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### ***6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## ***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

Readings: Job 29:1-16; Rom 12:9-21 and Mt 25:31-46

As a young child, I would enter our cavernous parish church on Saturday afternoons to go to confession. A group of older people always seemed to be scattered throughout the church. Their heads were bowed, and their rosaries clinked comfortingly against the pews. I never thought much about what they were praying for, but I embraced the warmth and consolation of their presence.

After I was ordained I asked one of these women about her prayers. She told me that she usually looked around the church and prayed for the people who were there. She knew them all by name and knew their needs. To have someone who will hold you in prayer before the throne of God is truly a gift.

Today's Gospel gives us a vision of how we are to stand before the throne of God. It suggests that we will stand in holiness before God's throne if we have treated others with kindness and love. At the beginning of Lent, pick out someone in your life whom you will hold before the throne of God. Place the image of that person in your mind and surround him or her with prayers of kindness and love. The psalmist says it well: "***Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before You.***" (Ps. 19:15)

## ***Mass Schedule, next Weekend: Sat.-Sunday, October 18-19*** ***5<sup>th</sup> 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 & Family
- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Gerard Olinski (Birthday) by Mary Ragase

## ***Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Monday, October 27:** No Mass. Pastor's day off.

### **Tuesday, October 28, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Gerard Olinski (Anniversary) by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Alfred Felici (Birthday) by Francie Felici and Family
- ✠ Ray Young (Birthday) by Libby G. Magnone

**Wednesday, October 29:** No Mass. Office Work.

### **Thursday, October 30, Mass at Noon.**

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ June Fahey (Birthday) by George & Patty Fahey

**Friday, October 31:** No Mass. Office Work.

## ***All Souls Two Week Masses*** (From November 1<sup>st</sup> until November 9<sup>th</sup>)

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 & 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 Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

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

† Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & 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 & 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 & Carol Burns by Ron & 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  
 † Deceased of the Alkhouri and AlAhmar Families by Dr. & Mrs. Alkhouri and Family  
 † Robert, Margaret, John and Bill Glaser by Mary Gotses and Family  
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### ***Coming Parish Events at glance***

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
Saturday, October 25	First Comunion class at 11:00 am inside the church
Sat. & Sunday, Nov. 1&2 Sat & Sunday, Nov. 8&9	Presentation by Msgr Bakhos about the similarities and differences between Catholic branches of the One Catholic Church
November 10 thru 15 <sup>th</sup>	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

## ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month***

October 27: Holly (Porter) Stahl

October 30: Michael Duffy, Andreah 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***

\$1,016.00	Sunday Collection
219.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Propagation of the faith
72.00	Candles
13.00	Coffee hour
1,100.00	Donation to the church
\$2,420.00	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),

## ***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](http://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. 2<sup>nd</sup>)

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Free Admission

### ***Question & Answer (#38)***

***Question #38: "Is the Catholic religion the only correct religion?"***

Answer: All religions contain some truth. Some religions contain more truth than others. For example, Protestant Christianity is much closer to the truth than Mormonism because Protestants believe there is one God, whereas Mormonism incorrectly teaches there are many gods. Eastern Orthodoxy contains more truth than Protestantism, because in addition to the basic Christian beliefs such as the divinity of Jesus and the Virgin Birth, it affirms Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist, honors the saints who have died before us and affirms many other Catholic beliefs.

The Catholic Church says that although other faiths contain truth, the *fullness* of what God has revealed to the world *subsists* in (is found in) the Catholic Church. Other religions or faiths are correct to the extent they hold the revealed truths given to the apostles and passed on to the present-day bishops in the Catholic Church.

This does not mean in order to be saved one has to be a "card-carrying member" of the Catholic Church. God can save whomever He desires and has surely done so outside the visible structure of the Catholic Church. However, the *surest* means to salvation is found in the Catholic Church. Its doctrines are the ones infallibly given by Jesus.

