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## ***Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church***

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### ***All Saints and All Souls***

- \***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.

## *All Saints and All Souls*

Readings: Ez 37:1-10; Thess 5:1-11 and Lk 16:19-31

Why the Church wants us to pray for the repose of the Souls in Purgatory?

The theological doctrine of the “Communion of Saints” reminds us of the union of the faithful on earth (Church Militant) with the blessed in Heaven (Church Triumphant) and the Souls in Purgatory (Suffering Church). It includes our loved ones and all those throughout the world who have gone before us on their journeys toward the Heavenly Jerusalem: those who during their lives on earth hungered and thirsted for holiness and fought the good fight of faith.

The Second Vatican Council said: *“Very much aware of the bonds linking the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Pilgrim Church from the very first ages of the Christian religion has cultivated with great piety the memory of the dead. Because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from sins, she has always offered prayers for them.”* Then it says, *“This most sacred Synod accepts with great devotion the venerable faith of our ancestors regarding this vital fellowship with our brethren who are in heavenly glory or who are still being purified after death. It proposes again the decrees of the Second Council of Nicea, the Council of Florence and the Council of Trent.”*

On their way to Heaven, some souls may have to spend a while in Purgatory. The word purgatory is from the Latin verb *purgare* which means to “cleanse” or to “purify”. Purgatory is a state where souls suffer for a time after death on account of their sins. In other words, it is for the souls stained or spotted with venial sins which have not been forgiven during earthly life and for souls which still have temporal punishment to undergo for mortal sins which have been forgiven in this life.

If we pray for someone who is already in Heaven, God will use our prayers for other souls in need of prayer. There are, indeed, many deceased who have no one to pray for them. The souls in Purgatory are called *Poor Souls* because they stand in need of our help. They are also called *Holy Souls* because they are in a state of grace; they sin no more and they are sure of their salvation. They realize that nothing spotted or unclean can enter the pure white presence of the ALL-HOLY God. They accept their suffering with resignation to the will of God.

Our Christian charity urges us to pray to God, the loving Father, to grant all our brothers and sisters who have left this world refreshment, light and peace. The Souls in Purgatory cannot pray to shorten the time of their *purification*. However, they can pray and offer their pain for the souls on earth. How long the souls remain in Purgatory depends on their guilt and the assistance we send them. The Church recommends various ways to help the Souls in Purgatory, including the Divine Liturgy (first and foremost); communion; almsgiving; charitable works; penance; mortification; indulgences; and all kinds of prayers, private or public. Some people become upset when they hear that their loved ones can be suffering in Purgatory. But the intense pains in Purgatory are mingled with intense joys. How joy can exist amid torment and pain is something of a mystery. There is mystery in the case of the martyrs who felt a sense of peace and joy beyond expression in their most terrible tortures. There is mystery in the case of the mother who, during delivery, endures the suffering of childbirth with the joy of giving life to her tiny loved one. If suffering and happiness can be mingled here on earth, how much more harmoniously can they be mingled in that other life of waiting for God? We pray for the Souls in Purgatory because they cannot pray for themselves. However, they can pray and offer their suffering for those on earth, and when they are in Heaven they see that those who have prayed for them are rewarded.

### *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, & Sarah Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- † All deceased Aunts & Uncles, especially Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sister Mary Thomasina John & Roland & Julia Tappe by Ron & Susan Burns
- † All deceased of The Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus by Ron & 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 & Bill Glaser by Mary Gotses and Family
- † Deceased members of the Ferris & Magnone families by Libby G. Magnone
- † Emily Shia-Vince by her Children and grandchildren
- † Donald Vince by his Children and grandchildren
- † Patricia Gompers by Matt and Vicki Gompers
- † Our beloved brother David Frey by his Loving Family
- † Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol Burkhart
- † Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- † Andrew & Mary Demsko by their daughter Rosemary Carnish
- † Andrew Demsko Jr. by his sister Rosemary Carnish
- † Howard & Anna Franks by their niece Rosemary Carnish
- † Greg Cornish by his wife Rosemary Carnish
- † Sarah, Jeanie & Larry Baker by their friend Rosemary Carnish
- † Joseph & Antonina Siembieda (grandparents) by the Siebieda Family

