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5th 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.

5th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Readings: Song 5:2-8; Phil 2:12-18 and Mt 25:1-13

Like the bride in the parable of the ten virgins, we know that the bridegroom is coming, but we do not know when: none of us can tell when Christ is coming to take him away in death, no generation of men knows when Christ will return to make the Church triumphant. But because our whole mind and our whole action must be concentrated on that longed-for hour of lodgment, we must always be ready. Lamps are not enough: there must be oil as well. This means that it is not enough to belong outwardly to the Church. We must have a living faith, grace and real love. All equipment and costume are meaningless without them. Only men whose minds are alive with the riches God has given them are ready. Health and beauty, cleverness, energy and courage are of no use if God's grace is not there. Golden lamps of good design are of no use in the dark if they have no oil. **"I never knew you"**, is the answer which Christ will give to those who put their trust in strength, beauty, intelligence or personality, yet had no care for God's word, his grace or love: their lamps were without oil.

Our readiness must be continual. We are not just friends of the bridegroom or the bride, but living members of the Lord's mystical body, living members of the Church, sharing in the betrothal and the marriage. We are not just spectators looking on nearby, not even mere friends invited to the feast. Thus every soul, and the whole Church, should be full of joyful expectancy at Christ's coming. It is natural for us to fear death and try to avoid it, but faith gives us an entirely different view of death. To our naive view of things, death is the end: to faith it is the beginning of great joy. The Christian looks to the future with a restlessness founded in this joy. What Christ has told us, **"keep watch, therefore, as you do not know the day or the hour"**, does not mean a fearful expectancy like that of Noah before the flood, or of the householder who feared the coming of the thief. This waiting of ours is joy. What we are expecting is the fulfillment of the good news, the revelation of God's mystery, the ecstatic happiness of complete communion between God and men. Here will be the fulfillment of all foreshadowing, wishes and longings of ancient myth and Christian mysticism, summed up in the cry of the Apocalypse when the bride says: "Come," and the heavenly Bridegroom answers: "I come quickly."

Mass Schedule, this Weekend: Sat.-Sunday, October 18-19

5th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday, October 18, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Harry F. Nolte (Anniversary) by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne & Family

Sunday, October 19, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise
- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Janet & Jeremy Andrews
- ✠ Lucy Gibbons & Martha Ruggiero by Jim & Rosemary Carroll

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, October 20: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, October 21, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Bess Ferris Garcia (Anniversary) by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday, October 22: No Mass. Office Work.

Thursday, October 23; No Mass. Zoom meeting with Bishop and clergy

Friday, October 24: No Mass. Office Work.

Mass Schedule, next Weekend: Sat.-Sunday, October 18-19 ***5th Sunday after the Holy Cross***

Saturday, October 25, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

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

✠ Kenny Joseph by Janet & Jeremy Morando

✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne & Family

Sunday, October 26, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Freida Siebieda by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family

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

✠ Gerard Olinski (Birthday) by Mary Ragase

Coming Parish Events at glance

Saturday, October 18	First Comunion class at 11:00 am inside the church
Sunday, October 19	Women Society meeting after 10:30 am Mass We welcome Kathy Boehm and Molly Powell as new members
Wednesday, October 22	10:00 am Chicken and Rice cooking class Lunch will be served after the class RSVP: call Jeannette at 304-551-3934 for proper preparations
Sunday, Nov. 1 Sunday, Nov. 8	Presentation by Msgr Bakhos about the similarities and differences between Catholic branches of the whole Catholic 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
Sunday, December 7	Complimentary Christmas Luncheon for all parishioners after Mass

Mahrajan Updating

Golden Sponsors Needed

-5th Prize of \$100 will be given in Honor of Larry & Becky Ferrera (their names will be listed in the nest year Ad Book on the Golden Level)

