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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of Pentecost

- ***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



***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.

Gospel Reflection: 3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Prov 8:22-36; 1Cor 2:1-10 and Jn 14:21-27

John, at the time he was writing his Gospel, must have been one of the few survivors of those who had known Jesus. The first readers of the fourth Gospel therefore would have been in much the same situation that we are today, relying entirely on faith to sustain the conviction that the Risen Christ is present everywhere in the world, a presence in absence. Let's admit that we do find it difficult to adapt ourselves to this divine reticence: more or less consciously, we all carry somewhere within ourselves the old dream of a Kingdom that would be visible and easily distinguishable.

We must realize, however, that Christ's return to His Father has in no way diminished his activity here. His death did not prevent the world from being sown with the seed of his word. This work had hardly begun. But it was necessary for him to leave so that this word, freed from all limitations of time and space, might spread throughout the whole world, adapting itself to every land and that it might burgeon and bear fruit far beyond the country of its origin, in any and every place where it found a welcoming and fertile soil. A living word because from now on breathed by the Spirit who rouses and spurs on our efforts, and who urges us on not endless repetition but to unfold its meaning and to develop new and unrealized inferences. These make themselves apparent whenever we look to the Gospel to judge situations, to make the choices forced upon us, to guide our actions.

The time of presence through absence is also, therefore, the time of responsibility for us: without rigidly clinging to a position which was firmly established in the past, we undertake, in faith and hope, the risk of applying daring solutions to the successive problems which life forever places before us. The risk must be taken in the Spirit. What an extraordinary heady situation we find ourselves in! It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves. (Acts 15:28)

Congratulations Graduates

The whole parish is happy to congratulate all the graduates this year especially our Altar Server Christopher Alkhouri and our parishioners Eli and Emma Nickerson. We also congratulate all other graduates we are not aware of. We wish each and everyone of you a bright future.

This Weekend Mass Schedule. Sat-Sun. June 6-7

Saturday June 6, Mass at 4:00 p.m.: Benediction after Mass

- ✠ George & Martha Saseen (Wedding Anniversary) by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Millet L. Fadoul & Family
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Sunday June 7, Mass at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction after Mass

- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ Rick Frazier by his wife Luane & sons Richard & John Frazier & grandsons Landon, Logan, Kyle
- ✠ Annette Togliatti and Sadie Bouharb by GiGi Rice and the Bouharb Family

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday June 8: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday June 9, Mass at Noon.

- ✠ 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

Wednesday June 10: No Mass.

Thursday June 11, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ George Joseph (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Annette Togliatti and Sadie Bouharb by GiGi Rice and the Bouharb Family
- ✠ Fran Saseen by her son Phil Saseen

Friday June 12: No Mass.

Next Weekend Mass Schedule. Sat-Sun. June 13-14

Saturday June 13, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Fred Oser (Anniversary) by his daughter Debbie Huffman
- ✠ Pearl (Nolte) Shutler (Anniversary) by her daughter Janet Shutler
- ✠ Fran Saseen by her son Phil Saseen

Sunday June 14, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Mary Miller (Birthday) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Deceased of the Fadoul and Duffy Families by Earl & Linda Duffy

Coming Events in a Glimpse

Saturday, June 6	Rummage Sale from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Dance Troupe practice June 7, 14, 28	Lasts for 45 minutes directly after 10:30 am Mass. June 7, 14, 28 and July 12, 19, 26
June 20 – June 28	Fathers and grandfathers' Day Masses (see list below)
Sunday, August 9	Mahrajan (Lebanese Festival) See details below
Fall Bake Sale (The ladies will choose the convenient date)	Week of October 19-24????? Week of October 26-31????? Week of November 16-21????????? Week of November 23-28?????????

Fathers' Day Masses, Sat. June 20 – Sunday, June 28 ***Masses for the Deceased Fathers and Grandfathers***

Special Remembrance on these special days:

- On June 20: ✠ Mariam Joseph by the Weisner and Joseph Families
- On June 21: ✠ Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin (Birthday) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
 - ✠ Sara McLaughlin (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
 - ✠ Sister Mary Thomasina John by Ron & Susan (John) Burns
 - ✠ Richard Frazier (Birthday) by his wife Luane
 - ✠ Antonina Siebieda (Anniversary) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda and Family
- On June 23: ✠ Jim Fahey (Anniversary) by George & Patty Fahey
- On June 27: ✠ Bob Sengewalt and his son Dave by the Family