### ***Spirituality: The Church***

These are the words of the Church on the fullness of Christ:

"On the day of Pentecost there were twelve cells in my body besides the Blessed Mother who was left to be my mother and nurse during infancy. My body first began to grow within the nursery of Judaism where I had my birth; but within a few short years I had incorporated unto myself even the Gentiles who knew no God but Caesar. My Spouse, Christ, had told me that I would be hated as he was hated, and while still an infant there were other Herods who would have slain me in Rome, as they would have slain him in Bethlehem. I have had but few moments of peace. From the outside I was attacked by the sword; from the inside I was abused by false brethren. And yet neither persecution nor error has stopped my growth. The sword strengthened my courage, and error sharpened my intellect.

In a century I had grown until I filled the Roman Empire, and then beyond its outposts I sent forth missionaries to the barbarians who helped me grow unto that fullness I had when I crowned Charlemagne in the year 800. My body grew in age and grace and strength and in the twelfth century of my existence, like Christ in the twelfth year, I was instructing the doctors of the world in the temples of the medieval universities. In the sixteenth century, I lost some cells of my body, as I had lost some before in the errors of the Gnostics and Pelagians. And yet after each loss there came new strength, for my lot, like that of my Spouse Christ, is to be ever rising from the tomb where men can leave me as dead. And so I chastened myself at the Council of Trent and brought myself into subjection, and now at this very hour the twelve cells whom I numbered in my body on Pentecost have grown to [several hundred million] souls in every corner of the globe.

But in the course of my life [of 2000 years], like the life of a human body, some of my cells have died and been replaced by others -but I have remained the same, because my soul is the abiding Spirit of God. Some of my members have been gathered into the Church Triumphant, where they enjoy blessedness with my Spouse Christ; others of my members who, while they were with me in the Church Militant, sinned and atoned not, are now gathered in purgatory, which is the Church Suffering where they wash their baptismal robes clear for the Spotless King in the glory of heaven.

How much longer I shall live on this earth, how much time awaits the consummation, I know not. But when the number of the elect is completed, when the seats vacated by the fallen angels are filled, when I shall have grown to my full stature, then shall the end come; then shall the Church Militant on earth and the Church

Suffering in purgatory be gathered into the unity of the Church Triumphant in heaven, on the glorious Easter that shall never end because there is no time with God but only eternal love.

*Bishop Fulton SHEEN, In the Fullness of Time, pp.129-130.*

### ***Wisdom: What is wrong in today's world***

This is excellent a nugget of truth about some of what is wrong in today's world.

Looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have.

As children we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

Our baby cribs were painted with bright colored lead-based paint. We often chewed on the crib, ingesting the paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day.

We played dodgeball and sometimes the ball would really hurt.

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank sugar soda, but we were never overweight; we were always outside playing.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others or didn't work hard so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade.

That generation produced some of the greatest risk-takers and problem solvers.

We had the freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

### ***Story: Nasa and the Bible***

Thought this was pretty amazing and interesting!

For all the scientists out there, and for all the students who have a hard time convincing these people regarding the truth of the Bible, here's something that shows God's awesome creation, and that He is still in control.

Did you know that the space program is busy proving that what has been called 'myth' in the Bible is true?

Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore, Maryland, and a consultant in the space program, relates the following development.

'I think one of the most amazing things that God has done for us today happened recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt, Maryland ...

They were checking out where the positions of the sun, moon, and planets would be 100 years and 1,000 years from now. We have to know this so we won't send up a satellite and have it bump into something later on in its orbits.

We have to lay out the orbits in terms of the life of the satellite and where the planets will be so the whole thing will not bog down.

They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries, and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong with either the information fed into it or with the results as compared to the standards.

They called in the service department to check it out, and they said, 'What's wrong?' Well, they found there is a day missing in space in elapsed time.

They scratched their heads and tore their hair out. There was no answer.

Finally a Christian man on the team said, 'You know, one time I was in Sunday School, and they talked about the sun standing still.' While they didn't believe him, they didn't have an answer either, so they said, 'Show us.'

He got a Bible and went to the book of Joshua where they found a pretty ridiculous statement for any one with 'common sense.' There they found the Lord saying to Joshua, 'Fear them not, I have delivered them into your hand; there shall not a man of them stand before you.'

Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy! And if darkness fell, they would overpower them. So, Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still! That's right.... 'The sun stood still and the moon stayed and lasted not to go down about a whole day!' (Joshua 10:12-13)

The astronauts and scientists said, there is the missing day! They checked the computers going back into the time it was written and found it was close but not close enough. The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20 minutes ... Not a whole day.