- ✠ Friend & Ida Blake (grandparents) by the Siebieda Family
- ✠ Nicola & Angela Caputi (Grandparents) by the Siebieda Family
- ✠ Matthew & Freida Siebieda (parents) by the Siebieda Family
- ✠ Orval & Elena Blake (parents) by the Siebieda Family
- ✠ Constantino & Delia Cetorelli (grandparents) by the Siebieda Family
- ✠ Vincent & Judi Blake (brother and wife) by the Siebieda Family
- ✠ Donnie Sigler (brother-in-law) by the Siebieda Family
- ✠ Debbie Blake (sister-in-law) by the Siebieda Family
- ✠ Douglas Blake (nephew) by the Siebieda Family
- ✠ Douglas, Cody and Madelyn (nephew and niece) by the Siebieda Family

***Coming Parish Events at glance***

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, 9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 13: Meat Pies, 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 15: Orders pick-up
Sunday, December 7	Complimentary Christmas Luncheon for all parishioners after Mass

***Bulletin Ad Page***

Many Thanks for those who advertise in our Bulletin ad page. You are helping the church in defraying the cost of printing the many bulletins every week. You will receive by mail the renewal ad Form. Please return it as soon as you receive it. If you are interested in putting an Ad for the 2026 Ad page bulletin, please ask Msgr Bakhos.

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

- November 4: Libby G. Magnone
- November 8: Mark Wilson
- November 9: Liz Murad, Cindy Thomas
- November 26: Mary Lish
- November 29: Tony Renzella
- November 30: Melissa Ferrera-Renzella
- December 3: Joey John

***The Salvation Army ANGEL TREE at OLOL Church***

Every child deserves to experience the excitement and joy of Christmas morning. The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of thousands of children around the country each year. For the third consecutive year, OLOL Church will proudly sponsor a Salvation Army ANGEL TREE. Please help us provide a magical and joyful Christmas to local children in need.

The ANGEL TREE is on display in our church foyer. Hanging on the tree are 20 tags with wish lists from children in our community. Please select a tag with a wish list from a young boy or girl. Purchase NEW toys and clothing from their wish list and bring to the church UNWRAPPED by Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Please include the tag with your gifts. The Salvation Army will pickup the gifts and distribute to the families to place under their Christmas trees.

May God Bless You this Christmas Season and Always.

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Bakhos and the OLOL Church Parish Council

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$808.00	Sunday Collection
59.00	Candles
9.00	Coffee hour
112.00	Donation to the church
150.00	Hall rental
2,220.00	Fall Bake Sale
\$3,358.00	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***

### ***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

### ***Meet the Pope in Lebanon (Nov. 25-Dec.5)***

The Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon (our Diocese) 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. If you like to travel, please ask Msgr. Bakhos for more information.

## ***Question & Answer (#39)***

***Question #39: "Why is the Catholic Church so close-minded?"***

Answer: As Catholic apologist G.K. Chesterton said, the purpose of an open mind, like that of an open mouth, is to close it on something solid. For the mind, that "something solid" is truth. When we don't know the truth but seek it, we're free to be (in fact, we should be) open minded. But once we've come to a firm conviction of the truth of something, to remain "open minded" about it is foolishness. Most people aren't "open-minded" about whether murder is good or theft bad. They've made up their minds and rightly so.

When it comes to religious issues, the Catholic Church has “made up its mind.” There are good reasons for what the Church teaches, so it isn’t a matter of “close-mindedness” in the wrong sense. It’s a question of a reasoned conviction.

Another important point to remember: The Catholic Faith comes from God. Neither the pope and the other bishops, nor the priests and deacons nor the laity are free to change Catholicism to appear “open minded.” Their job is simply to tell people the truth in a loving manner. They don’t make up or determine the truth for themselves.

