learning-disabled, he's eccentric.” Now, people view the potential of an eccentric child far more optimistically than a plain old disabled one. But she didn't leave it there. She said, “I've talked with your mother and she says when she reads something to you, you remember it almost photographically. You just don't do it well when you're asked to assemble all the words and pieces. And reading out loud appears to be a problem, so when I'm going to call on you to read in my class, I'll let you know in advance so you can go home and memorize it the night before, then we'll fake it in front of the other kids. Also, Mom says when you look something over, you can talk about it with great understanding, but when she asks you to read it word for word and even write something about it, you appear to get hung up in the letters and stuff and lose the meaning. So, when the other kids are asked to read and write those worksheets I give them, you can go home and under less pressure on your own time do them and bring them back to me the next day.” She also said, “I notice you appear to be hesitant and fearful to express your thoughts and I believe that any idea a person has is worth considering. I've looked into this and I'm not sure it will work, but it helped a man named Demosthenes -can you say Demosthenes?” “D-d-d-d.

She said, "Well, you will be able to. He had an unruly tongue, so he put stones in his mouth and practiced until he got control of it. So, I've got a couple of marbles, too big for you to swallow, that I've washed off. From now on when I call on you, I'd like you to put them in your mouth and stand up and speak up until I can hear and understand you." And, of course, supported by her manifest belief in and understanding of me I took the risk, tamed my tongue, and was able to speak.

The next year I went on to the sixth grade, and to my delight, so did Miss Holly. So, I had the opportunity to spend two full years under her tutelage. I kept track of Miss Holly over the years and learned a few years ago that she was terminally ill with cancer. Knowing how lonely she would be with her only special student over 1,000 miles away, I naively bought a plane ticket and traveled all that distance to stand in line (at least figuratively) behind several hundred other of her special students -people who had also kept track of her and had made a pilgrimage to renew their association and share their affection for her in the latter period of her life. The group was a very interesting mix of people- 3 U.S. Senators, 12 state legislators and a number of chief executive officers of corporations and businesses. The interesting thing, in comparing notes, is that three-fourths of us went into the fifth grade quite intimidated by the educational process, believing we were incapable, insignificant and at the mercy of fate or luck. We emerged from our contact with Miss Holly believing we were capable, significant, influential people who had the capacity to make a difference in life if we would try.

Jokes (174)

Have you find Jesus?

A drunk stumbles along a Baptismal service on a Sunday afternoon down by the river. He proceeds to stumble down into the water and stands next to the Minister.

The Minister turns, notices the old drunk and says, "*Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?*" The drunk looks back and says, "*Yes sir, I am.*" The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up.

"*Have your found Jesus?*" the Minister asked. "*No, I didn't!*" said the drunk.

The Minister then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, "*Now brother, have you found Jesus?*" "*No, I did not!*" said the drunk again.

Disgusted, the Minister holds the man under for at least 30 seconds this time, brings him up and demands, "*For the grace of God, have you found Jesus yet?!!!?*" The old drunk wipes his eyes and pleads, "*Are you sure this is where he fell in?*"

Missioner Tales

James O'Brien wrote: "*The Aymara people in the Peruvian altiplano greet you by saying, "May God give you a nice day." This is mild compared to Quechua people, who often use the ancient greeting inherited from the Inca culture, "Don't be a liar; don't be lazy; don't be a thief." The reply to both is, "The same to you."*

Education

Noticing that his father was growing old, the son of a burglar said: "Father, teach me your trade so that when you retire I may carry on the family tradition."

The father did not reply but that night he took the boy along with him to break into a house. Once inside, he opened a closet and asked his son to find out what was inside. No sooner had the lad stepped in then the father slammed the door shut and bolted it making such noise in the process that the whole house was awakened. Then he himself slipped quietly away.