They read the Bible, and there it was about [approximately] a day. These little words in the Bible are important, but they were still in trouble because if you cannot account for 40 minutes, you'll still be in trouble 1000 years from now.

Forty minutes had to be found because it can be multiplied many times over in orbits. As the Christian employee thought about it, he remembered somewhere in the Bible where it said the sun went **BACKWARDS**.

The scientists told him he was out of his mind, but they got out the Book and read these words in 2 Kings that told of the following story: Hezekiah, on his death bed, was visited by the prophet Isaiah who told him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah asked for a sign as proof. Isaiah said 'Do you want the sun to go ahead 10 degrees?' Hezekiah said, 'It is nothing for the sun to go ahead 10 degrees, but let the shadow return backward 10 degrees.' Isaiah spoke to the Lord, and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees **BACKWARD!** Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes!

Twenty-three hours and 20 minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in Second Kings make the missing day in the universe! Isn't it amazing?

References: Joshua 10:8, 12-13 and 2 Kings 20:9-11.

If God could do this then; how much more can he do for us today, if we only believe in His word.

All I have and all that I am is by the Grace of God!

"If you have not chosen the kingdom of God first, it will in the end make no difference what you have chosen instead."

## *Jokes (191)*

### *Love*

It was a time for the monsoon rains to begin and a very old man was digging holes in his garden. "What are you doing?" his neighbor asked.

"Planting mango trees," was the reply.

"Do you expect to eat mangoes from those trees?" "No, I won't live long enough for that, but others will. It occurred to me the other day that all my life I have enjoyed mangoes planted by other people. This is my way of showing them my gratitude."

### *Love*

Diogenes was standing at a street corner one day laughing like a man out of his mind. "What are you laughing about?" a passerby asked.

"Do you see that stone in the middle of the street? Since I got here this morning ten people have stumbled on it and cursed it. But not one of them took trouble to remove it so others wouldn't stumble."

### *Awareness*

A man got into a bus and found himself sitting next to a youngster who was obviously a hippy. He was wearing only one shoe.

"You've evidently lost a shoe, son."

“No man,” came the reply, “I found one.”

## *Awareness*

A cowboy was riding across the desert when he came upon an Indian lying on the road with his head and ear to the ground.

“How yah doin’, Chief?” said the cowboy.

“Big paleface with red hair driving dark green Mercedes-Benz with German shepherd dog inside and license plate number SDT 965 going headed west.”

“Gee, Chief, Yah mean you hear all that just listening to the ground?”

“I’m not listening to the ground. That dam train ran over me.”

## *Famous Quotes (80)*

- Take as many half minutes as you can get, but never talk more than half a minute without pausing and giving others an opportunity to strike in.
- One of the best rules in conversation is, never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish had been left unsaid. —Jonathan Swift
- Trumpet in a herd of elephants; crow in the company of cocks; bleat in a flock of goats. —Malayan proverb
- The time to stop talking is when the other person nods his head affirmatively but says nothing. H. Haskins
- Consult your friend on all things, especially on those which respect yourself. His counsel may then be useful when your own self-love might impair your judgment. —Seneca
- In giving advice, seek to help, not please, your friend.
- Let no man value at a little price a virtuous woman’s counsel. —George Chapman
- The advice of friends must be received with a judicious reserve we must not give ourselves up to it and follow it blindly, whether right or wrong. --Pierre Charron
- Remember that comment, however judicious, is not advice; and that advice should always tend to something practicable. —Sir Arthur Helps
- Never take the advice of someone who has not had your kind of trouble. —Sidney J. Harris
- Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties.
- Do not offer advice which has not been seasoned by your own performance. —Henry S. Haskins
- If you want a man to resolve upon following your advice, speak to him kindly. —Jean Guibert
- People who ask our advice almost never take it. Yet we should never refuse to give it, upon request, for it often helps us to see our own way more clearly. —Brendan Francis
- As to advice, be wary: if it is honest, it is also criticism. —David Grayson
- Never advice anyone to go to war or to marry. —Spanish proverb
- Never give advice unless asked. —German proverb
- Ask advice only of your equals. —Danish proverb