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

The unity among the members of the Body of Christ (the Church) cannot be a vague and undetermined association that any member is free to change, any more than a human body can be changeable, sometimes having one eye and one ear or no heart and seven lungs. The unity of the faithful in Christ’s Body is not organizational, although an organization is necessary, and although those who admire the Church for its unity of belief and faith and liturgy attribute this to its organization. The Church is, rather, an organism. As a human body is one because it has one soul, one visible head, and one invisible mind, so the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, is one because it has one soul -the Holy Spirit of God- one visible Head -Peter and his successors- and one invisible Head -Christ. As Christ took upon Himself a human nature from the womb of His Mother (overshadowed by the Holy Spirit), so He took from the womb of humanity (overshadowed by the Pentecostal Spirit) His Mystical Body, the Church. Christ teaches through His Body -therefore, His teaching is infallible. He governs through His Body -therefore, the authority is Divine. He sanctifies through His Body -therefore, the sanctification accomplished in the Sacraments does not depend on the personality or character of those who administer the Sacraments.

The Church is the Whole Christ, and it complements the individual Christ. In its physical aspect Christ’s Body is perfect, but in its mystical aspect it is merely growing to perfection, for now it includes not only Him but us, with our imperfections. The prayers, sacrifices, and liturgy of the Church are offered not by the members alone -not by Christ, the Head alone- but by the *Head and members together* to the glory of God, the Everlasting Father. A new cell is added to the Mystical Body of Christ at every Baptism.

*Bishop Fulton Sheen, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.262-263*

## ***Wisdom: 'The World is Mine'***

*Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman  
and wished I were as beautiful*

When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle.  
She had one leg and wore a crutch, But as she passed, she passed a smile.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two legs; the world is mine.  
I stopped to buy some candy, The lad who sold it had such charm.  
I talked with him, he seemed so glad, If I were late, it'd do no harm.  
And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind.  
It's nice to talk with folks like you, You see," he said, "I'm blind."  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two eyes; the world is mine.  
Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew.  
He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do.  
I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?"  
He looked ahead without a word, I forgot, he couldn't hear.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two ears; the world is mine.  
With feet to take me where I'd go, With eyes to see the sunset's glow.  
With ears to hear what I'd know, Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.  
This morning when I wakened, And saw the sun above,

I softly said, "Good morning, Lord, Bless everyone I love."  
And right away I thought of you And said a loving prayer,  
That He would bless you specially, And keep you free from care.  
I thought of all the happiness A day could hold in store,  
I wished it all for you because No one deserves it more.

### *Story: The Neckless*

The cheerful little girl with bouncy golden curls was almost five. Waiting with her mother at the checkout stand, she saw them, a circle of glistening white pearls in a pink foil box.  
"Oh mommy please, Mommy. Can I have them? Please, Mommy, please?"  
Quickly the mother checked the back of the little foil box and then looked back into the pleading blue eyes of her little girl's upturned face.  
"A dollar ninety-five. That's almost \$2.00. If you really want them, I'll think of some extra chores for you and in no time you can save enough money to buy them for yourself.  
Your birthday's only a week away and you might get another crisp dollar bill from Grandma."  
As soon as Jenny got home, she emptied her penny bank and counted out 17 pennies. After dinner, she did more than her share of chores and she went to the neighbor and asked Mrs. McJames if she could pick dandelions for ten cents. On her birthday, Grandma did give her another new dollar bill and at last she had enough money to buy the necklace.  
Jenny loved her pearls. They made her feel dressed up and grown up.  
She wore them everywhere, Sunday school, kindergarten, even to bed.  
The only time she took them off was when she went swimming or had a bubble bath.  
Mother said if they got wet, they might turn her neck green.  
Jenny had a very loving daddy and every night when she was ready for bed, he would stop whatever he was doing upstairs to read her a story. One night as he finished the story, he asked Jenny, "Do you love me?"  
"Oh yes, daddy. You know that I love you."  
"Then give me your pearls."  
"Oh, daddy, not my pearls. But you can have Princess, the white horse from my collection, the one with the pink tail.  
Remember, daddy? The one you gave me. She's my very favorite."  
"That's okay, Honey, daddy loves you. Good night." And he brushed her cheek with a kiss.  
About a week later, after the story time, Jenny's daddy asked again, "Do you love me?"  
"Daddy, you know I love you."  
"Then give me your pearls."  
"Oh Daddy, not my pearls. But you can have my baby doll. The brand new one I got for my birthday. She is beautiful and you can have the yellow blanket that matches her sleeper."  
"That's okay. Sleep well. God bless you, little one. Daddy! loves you."  
And as always, he brushed her cheek with a gentle kiss.  
A few nights later when her daddy came in, Jenny was sitting on her bed with her legs crossed Indian style. As he came close, he noticed her chin was trembling and one silent tear rolled down her cheek.  
"What is it, Jenny? What's the matter?"  
Jenny didn't say anything but lifted her little hand up to her Daddy.  
And when she opened it, there was her little pearl necklace.  
With a little quiver, she finally said, "Here, daddy, this is for you."  
With tears gathering in his own eyes, Jenny's daddy reached out with one hand to take the dime store necklace, and with the other hand he reached into his pocket and pulled out a blue velvet case with a strand of genuine pearls and gave them to Jenny.  
He had them all the time. He was just waiting for her to give up the dime-store stuff so he could give her the genuine treasure.  
So it is, with our Heavenly Father. He is waiting for us to give up the cheap things in our lives so that he can give us beautiful treasures.