- ✠ Habib Khourey, Louis Khourey Sr., & Nassif Nader by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Charles "Pud" Howard, Bruce Cody Riggs and Franklin C. Howard by Lou & Charlotte & Family
- ✠ Adib Chidiac (father) & Nadim Chidiac (brother) and my grandfathers by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Aziz Kazour and Youssef Chahine by Jocelyne Chahine and Family (Pittsburgh)
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Albert Togliatti and Khalil Harb by GiGi Rice
- ✠ Deceased of Mr. Jamil Harb by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- ✠ Ray McLaughlin, Sr. and Elias Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin and Family
- ✠ John Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin and Family
- ✠ Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol Burkhart
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

- † John T. John and D. William Burns by their loving children Susan and Ron Burns
- † Thomas John, David Joseph and Donald Burns by their loving grandchildren Susan and Ron Burns
- † Alfred Felici by his children Stephanie Richards and Brian Felici
- † Elias Frenn and Jim Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah, Zack & Christian Riedel
- † Richard Frazier by his wife Luane & sons Rick, John & grandsons Kyle & Logan Sander
- † Thomas A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris
- † Thomas Shia and Gus Shia by Sue Jochum & Family
- † Thomas Jochum, Jr. & Sr. by Sue Jochum & Family
- † Al Schroeder by his son Mark Schroeder and daughter Jane Wine
- † Matt Hughes and Albert Schroeder by Mark Schroeder and Jane Wine
- † Kenneth Joseph by his daughter Cheryl Tucker & Family
- † Donald Nickerson Sr. & Albert Nickerson by their Loving Family
- † Nicholas Elias by his Loving Family
- † Vincent Jacovetty by Patty & George Fahey
- † Dennis Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Randy Borkoski by Anthony & Amanda Sable and Children
- † John Henning and Joseph Bott by Don & Roberta Henning
- † Anthony George (MN) by his daughter Margaret George
- † George A. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Philip Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † George Fadoul and Joseph Duffy by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Samuel John Hebdo by his daughter Rose Hebdo-Oberst
- † George J. Saseen by his son George P. Saseen
- † Steve Harasuik by his daughter Susan Harasuik-Saseen
- † Al Otterbeck and Barkett Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † George Joseph, Lawrence Ferrera, Elias Joseph and Tom Veechione by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Gary McLaughlin, Mickey McLaughlin, Gerard Joseph and Edward Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- † Robert & Charles (Darwish) by Carol Dougherty
- † Mike Joseph by his wife Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Abdo Ferris, Tom Ferris, Nikolai Magnone, Louie Ferris, Kenneth Coffield, Ted Ferris, David Garcia, John Ferris, Mark Fertig, William Magnone by Libby G. Magnone
- † George Alan Weisner and Albert Frederick Weisner by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Nimon Joseph by Mary Beth Weisner
- † George Weisner by his son Gary Weisner
- † Donald Vince by his Children and grandchildren
- † Walter Machel and Leo Spyra by Judy & Mike Sofka
- † Sterun Sofka and John Sayre and Tim Stanton by Judy & Mike Sofka
- † Abdoo Saseen by Jim & Pat Connell
- † Bernard Connell by Jim & Pat Connell
- † Albert Boehm by his Family
- † Robert Glaser by his Family
- † Samuel J. Elias by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Alphonse Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † John E. Ritts by his son John Ritts
- † Joseph Namey by his grandson John Ritts
- † Robert J. Shutler, Sr. by his daughter Janet Shutler
- † Harry F. Nolte by his great granddaughter Janet Shutler
- † Harry J. Nolte by his granddaughter Janet Shutler
- † Frederick J. Shutler, Sr. by his granddaughter Janet Shutler

- ✠ Matthew Siebieda by his son Larry Siebieda
- ✠ Orval Blake Sr. by his daughter Lillian Blake Siebieda
- ✠ Constantino Cetorelli by his grandson Larry Siebieda
- ✠ Josef Siembieda by his grandson Larry Siebieda
- ✠ Friend Blake by his granddaughter Lillian Siebieda
- ✠ Nicola Caputi by his granddaughter Lillian Siebieda