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. Your generosity will 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 & 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 & Nawal El-Hage by Anthony & Rena Nassar and Family
 ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise
 ✠ Deceased of the Gibbons & Otterbecks Families by Ron & Kim Gibbons
 ✠ Deceased of the Coury Family by Ron & Kim Gibbons
 ✠ Helen & Al Schroeder by their son Mark & 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 & Family
 ✠ Mary Piko & Lottie Elwartoski by Marcia Laughlin
 ✠ George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family
 ✠ Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik by George & Susan Saseen & Family
 ✠ Debbie Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family
 ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty (OK)
 ✠ Deceased of the Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty (OK)
 ✠ 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
 ✠ Deceased of the Rahi and Rouhana Families by Alicia & Scott Peklinski
 ✠ Kenny Joseph by his wife Nancy Joseph & the Tucker Family
 ✠ Bryan Joseph (grandson) by Nancy Joseph & the Tucker Family
 ✠ Martha Ruggiero and Lucy Gibbons by Rose Marie & 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 & Stephanie Richards & Families
- † Deceased of the Glaser & Boehm Families by the Family
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & 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 & June 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 & two sons & 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 & Family
- † 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
- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Jean Weisner
- † Deceased of the Weisner, Bishop & Schmeichel Families by Jean Weisner & Family
- † Betty Abraham, Clara Carter, Evelyn Goodson & Kenny Joseph by Jean Weisner & 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 & Family
- † Tom & Edna Jochum by Sue Jochum & Family
- † Phillip Geimer by his wife Thomasina Geimer
- † Ralph & Mary (Joseph) Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- † Nicholas Bedway Jr. by Judy
- † Michelle Bedway by Mums
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson and Deceased of the Nickerson and Elias Families by Tammy Strong & Family
- † Amelia Elias and Nicholas Elias by Tammy Strong & Family

- † Wanda and Albert Nickerson by Tammy Strong & Family
- † Donald A. Nickerson Sr., by Tammy Strong & Family
- † Robert “Bob” Saseen by Robbie, Fran and Tammy
- † Robert Hunter Jr. & Robert (Robby) Hunter, III by Thomasina Geimer
- † George Alan Weisner by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Kenny Michael Joseph by Mary Beth Weisner
- † John & Judee Parkinson by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Robert Nemar Ayoob by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Frederick Jerome Hikel by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Bryce D. Luginbill by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Robert Albert Weisner, Sr. by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Wayne Emmanuel Guy by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Victims of Recent School/Church shootings by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Mariam & Nimon Joseph (grandparents) by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Anita & Albert Weisner (grandparents) by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Evelyn Goodson by the Goodson Family
- † Deceased members of Sam & Bernadine Elias by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Deceased members of Alphonse & Violet Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Our beloved parents John & Cecilia John and William and Carol Burns by Ron and Susan Burns
- † Our beloved grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph, and Sarah Burns by Ron and Susan Burns
- † All deceased Aunts and Uncles, especially Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sister Mary Thomasina John and Roland & Julia Tappe by Ron and Susan Burns
- † All deceased of The Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus by Ron and Susan Burns
- † Deceased of the Walter Machel Family by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka
- † Deceased of the Harold Kelly Family by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka
- † Mousa Molan, Terri Curtin & Theresa Chapline by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka
- † Deceased of the John W. Sayre Family by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka
- † Deceased of the Timothy Stanton Family by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka
- † Deceased of the Stephen Sofka Family by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka
- † Rose Marie Henry by Patrick Henry
- † Robert E. “Herk” Henry by Patrick Henry
- † Alma Erbacher Welty by Patrick Henry
- † Paul & Anna Orr by Laurie Henry
- † Barbara & Don Wensyel by Laurie Henry

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

- October 20: Courtney Sengewalt
- October 24: Jonathan D. Fadoul
- October 27: Holly (Porter) Stahl
- October 30: Michael Duffy, Andrea Frenn Riedel
- November 4: Libby G. Magnone
- November 8: Mark Wilson
- November 9: Liz Murad, Cindy Thomas
- November 26: Mary Lish
- November 29: Tony Renzella

Your Church Support Last Week

\$2,115.00	Sunday Collection
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61.00	Candles
23.00	Coffee hour
130.00	Mahrajan
160.00	Utilities
\$2,489.00	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, John Frazier. (son of Luane Frazier),

What's New?

Around Us

Young Adults Conference (October 24-26)

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**

Meet the Pope in Lebanon

The Eparchy will be hosting a Pilgrimage to Lebanon on the occasion of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV's visit from November 25 to December 5, 2025.

For more details, please ask Msgr Bakhos

Priesthood Discernment Weekend (Oct. 31-Nov. 2nd)

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

Alpentanz (November 3)

What: the Sycamore Folk Dancers. Songs and dances from Germany, Bavaria and Austria.

Where: St. Alphonsus church, Wheeling

When: Monday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm. Free Admission

Question & Answer (#37)

Question #37: "How do you prove that Catholicism is the 'correct' religion to believe in?"

Answer: First you have to conclude that Jesus was God and the Messiah the world was waiting for. You then need to find out which church is the one true Church He established. To do this, you should look for the church that has all the aspects of the Church identified in Scripture.

Let's first address the question of whether Jesus was God. When considering this question, we can only conclude one of three things: 1) He was a liar, 2) He was a lunatic, or 3) He was Lord. Let me try to succinctly point out He had to be God or Lord.