Isn't God good? Are you holding onto things that God wants you to let go of? Are you holding on to harmful or unnecessary partners, relationships, habits and activities that you have come so attached to that it seems impossible to let go? Sometimes it is so hard to see what is in the other hand but do believe this one thing... God will never take away something without giving you something better in its place.

## *Jokes (192)*

### *Assumptions*

A couple of hunters chartered a plane to fly them into forest territory. Two weeks later the pilot came to take them back. He took a look at the animals they had shot and said, "This plane won't take more than one wild buffalo. You'll have to leave the other behind." "But last year the pilot let us take two in a plane this size," the hunters protested.

The pilot was doubtful, but finally he said, "Well, if you did it last year I guess we can do it again."

So the plane took off with the three men and two buffaloes. But it couldn't gain height and crashed into a neighboring hill. The men climbed out and looked around. One hunter said to the other, "Where do you think we are?" The other inspected the surroundings and said, "I think we're about two miles to the left of where we crashed last year."

### *And More Assumptions*

A married couple was returning from the funeral of Uncle George who had lived with them for twenty years and had been such a nuisance that he almost succeeded in wrecking their marriage.

"There is something I have to say to you, dear," said the man. "If it hadn't been for my love for you I wouldn't have put up with your uncle George for a single day."

"My uncle George!" she exclaimed in horror.

"I thought he was your uncle George!"

### *Rumor & Truth*

In the summer of 1946, the rumor of a famine swept through a province in a South American country. Actually the crops were growing well, and the weather was perfect for a bumper harvest. But on the strength of that rumor 20,000 small farmers abandoned their farms and fled to the cities. Because of their action the crops failed, thousands starved and the rumor about the famine proved true.

### *Grace*

A man was lost in a desert. Later, when describing his ordeal to his friends, he told how, in sheer despair, he had knelt down and cried out to God to help him. "And did God answer your prayer?" he was asked. "Oh, No! Before He could, and explorer appeared and showed me the way."

## *Famous Quotes (81)*

Throw your heart over the fence and the rest will follow. -Norman Peale

Facing it –always facing it- that's the way to get through! Face it. -Joseph Conrad

One ought never to turn one's back on a threatened danger and try to run away from it. If you do that, you will double the danger. But if you meet it promptly and without flinching, you will reduce the danger by half. Never run away from anything. Never! —Sir Winston Churchill

You cannot run away from a weakness; you must sometimes fight it out or perish. And if that be so, why not now, and where you stand? Robert Louis Stevenson

You have got to have courage. I don't care how good a man is, if he is timid, his value is limited. The timid will not amount to very much in this world. I want to see a good man ready to smite with the sword. I want to see him able to hold his own in active life against the force of evil. —Theodore Roosevelt

Tell a man is brave, and you help him to become so.

When in doubt do the courageous thing.

Fall seven times, stand up eight. Japanese proverb

My message to you is: Be courageous. I have seen many depressions in business. Always America has emerged from these stronger and more prosperous. Be brave as your fathers were before you. Have faith! Go forward!

—Thomas Alva Edison

A lot of my philosophy comes from the ring. You learn in life there are always the ups and downs. We must have enough sense to enjoy our ups and enough heart to get through our downs. —Mickey Walker