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2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.
 - ***Weekday Masses:** Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon
Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.
 - ***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 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.

2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross

Readings: Joel 2:1-13; 1Cor 15:19-34 and Mt 24:1-14

If we think of the terrible crimes that we have witnessed in our time (drive-by shootings, deadly rampages in our public schools, mass murders, drug addiction, and all forms of demonic behavior), these magic people did not just suddenly wake up one morning and decide out of the blue that they were going to do these terrible things; it was the result of years of wrongful thinking on their part, wrongful imagery.

We have seen over the last few years younger and younger people committing terrible atrocities. The recent wave of school shootings is really only a symptom of the way our society is going. Make no mistake: these young people are not the lunatic fringe, they are our children, pointing out the direction our society is headed. Take a look at the images the world is presenting to our youth: images of graphic violence and lack of respect for human life. Images that make ugliness and disharmony seem normal. Images that desensitize our youth to the hideous and the harmful. Children play computer games that expose them to murderous destruction, developing sniper skills with which they shoot people for fun. In our society abortion is considered normal, and it is taught that it is a woman's right to murder her own child. Is it any wonder that these things are happening?

We need to return to God. We need to provide our youth with healthy and healing images. We need to allow them to stand before the Living God and gaze upon His countenance.

Mass Schedule, This Weekend: Sat.-Sunday, September 27-28 ***2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross***

Saturday, September 27, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Doug Emmerth
- ✠ Dennis Fahey (Birthday) by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- ✠ Dana Burkhart (Wedding Anniversary) by his wife Carol

Sunday, September 28, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

Weekdays Mass Schedule

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

Tuesday, September 30, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Doug Emmerth
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday, October 1: No Mass. Office Work.

Thursday, October 2, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Phil Emmerth
- ✠ Mike Joseph (Anniversary) by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Friday, October 3: No Mass. Office Work.

Mass Schedule, next Weekend: Sat.-Sunday, October 4-5 ***3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross***

Saturday, October 4, Mass at 4:00 p.m.: Mass will be followed by Benediction

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Phil Emmerth
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

✠ Lucy Gibbons and Martha Ruggiero by Rosemary & Jim Carroll

Sunday, October 5, Mass at 10:30 a.m.: Mass will be followed by Benediction

✠ Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. By Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey

✠ Kenny Joseph by Ann Barker

Coming Parish Events

Saturday, September 27	First Communion class at 11:00 am inside the church
November 10 thru 15 th	Monday, November 10: dicing onions Tuesday, November 11: Browning meat Wednesday, November 12: Baking kibbee Thursday, November 13: Meat Pies Saturday, November 15: Orders pick-up

First Communion Classes

First Communion classes will take place at our church every other Saturday starting on Saturday, September 27th at 11:00 am. Children 7 year old are eligible. Parents must attend the classes inside the church with their children. Please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688

Mahrajan Updating

Golden Sponsors needed

--Arch for Mahrajan entrance sponsored by Assad Rahi (he will be Diamond Sponsor in next year Ad Book)

--In the next Mahrajan 2026, We will welcome our guests at the entrance Arch and offer them four or five \$100.00 cash Door Prizes in return of having their addresses in order to keep them informed about our festival program, food and activities.

-1st Prize will be given in Honor of Don & Lori Nickerson (Their names will be written on the Golden Level in Ad Book)

-2nd and 3rd Prizes will be given in Honor of Rose Hebdo-Oberst (Ohio) (Her name will be written on the Diamond Level in Ad Book)

-4th Prize of \$100 will be given in Honor of Hankish Family by Rose Hankish: (Her name will be written on the Golden Level in Ad Book)

(Please sponsor me)

-5th Prize of \$100 will be given in Honor of: (Please sponsor me)

Other Donations

--The Festival needs lot of donations to cover some related expenses like treating the football team and the volunteers with a dinner. If you are blessed by God with wealth, your name will be written in the Ad Book on three levels: Diamond \$200 and over, Golden \$100-\$199 and Silver under \$99. Let us keep the tradition going. Please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688 to make your donation. May God reward you many folds.

