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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Renewal of the church

- ***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.

Renewal of the church

Readings: Mt 16:13-20

The Lord said to Peter: ***“I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church... I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.”*** To him again, after his resurrection, he says: ***“Feed my sheep.”*** Upon him being one he builds his Church; and though he gives to all the apostles an equal power, and says: ***“As my Father sent me, even so I send you; you receive the Holy Spirit: whosoever sins you retain, they shall be retained...”*** yet in order to manifest unity, he has by his own authority so placed the source of the same unity, as to begin from one. Certainly the other apostles also were what Peter was, endowed with an equal fellowship both of honor and power; but a commencement is made from unity, that the Church may be set before us as one; which one Church, in the Song of Songs, does the Holy Spirit design and name in the person of our Lord: ***“My dove, my spotless one, is but one; she is the only one of her mother, elect of her that bare her.”***

He who holds not this unity of the Church, does he think that he holds the faith? He who strives against and resists the Church, is he assured that he is in the Church? For the blessed apostle Paul reaches this same thing, and manifests the sacrament of unity thus speaking: ***“There is one body, and one spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God.”***

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 & 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. 8&9	Presentation by Msgr. Bakhos about the similarities and differences between Catholic branches of the One Catholic Church
November 10 thru 15 th	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

2026 Offering Envelopes

Dear Parishioners,

The church offering envelopes are made to help parishioners be responsible toward the church upkeep. Also the offerings put in the envelopes are sure evidence of donations made to the church either by cash or checks. No one can claim the loose cash (not checks) put in the collection basket for lack of proof. The church records all donations -even loose checks- and give the donors at the end of the year an official statement for all donations of \$250.00 (IRS regulations) and more for tax deduction purpose. This year offering envelopes are designated to those who donated \$250 and more. Please see Msgr Bakhos if you don't find an envelope labeled for yourself. Thanks for your cooperation.

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 9: Liz Murad, Cindy Thomas
- November 26: Mary Lish
- November 29: Tony Renzella
- November 30: Melissa Ferrera-Renzella
- December 3: Joey John
- December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla

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 5th. 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

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,366.00	Sunday Collection
120.00	Bulletin ads
34.00	Candles
9.00	Coffee hour
355.00	Utilities
1,464.50	Fall Bake Sale
\$3,348.50	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

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 (#40)

Question #40: "How does one become a Catholic?"

Answer: First a person studies the Faith. Then if he or she chooses to embrace it, he or she will make a formal profession of faith, accepting what the Church teaches as true. Next, the person will be baptized (if he or she hasn't been already). Usually, the new convert will also receive the other Sacraments of initiation, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist, at this time. Those already validly baptized make a profession of Faith and then receive Confirmation, Confession and the Holy Eucharist.

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic you should contact the local parish to find out what steps need to be taken.

Spirituality: The Church

An instructor in aviation teaches a candidate the laws of flight, the principles of gravitation and navigation. Then the student is given full freedom of choice; he can either obey the laws of flight or disobey them. If he uses his freedom to disobey, he will crash; if he uses his freedom to obey the laws he has learned, he will enjoy flying. The Church, likewise, teaches us the laws that govern reality and the consequences of breaking them. This is what Our Lord meant when He said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn 8:32). For moral freedom -like every other freedom- is limited by the order of the universe. You are free to draw a triangle (provided that you give it three sides instead of thirty); you are free to draw a giraffe (provided that you respect its nature, giving it a long neck and not a short one); you are free to teach chemistry (provided that you tell the students that water is H₂O and not H₂SO₄). So with the Church: we are free to reject the teachings of Christ in His Church, just as we are free to ignore or disobey the laws of engineering; but we will find that the rejection of her laws never leads us to the perfection of our personality, as we foolishly hoped. It results, instead, in a morbid affirmation of the ego, which can even lead to self-destruction.

(...) The Church makes none of us less free than we were before. But we chiefly value freedom in order to give it away; everyone who loves surrenders his freedom, whether his passion be the love of another person, the love of a cause, or the love of God. When a man loves a woman, he says, "I am yours," and the surrender of freedom gives him into a sweet slavery. Every person in love with God says, as Paul did, "What will you have me to do?" (Acts 9:6) and adds, as we do in the Our Father, "Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." In both instances, freedom is surrendered for the sake of a greater joy. Freedom hoarded is of little value -spent, for something we love, it brings peace and perfects one's personality in the law and love of God.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.272-274

Wisdom: You say, God says

You say: "It is impossible"

God says: "All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

You say: "I am too tired"

God says: "I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28)

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

God says: "I love you" (John 3:16)

You say: "I can't go on"

God says: "My grace is sufficient" (2 Cor. 12:9)

You say: "I can't figure things out"

God says: "I will direct your steps" (Proverbs 3:5)

You say: "I can't do it"

God says: "You can do all things" (2 Cor. 9:8)

You say: "I am not able"

God says: "I am able" (2 Cor 9:8)

You say: "It is not worth it"

God says: "It will be worth it" (Roman 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

God says: "I forgive you" (Philippians 4:19)

You say: "I can't manage"

God says: "I will supply all your needs" (Philippians 4:19)

You say: "I am afraid"

God says: "I have not given you a spirit of fear" (2 Timothy 1:7)

You say: "I am always worried and frustrated"

God says: "Cast all your cares on Me" (1 Peter 5:7)

You say: "I am not smart enough"

God says: "I give you wisdom" (1 Cor. 1:30)