To begin, Jesus said He was God in several places in Scripture (John 1:1, 5:18; Phil 2:6; Col. 1:15-19) and performed dozens of recorded miracles to substantiate His claim, including walking on water (Mat. 14:25), feeding the 5,000 with just a few loaves of bread and fishes (Mk. 6:34-44), and raising people from the dead (Mat 9:18-26, John 11:1-44). In addition, 10 of the 12 apostles died as martyrs for this belief. (Judas betrayed Jesus and hanged himself, and the apostle John died a natural death.) The 10 apostles who chose to be killed would not have done this had they not believed He was the Messiah or seen Him prove His divinity by His miracles.

Jesus cannot be a liar because He chose to die a brutal death and turned down several requests for world power. A liar (or opportunist) would do neither. He cannot be a madman or “crazy” because His teachings were rational and His thinking was calculated and very clear.

Assuming then that He was God, we need to look for what He came to do. Scripture reveals He came to die for our sins (1 Tim. 2:5-6, Heb. 2:17) and establish a Church that would teach in His name when He went to heaven (Matt. 18:17 and 16:18, 1 Tim. 3:15).

To find the true Church, we need also to look at Scripture and history. Regarding Scripture, all Catholic doctrines are either explicitly or implicitly supported by Scripture. Nothing the Church teaches, when properly understood, goes against Scripture or reason. Furthermore, only the Catholic Church fits completely the pattern of the Church in the New Testament. Only the Catholic Church is visibly one in Faith, in Sacraments and in Church government with the successor of St. Peter, the pope.

A strong case for Catholicism is also made by studying history. If you look at the extra-biblical writings of the early Christians, you will see they taught Catholic doctrines. In fact, the Catholic Church was often referred to by name. The first recorded usage of the word “catholic” is found as early as 107 A.D. A disciple of the apostle John, Ignatius of Antioch, said: “Wherever the bishop appears, let the people be there, just as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the catholic church.” The Catholic Church can trace its authority as the one true church through its unbroken line of over 260 popes from John Paul II back to St. Peter. All other Christian churches are ultimately offshoots of the Catholic Church and were founded by mere men or women, not by Jesus, who was God in the flesh.

Spirituality: The Church

Bishop Fulton SHEEN wrote: “When I am asked what the Church means to me, I answer that it is the Temple of Life in which I am a living stone; it is the Tree of Eternal Fruit of which I am a branch; it is the Mystical Body of Christ on earth of which I am a member. The Church is, therefore, more to me than I am to myself; her life is more abundant than mine, for I live by union with her. She could live without me, for I am only a cell in her body; but I could not normally live without her. I live only as a part of her, as my arm lives only as a part of my body. So absorbing does she become that her thoughts are my thoughts; her loves are my loves; her ideals are my ideals. I consider sharing her life to be the greatest gift God has ever given to me, as I should consider losing her life the greatest evil that could befall me.

(...) Christ’s Mystical Body is like a beautiful garden, formed by the blossoming of individual flowers each in its own beauty, but in its varied beauty blending into one harmonious, rapturous delight. Each flower of that garden has its own beauty revealed as in no other flower, yet each flower grows in beauty by contrast and by blending with the other flowers all rooted in a common soil and lighted by a common sun.

So it is in the mystical life, where Christ dwells in his Church, revealing himself anew in each individual soul, and never in two wholly alike, here manifesting himself in a Peter, there in a Paul, here in a Martha, there in a Mary, here in a lover of his infancy, there in a lover of his Cross, here in a rose with thorns, there in a flower without them, and yet all growing more beautiful by their fellowship with other saintly flowers because all rooted in the same Christ-life and all lighted by the same Christ-truth.”

Bishop Fulton Sheen, In the Fullness of Time, p. 33-36

Wisdom: Words to live by

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

Eat a live toad in the morning and nothing worse will happen to you for the rest of the day.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

The early worm gets eaten by the bird, so sleep late.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors but they all have to learn to live in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Have an awesome day, and know that someone has thought about you today.

Story

“Do not look back in anger or forward in fear, but around in awareness.” (James Thurber)

During Napoleon's invasion of Russia, his troops were battling in the middle of yet another small town in that endless wintry land, when he was accidentally separated from his men. A group of Russian Cossacks spotted him and began chasing him through the twisting streets. Napoleon ran for his life and ducked into a little furrier's shop on a side alley. As Napoleon entered the shop, gasping for breath, he saw the furrier and cried piteously, "Save me, save me! Where can I hide?" The furrier said, "Quick, under this big pile of furs in the corner," and he covered Napoleon up with many furs.