All Souls Two Week Masses (From November 1st until November 9th)

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

If you need to add your deceased parents or beloved ones to All Souls Masses, please write their names and hand your note to Msgr Bakhos.

Special day remembrance during these two week Masses for All Souls:

Sunday, November 2:

✠ Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik (Wedding Anniversary) by George & Susan Saseen and Family

Sunday, November 9:

✠ Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

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
- † 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
- † Youssef Chahine by his wife Jocelyne and Family (PA)
- † Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac
- † John Shibben by his wife Dee
- † Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)
- † Sarah Harb (sister of Benefactor Jamil Harb) by the Family
- † Najla Nassar and Nawal El-Hage by Anthony & Rena Nassar and Family
- † Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise
- † Deceased of the Gibbons and Otterbecks Families by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † Deceased of the Coury Family by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † Helen & Al Schroeder by their son Mark and daughter Jane Wine
- † Suzanne Bush by Mark Schroeder
- † Martha Paul by Mark Schroeder
- † Frank Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
- † Deceased Members of Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin Family by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Deceased Members of Elias & Selma Joseph Family by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Mike Joseph by his wife Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Mildred Daniel by Vickie Joseph
- † Sam Daniel by Vickie Joseph
- † Rosemary Coury by Dick Coury
- † Eva Coury by Dick Coury
- † Marianna Khoury by Dick Coury
- † Attorney Edward Khoury by Dick Coury
- † Attorney Clinton Coury by Dick Coury
- † Thomas A. & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- † Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- † Mary Piko and Lottie Elwartoski by Marcia Laughlin
- † George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Family
- † Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik by George & Susan Saseen and Family
- † Debbie Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Family
- † Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty (OK)
- † Deceased of the Hebdo Family by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- † Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Zack, Andrea & Christian Riedel
- † Jim & LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Zack, Andrea & Christian Riedel
- † Deceased of the Rahi and Rouhana Families by Alicia & Scott Peklinski
- † Kenny Joseph by his wife Nancy Joseph and the Tucker Family
- † Bryan Joseph (grandson) by Nancy Joseph and the Tucker Family
- † Martha Ruggiero and Lucy Gibbons by Rose Marie and Jim Carroll
- † Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Connell
- † Bernard & Marie Connell by Jim & Pat Connell
- † Deceased of the Bott Family by Don & Roberta Henning
- † Deceased of the Henning Family by Don & Roberta Henning

- † Dolores & George A. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Philip & Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Alfred Felici by Francie Felici and Brian Felici and Stephanie Richards and Families
- † Deceased of the Glaser and Boehm Families by the Family
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt and Family
- † Cathy (Sharp) Howard by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt and Family
- † Deceased members of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler
- † Deceased members of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler
- † Dolores and Reszo Palotay by the Palotay Family
- † Diane Palotay by the Palotay Family
- † Jerrie Williams by the Palotay Family
- † Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
- † Samuel J. Hebdo by his daughter Rose Oberst
- † Vincent & Agnes Jacovetty by Patty & George Fahey
- † Dennis & Jane Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Jim Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Sam, Robert & Vincent Lee Jacovetty by George & Patty Fahey
- † Richard W. Frazier by his wife Luane and two sons and three grandsons
- † Cecilia Anne Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- † Tony & Charlotte George by the George Family (MN)
- † Michael George and Greg George by the George Family (MN)
- † Sam & Maryanna George by the George Family (MN)
- † Albert & Beatrice Stiles by the George Family (MN)
- † Gerard Olinski by Mary Ragase
- † Helen & Earl Ragase by Mary Ragase
- † Earl Ragase by Mary Ragase
- † Merle McConn by Mary Ragase
- † Stanley & Rose Olinski by Mary Ragase
- † Lorraine & Alois Marchy by Mary Ragase
- † Kathleen & Rosalie Olinski by Mary Ragase
- † Susie Marie Fadoul by her husband Millet and Family
- † George Alan Weisner by Jean Weisner and Family
- † Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Weisner and Joseph Families
- † Deceased of the Maroon & Mary catherine Habeb Families by the Weisner and Joseph Families
- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Jean Weisner
- † Deceased of the Weisner, Bishop & Schmeichel Families by Jean Weisner and Family
- † Betty Abraham, Clara Carter, Evelyn Goodson & Kenny Joseph by Jean Weisner and Family
- † Ethyl Brinkman and Bevlah Laas by Jean Weisner and Family
- † Linda Hostutler by Gary Weisner
- † Deceased of Anna & Gus Shia Family by Sue Jochum and Family
- † Tim, Ginny and Martha Shia by Sue Jochum and Family
- † Tom Jochum by Sue Jochum and Family
- † Tom & Edna Jochum by Sue Jochum and Family
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Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