You say: "I feel all alone"

God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5)

Story: Nice is the better choice

At a Club meeting, a coach told the following story, which was typical of the way he operated. I had just been named the new head coach and was off in my old car down recruiting a prospect who was supposed to have been a pretty good player and I was 'havin' trouble finding the place. Getting hungry I spied an old cinder block building with a small sign out front that simply said "Restaurant." I pull up, go in and every head in the place turns to stare at me. Seems I'm the only white 'fella' in the place. But the food smelled good so I skip a table and go up to a cement bar and sit. A big ole man in a tee shirt and cap comes over and says, "What do you need?" I told him I needed lunch and what did they have today? He says, "You probably won't like it here, today we're having chitlins, collared greens and black eyed peas with cornbread. I'll bet you don't even know what chitlins are, do you?" I looked him square in the eye and said, "I'm from Arkansas, I've probably eaten a mile of them. Sounds like I'm in the right place." They all smiled as he left to serve me up a big plate. When he comes back he says, "You ain't from around here then?" And I explain I'm the new football coach and I'm here to find whatever that boy's name was and he says, yeah I've heard of him, he's supposed to be pretty good. And he gives me directions to the school so I can meet him and his coach. As I'm paying up to leave, I remember my manners and leave a tip, not too big to be flashy, but a good one and he told me lunch was on him, but I told him for a lunch that good, I felt I should pay. The big man asked me if I had a photograph or something he could hang up to show I'd been there. I was so new that I didn't have any yet. It really wasn't that big a thing back then to be asked for, but I took a napkin and wrote his name and address on it and told him I'd get him one. I met the kid I was 'lookin' for later that afternoon and I don't remember his name, but do remember I didn't think much of him when I met him. I had wasted a day, or so I thought. When I got back late that night, I took that napkin from my shirt pocket and put it under my keys so I wouldn't forget it. Heck, back then I was excited that anybody would want a picture of me. And the next day we found a picture and I wrote on it, Thanks for the best lunch I've ever had.

Now let's go a whole 'buncha' years down the road. Now we have black players and I'm back down in that part of the country scouting an offensive lineman we sure needed. Y'all remember, (and I forget the name, but it's not important to the story), well anyway, he's got two friends and he tells me he's got his heart set too, so I leave empty handed and go on see some others while I'm down there.

Two days later, I'm in my office and the phone rings and it's this kid who just turned me down, and he says, "Coach, do you still want me?" And I said, "Yes I sure do." And he says, o.k. he'll come. And I say, "Well son, what changed your mind?" And he said, "When my grandpa found out that I had a chance to play for you and said no, he pitched a fit and told me I wasn't going nowhere, and wasn't playing for nobody but you. He thinks a lot of you and has ever since y'all met."

Well, I didn't know his granddad from Adam's housecat so I asked him who his granddaddy was and he said, "You probably don't remember him, but you ate in his restaurant your first year at Alabama and you sent him a picture that he's had hung in that place ever since. That picture's his pride and joy and he still tells everybody about the day that you came in and had chitlins with him. My grandpa said that when you left there, he never expected you to remember him or to send him that picture, but you kept your word to him and to Grandpa, that's everything. He said you could teach me more than football and I had to play for a man like you, so I guess I'm going to."

I was floored. But I learned that the lessons my mama taught me were always right. It don't cost nuthin' to be nice. It doesn't cost 'nuthin' to do the right thing most of the time, and it costs a lot to lose your good name by breaking your word to someone. When I went back to sign that boy, I looked up his Grandpa and he's still running that place, but it looks a lot better now; and he didn't have chitlins that day, but he had some ribs that 'woulda' made Dreamland proud and I made sure I posed for a lot of pictures; and don't think I didn't leave some new ones for him, too, along with a signed football. I made it clear to all my assistants to keep this story and these lessons in mind when they're out on the road.

And if you remember anything else from me, remember this - It really doesn't cost anything to be nice, and the rewards can be unimaginable.

Regardless of our profession, we do define ourselves by how we treat others, and how we behave in the presence of others, and most of the time, we have only minutes or seconds to leave a lasting impression - we can be rude, crude, arrogant, cantankerous, or we can be nice. Nice is always a better choice. Someone said, "I expect to pass through the world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness I can show to any creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Jokes (193)

Deciding On A Career

An older couple had a son, who was still living with his parents. The parents were a little worried, as the son was still unable to decide about his career path, so they decided to do a small test.

They took a ten-dollar bill, a Bible, and a bottle of whiskey, and put them on the front hall table. Then they hid, hoping he would think they weren't at home.

The father told the mother, "If he takes the money, he will be a businessman, if he takes the Bible, he will be a priest, but if he takes the bottle of whiskey, I'm afraid our son will be a drunkard."

So, the parents took their place in the nearby closet and waited nervously. Peeping through the keyhole they saw their son arrive home. He saw the note they had left, saying they'd be home later. Then, he took the 10-dollar bill, looked at it against the light, and slid it in his pocket. After that, he took the Bible, flicked through it, and took it also.

Finally, he grabbed the bottle, opened it, and took an appreciative whiff to be assured of the quality. Then he left for his room, carrying all the three items. The father slapped his forehead, and said: "Darn! It's even worse than I ever imagined." "What do you mean?" his wife inquired. "Our son is going to be a politician!" replied the concerned father.

If You Don't Understand Life, Just Ask the Kids:

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."

Always Ask the Kids

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

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