No sooner had he finished than the Russian Cossacks burst in the door, shouting "Where is he? We saw him come in." Despite the furrier's protests, they tore his shop apart trying to find Napoleon. They poked into the pile of furs with their swords but didn't find him. Soon, they gave up and left. After some time, Napoleon crept out from under the furs, unharmed, just as Napoleon's personal guards came in the door. The furrier turned to Napoleon and said timidly, "Excuse me for asking this question of such a great man, but what was it like to be under those furs, knowing that the next moment would surely be your last?"

Napoleon drew himself up to his full height and said to the furrier indignantly, "How could you ask such a question of me, the Emperor Napoleon! Guards, take this impudent man out, blindfold him and execute him. I, myself, will personally give the command to fire!"

The guards grabbed the poor furrier, dragged him outside, stood him up against a wall and blindfolded him. The furrier could see nothing, but he could hear the movements of the guards as they slowly shuffled into a line and prepared their rifles, and he could hear the soft ruffling sound of his clothing in the cold wind. He could feel the wind tugging gently at his clothes and chilling his cheeks, and the uncontrollable trembling in his legs. Then he heard Napoleon clear his throat and call out slowly, "Ready ... aim ... In that moment, knowing that even these few sensations were about to be taken from him forever, a feeling that he couldn't describe welled up in him as tears poured down his cheeks. After a long period of silence, the furrier heard footsteps approaching him and the blindfold was stripped from his eyes. Still partially blinded by the sudden sunlight, he saw Napoleon's eyes looking deeply and intently into his own -eyes that seemed to see into every dusty corner of his being. Then Napoleon said softly, "Now you know."

Jokes (190)

Love

Muso, one of the most illustrious Masters of his day, was traveling in the company of a disciple. They came to a river and boarded a ferry. Just as it was about to leave the shore a drunken samurai ran up and jumped into the overloaded boat, nearly sinking it. Then he staggered around wildly, endangering the safety of the frail vessel, so the boatman begged him to stay quiet.

“We’re stuffed in here like gooseberries in bottle.” said the samurai raucously. Suddenly he saw Muso and shouted: “Here! Let’s throw the holy man overboard!”

“Please be patient,” said Muso, “We’ll soon be across.”

“What? Me be patient?” he shouted wildly. “Look! If you don’t jump off, I’ll throw you overboard this minute.”

The Master’s calm demeanor in the face of these threats so enraged the samurai that he walked up to Muso and struck him across the face, drawing blood. The disciple had had enough. He was a powerful man and he said:

“After what he has done, he shall not live.”

“Why get you upset about a trifle?” said Muso with a smile, “It is on occasion like that our training is put to the test. You must remember that patience is more than just a word.” Then he composed a little poem that ran:

“The beater and the beaten: Mere actors in a play that is as short-lived as a dream.”

Prayer

The Master sat with his disciple in the audience. he said: “You have heard many a prayer and said many a prayer. Tonight I should like you to see one.”

At that moment the curtain rose and the ballet began.

Not Dead Yet

A man's plane crashed in the heart of the darkest jungle of Africa. He pried himself from the wreckage and began to work his way through the dense jungle. As he entered a clearing, he found himself face-to-face with what looked like a hunting party of cannibals. His response was immediate: "I'm a dead man now!"

And then he heard a voice saying, "You're not a dead man; There is a spear at your feet. Pick it up and thrust it through the heart of the chief."

The man did as he was told. He looked down at the ground, and indeed, there was a spear. He picked it up and thrust it through the heart of the chief.

The voice spoke to him once more: "Now you're a dead man!"

As a Matter of Fact

"As a matter of fact" is an expression that precedes many an expression that isn't.

Squashing Rumors

Trying to squash a rumor is like trying to unring a bell.

Bureaucratic Accomplishments

Bureaucracy is the art of making the possible impossible. (*Javier Pascual Salcedo*)

On the Committee

If you ever live in a country run by a committee, be on the committee. (*William Graham Sumner*)

Famous Quotes (79)

--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

--Don't throw the arrow which will return against you. —Kurdish proverb

--Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; but remember that what you now have was once among the things only hoped for.—Epicurus

--It is better to follow even the shadow of the best than to remain content with the worst. And those who would see wonderful things must often be ready to travel alone. —Henry Van Dyke

--Be contented when you have got all you want. —Holbrook Jackson

--Be content with your lot; one cannot be first in everything. —Aesop

--I have a simple philosophy. Fill what's empty. Empty what's full. And scratch where it itches. —
Mice Roosevelt Longworth