October 4: Leo Bleifus
 October 6: Joe Popovich, Frank Duymich
 October 10: Linda Duffy
 October 15: Denise "Nini" Miller
 October 16: Karen John, Natalie DeMuth Mulvey
 October 20: Courtney Sengewalt
 October 24: Jonathan D. Fadoul
 October 27: Holly (Porter) Stahl

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,781.00	Sunday Collection
70.00	Candles
85.00	Donation to the church
15.00	Mahrajan
\$1,951.00	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)

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

Around Us

Priesthood Discernment Weekend

The Office of Vocations of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn will hold a discernment weekend from Friday, October 31st to Sunday, November 2nd, at the Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in Washington, DC.

If you know of anyone discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or if anyone wants more information, please fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/vS767wXLcavCcsDH9>

This is an opportunity for those discerning their vocation to experience a weekend in the life of a seminarian by joining the Divine Liturgy, Adoration, meals, prayers, and spending time together at the Seminary.

For more information, please ask Msgr. Bakhos

Young Adults Conference

All young adults in our parish are encouraged to attend the MYA Eparchial Conference in Houston, TX, October 24–26. Please register ASAP at www.ololmya.org

Question & Answer (#34)

Question #34: What is the purpose of fasting during Lent? Is it a sin not to fast or abstain on the days appointed?

Answer: By starving the senses we become more attuned to the Holy Spirit. The senses and appetites often get in the way of our life in Christ. Confucius put it this way: *Look at a window: it is nothing but a hole in the wall, but because of it the whole room is filled with light. So when the faculties are empty, the heart is full of light. Being full of light, it becomes an influence by which others are secretly transformed.*

By fasting we also make the world's resources more available to the poor. We are a very small % of the world's population but we consume over 40% of the world's resources.

Fasting is not what I would consider to be grave matter for mortal sin, but does constitute an unwillingness to grow in the life of the Spirit. Therefore, to deliberately break the fast would constitute some sinful behavior.

Question: Should I fast if I am under doctor's care, and have to eat at certain times?

Answer: Follow your doctor's advice. You are under no obligation if you are taking medications and have to eat at certain times etc.

Spirituality: Music to Christ

There is one harp that any hand can play,
And from its strings what harmonies arise!
There is one song that any mouth can say,
A song that lingers when all singing dies.
When on their beads our Mother's children pray,
Immortal music charms the grateful skies. (Joyce KILMER)

Wisdom: Strong woman

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape...
but a woman of strength builds relationships to keep her soul in shape.
A strong woman isn't afraid of anything...
but a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear.
A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her...
but a woman of strength gives the best of her to everyone.
A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future...
but a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be unexpected blessings and capitalizes on them.
A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face...
but a woman of strength wears grace.
A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey...
but a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong.