Inside the closet the boy was terrified, angry and puzzled as to how he was going to make his escape. Then an idea came to him. He began to make a noise like a cat; whereupon a servant lit a candle and opened the closet to let the cat out. The boy jumped out as soon as the closet door opened and everyone gave chase. Observing a well beside the road he threw a large stone into it and hid in the shadows; then stole away while his pursuers peered into the depths hoping to see the burglar drown.

Back home again the boy forgot his anger in his eagerness to tell his story. But his father said: "Why tell me the tale? You are here. That is enough. You have learnt the trade."

Smart Answer

With the help of a MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS a woman tried for hours to assemble a complicated new appliance she had recently bought. She finally gave up and left the pieces all over the kitchen table. Imagine her surprise when she got back several hours later to find the machine put together by the housemaid and functioning perfectly.

“How on earth did you do that?” she exclaimed. “Well Ma’aam, when you don’t know how to read you’re forced to use your brains,” was the serene reply.

Famous Quotes (65)

--Even if you are under pressure, time spent taking a regular break will increase your overall productivity. But make it a real break; don’t just switch to another demanding task ... Lack of sleep is a major reason for poor concentration. Learn to take catnaps or use a meditation technique instead of a drug to help you to keep going until you get a good night’s rest. (William Bennett, M.D.)

--If you would be pungent, be brief; for it is with words as with sunbeams the more they are condensed, the deeper they burn. (Robert Southey)

--When you’ve got a thing to say, Say it! Don’t take half a day.

When your tale’s got little in it, Crowd the whole thing in a minute! (Joel Chandler Harris)

--Make yourself necessary to somebody. Do not make life hard to any. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

--Be neither too remote nor too familiar. (Charles, Prince of Wales)

--Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none. (Benjamin Franklin)

--Don’t be too sweet, lest you be eaten up; don’t be too bitter lest you be spewed out. (Jewish proverb)

--My code of life and conduct is simply this; work hard; play to the allowable limit; disregard equally the good and bad opinion of others; never do a friend a dirty trick; ... never grow indignant over anything; ... live the moment to the utmost of its possibilities; ... and be satisfied with life always, but never with oneself.

(George Jean Nathan)

--Always be nice to people on the way up; because you’ll meet the same people on the way down. (Wilson Mizner)

--If you treat people right they will treat you right—ninety percent of the time. (Franklin D. Roosevelt)

--Win hearts and you have all men’s hands and purses. (William Cecil Burleigh)

--Among those who stand, do not sit; among those who sit, do not stand.

Among those who laugh, do not weep; among those who weep, do not laugh. (Jewish proverb)

--If you cannot lift the load off another’s back, do not walk away. Try to lighten it. (Frank Tyger)

--Do not appease your fellow in his hour of anger; do not comfort him while the dead is still laid out before him; do not question him in the hour of his vow; and do not strive to see him in his hour of misfortune. (Rabbi Simeon ben Eleazar)

--Think twice before you speak to a friend in need. (Ambrose Bierce)

--Never content with a man who has nothing to lose. (Baltasar Gracian)

--The best armor is to keep out of range. (Italian proverb)

--Whoever battles with monsters had better see that it does not turn him into a monster. And if you gaze long into an abyss, the abyss will gaze back at you. (Friedrich Nietzsche)

--Above all things, never be afraid. The enemy who forces you to retreat is himself afraid of you at that very moment. (André Maurois)

--You don’t learn to hold your own in the world by standing on guard, but by attacking, and getting well-hammered yourself. (George Bernard Shaw)

--Don’t hit at all if it is honorably possible to avoid hitting; but never hit soft! (Theodore Roosevelt)

--Never contend with one that is foolish, proud, positive, testy, or with a superior, or a clown, in matter of argument. (Thomas Fuller)

--Go after a man’s weakness, and never, ever, threaten unless you’re going to follow through, because if you don’t, the next time you won’t be taken seriously. (Roy M. Cohn)

--When you meet your antagonist, do everything in a mild and agreeable manner. Let your courage be as keen, but at the same time as polished, as your sword. (Richard Brinsley Sheridan)

--Keep your broken arm inside your sleeve. (Chinese proverb)