Story: Music Lesson

At the prodding of my friends, I am writing this story. I am a former elementary school music teacher. I've always supplemented my income by teaching piano lessons--something I've done for over 30 years. Over the years I found that children have many levels of musical ability. I've never had the pleasure of having a protégée, though I have taught some talented students. However, I've also had my share of what I call "musically challenged" pupils. One such student was Mark who was 11 years old when his mother dropped him off for his first piano lesson. I prefer that students begin at an earlier age, which I explained to Mark. But Mark said that it had always been his mother's dream to hear him play the piano. So, I took him as a student. Well, Mark began with his piano lessons, and from the beginning I thought it was a hopeless endeavor. As much as Mark tried, he lacked the sense of tone and basic rhythm needed to excel. But he dutifully reviewed his scales and some elementary pieces that I require all my students to learn. Over the months he tried and tried while I listened and cringed and tried to encourage him. At the end of each weekly lesson, he always say, "My Mom's going to hear me play someday." But it seemed hopeless. He just did not have any inborn ability. I only knew his mother from a distance as she dropped Mark off or waited in her aged car to pick him up. She always waved and smiled but never stopped in. Then one day Mark stopped coming to our lessons. I thought about calling him but assumed, because of his lack of ability, that he had decided to pursue something else. I also was glad that he stopped coming. He was a bad advertisement for my teaching! Several weeks later I mailed to the student's homes a flyer on the upcoming recital. To my surprise Mark (who received a flyer) asked me if he could be in the recital. I told him that the recital was for current pupils and

because he had dropped out, he really did not qualify. He said that his mom had been sick and unable to take him to piano lessons but he was still practicing. "I've just got to play!" Mark insisted. I don't know what led me to allow him to play in the recital. Maybe it was his persistence, or maybe it was something inside of me saying that it would be all right. The night for the recital came. The high school gymnasium was packed with parents, friends and relatives. I put Mark up last in the program before I was to come up and thank all the students and play a finishing piece. I thought that any damage he would do would come at the end of the program and I could always salvage his poor performance through my "curtain closer."

Well, the recital went off without a hitch. The students had been practicing and it showed. Then Mark came up on stage. His clothes were wrinkled and his hair looked like he'd run an eggbeater through it. "Why didn't he dress up like the other students?" I thought. "Why didn't his mother at least make him comb his hair for this special night?" Mark pulled out the piano bench and he began. I was surprised when he announced that he had chosen Mozart's Concerto # 1 in C Major. I was not prepared for what I heard next. His fingers were light on the keys, they even danced nimbly on the ivories.

He went from pianissimo to fortissimo ... from allegro to virtuoso. His suspended chords that Mozart demands were magnificent! Never had I heard Mozart played so well by a person his age. After six and a half minutes, he ended in a grand crescendo and everyone was on their feet in wild applause.

Overcome and in tears I ran up on stage and put my arms around Mark in joy. "I've never heard you play like that Mark! How'd you do it?"

Through the microphone Mark explained: "Well, remember I told you my mom was sick? Well, actually, she had cancer and passed away this morning. And well ... she was born deaf, so tonight was the first time she ever heard me play. I wanted to make it special."

There wasn't a dry eye in the house that evening. As the people from Social Services led Mark from the stage to be placed into foster care, I noticed that even their eyes were red and puffy and I thought to myself how much richer my life had been for taking Mark as my pupil.

No, I've never had a protégée -- but that night I became a protégée of Mark's. He was the teacher and I was the pupil. For it is he that taught me the meaning of perseverance and love, and believing in yourself, and maybe even taking a chance in someone and you don't know why.

This is especially meaningful to me since Mark was killed in the senseless bombing of Oklahoma City in April of 1995, where he was reportedly.... playing the piano.

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The Self

The Zen Master, Bankei, is said to have founded no school. He left no works and no disciples. He was like a bird that leaves no trace of its flight across the sky.

Of him it was said, "WHEN HE ENTERED THE FOREST NOT A BLADE OF GRASS STIRRED: WHEN HE ENTERED THE WATER NOT A RIPPLE WAS MADE."

He did not encumber the earth. No feat of daring, no conquest or accomplishment or spirituality is to be compared with this: not to encumber the earth.

A man came to Buddha with an offering of flowers in his hands. Buddha looked up at him and said, "DROP IT! He couldn't believe he was being asked to drop the flowers. But then it occurred to him that he was probably being invited to drop the flowers he had in his left hand, since to offer something with one's left hand was considered inauspicious and impolite. So he dropped the flowers that his left hand held.

Still Buddha said, "DROP IT!" This time he dropped all the flowers and stood empty-handed before Buddha who once again said, with a smile, "DROP IT!"

Perplexed, the man asked, "WHAT IS IT I AM SUPPOSED TO DROP?" "NOT THE FLOWERS, SON, BUT THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THEM," was Buddha reply.

Truth

Bodhidharma is considered the first Zen Patriarch. He was the man who took Buddhism from India to China in the sixth century. When he decided to return home he gathered his Chinese disciples around him so he could

appoint someone to succeed him. He put their powers of perception to the test by asking each of them this question: WHAT IS TRUTH?"

Dofuku said: "TRUTH IS WHAT IS BEYOND AFFIRMATION AND NEGATION." Bodhidharma said, "YOU HAVE MY SKIN." The nun Soji said: "IT IS LIKE ANAND'S VISION OF BUDDHALAND GLIMPSED IN A FLASH, ONCE AND FOREVER." Bodhidharma said, "YOU HAVE MY FLESH."

Doiku said: "THE FOUR ELEMENTS OF WIND, WATER, EARTH AND FIRE ARE EMPTY. TRUTH IS NO-THING." Bodhidharma replied, "YOU HAVE MY BONES". Finally the Master looked at Eka who bowed low, smiled and remained silent. Bodhidharma said, "YOU HAVE MY MARROW."

Kirk and His Boss

I once was pretty popular and I was bragging to my boss one day... "You know, I know everyone there is to know. Just name someone, anyone, and I know them." Tired of my boasting, my boss called my bluff, "Okay. Kirk, how about Tom Cruise?" "Sure, yes, Tom and I are old friends, and I can prove it." So, my boss and I fly out to Hollywood and knock on Tom Cruise's door and sure enough. Tom Cruise shouts, "Kirk! Great to see You! You and your friend come right in and join me for lunch!"

Although impressed, my boss was still skeptical. After we leave Cruse's house, he tells me that he thinks my knowing Cruse was just lucky. 'No. Just name anyone else.' I said, "President Bush, my Boss quickly retorts. 'Yep', I said. 'I know him. Let's fly out to Washington.' So, off we go. At the White House, Bush spots me on the tour and motions me and my boss over, saying, "Kirk, what a surprise. I was just on my way to a meeting, but you and your friend come on in and let's have a cup of coffee first and we'll catch up.

Well, my boss is very shaken by now, but still not totally convinced. After we leave the White House grounds, he expresses his doubts to me, and I again implore him to name anyone else. "The new Pope." my boss replies. "Sure!" I say, 'I've known the Pope a long time.' So, off we fly to Rome. My boss and I are assembled with the masses in Vatican Square when I said, "this will never work. I can't catch the Pope's eye among all these people. Tell you what, I know all the guards, so let me just go upstairs and I'll come out on the balcony with the Pope." I disappeared into the crowd headed toward St. Peter's. Sure enough, half an hour later, I emerged with the Pope on the balcony. But by the time I returned. I found that my Boss has had a heart attack, and is surrounded by paramedics! Working my way to my boss' side, I asked him, "What happened?"

My boss looks up and says, 'I was doing fine until you and the Pope came out on the balcony and the Japanese tourist next to me asked, 'Who's that on the balcony with Kirk?'"

Famous Quotes (76)

--Complain to one who can help you.

—Yugoslav proverb

--Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations, cultivate the gift of taciturnity, and consume your own smoke with an extra draft of hard work, so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints. - Sir William Osler

-- Grumble, Grumble

--"Complaining is good for you as long as you're not complaining to the person you're complaining about." - Lynn Johnston

--"Don't tell your problems to people: 80% don't care and the other 20% are glad you have them."

- Former football coach Lou Holtz

--Learn how to pay compliments. Start with the members of your family, and you will find it will become easier later in life to compliment others. It's a great asset. —Letitia Baldrige

--Don't tell a woman she's pretty; tell her there's no other woman like her, and all roads will open to you.

—Jules Renard

--When you can not get a compliment any other way pay yourself one. —Mark Twain

--The best way to turn a woman's head is to tell her she has a beautiful profile. —Sacha Guitry

--When you don't know much about a subject you're explaining, compliment the person you are explaining to on knowing all about it and he will think that you do, too. —Don Marquis

--See not evil in others and good in yourself, but the good in the other and the failings in yourself.