Masses for the Living Fathers and Grandfathers

- ✠ Louis H. Khourey by his children Emmalena and Louie
- ✠ Mark McLaughlin by his children Brad and Kristen and grandchildren Nathan and Shane Graney
- ✠ Dr Adel Frenn and Mike Riedel by Justin Frenn and Andreah, Zack Riedel
- ✠ Dr Adel Frenn and Mike Riedel by Christian Riedel
- ✠ Earl (Mickey) Duffy by his wife Linda Duffy
- ✠ Assad Rahi by his daughter Alicia and Scott Peklinsky
- ✠ George Saseen by his granddaughter Ginny Naswadi
- ✠ Larry Ferrera, Larry Ferrera III, Tony Ferrera and Mark McLaughlin by Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Louis Valles by his daughter Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Nick Magnone, John Ferris, Nicky Magnone, Bill Stees, Josh McDowell by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Anthony Ruiz by Matt and Vicki Gompers
- ✠ Patrick Rinehart and Terry Rinehart and Mike Sofka by Judy & Mike Sofka
- ✠ Krzysztof Kowalski and Zdzislaw Kowalski by Judy & Mike Sofka

Lebanese Festival News (Sunday, August 9 from 11am to 6 pm)

Outdoor Mass (Sunday Mass will be at 10:00 am not 10:30 am at Oglebay Park. There will be no Mass at the church that Sunday.)

Souvenir Ad Book

--If any parishioner want to put an ad in the Souvenir Ad Book that will be distributed at the festival and all over, please contact Msgr Bakhos 304-233-1688 or Mark McLaughlin. We will help you in the free design.

Dance Troupe of OLOL

--We are once again recruiting for our parish dance troupe. If you know anyone (age 5-21) who would be interested to join, please contact Nesrin Alkhouri at 304-231-7728. We have to see many young dancers. Practice schedule: Lasts for 45 minutes directly after 10:30 am Mass. May 31 June 7, 14, 28, July 12, 19, 26

Volunteers:

--If you are able to volunteer 2 hours at the festival, please call Msgr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Thanks

Diamond Sponsors:

All those generous benefactors who sponsored the 2026 festival with \$200 or more will be recognized in the Ad Book as Diamond sponsors.

--Anthony & Amanda Sable donated \$300.00 to be used toward the members of the church dance troupe.

--John Ritts donated \$200.00 in Memory of his wife Opal.

Their names will be on the Diamond Level in the Ad Book. Many Thanks.

5 Cash Door Prizes:

--All guests will be welcomed at the entrance of the festival with good news of five cash prizes donated by generous parishioners. Everyone who submits his/her name and address at the welcome booth, will have a chance to win \$100 cash. Drawings will take place around 6:00 pm before the Raffle cash prize. Good luck to everyone and many thanks for our generous benefactors.

No Canope or Pop-ups at the Festival:

The Festival committee decided not to allow anyone to bring his/her own canope or pop-up tent to the festival ground -that is rented by the church- for insurance and safety reasons. The committee will ask the owners to remove their pop-up immediately.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

June 7:	Jean Weisner
June 9:	Ava DeMuth
June 14:	P.J. Lenz, Kathy Boehm
June 15:	Becky Joseph Ferrera, Grace Ferrera
June 20:	Nick Ghaphery, Jr., Michelle Shia
June 23:	Mary Beth Weisner
June 27:	Lindsay Lenz
July 3:	Larry Ferrera
July 5:	Bill Committee

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)

Jean Weisner, Gina & Shelley Hancher, Lisa Kennedy (daughter of Carol Dougherty, OK), Joe Popovich, Earl & Linda Duffy, Nini Miller, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Mary Ragase, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Anthony Wakim, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Denny Albaugh, Rita Rae Sage,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$748.00	Sunday Collection
50.00	Candles
13.00	Coffee hour
220.00	Mahrajan (Lebanese festival)
20.00	Donation to the church
\$1051.00	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin

Question & Answer (#71)

Question #71: "Is it okay for Catholics to listen to non-Christian music?"

Answer: Sure, as long as it is done in moderation and if the music does not contain lyrics that are sexually explicit or overly violent or cruel. Although people say, "I don't listen to the lyrics, I just like the music," the message still gets through. There's no way we can constantly guard against the influence the media has on us. Therefore, you should be cautious.

Listening to music that contains lyrics contrary to the Christian Faith may lead one to sin. It may also desensitize you. A good rule of thumb when deciding on whether certain music is not spiritually dangerous is to ask, "Would Jesus listen to this music for relaxation?" If the answer is "no," then you should also stay away.

Spirituality: Is God Hard to find?

God is easy to discover in at least a confused and primitive sort of way through every striving and aspiration of our will and our heart. For the great difference between an animal and a human is that an animal can have its desires satisfied but a human cannot. All that any animal wants is to have its *immediate* needs granted; this is never the case with man. Man is animated by an urge, an unquenchable desire to enlarge his vision and to know the ultimate meaning of things. If he were only an animal, he would never use symbols, for what are these but attempts to transcend the visible? No, he is a "metaphysical animal," a being ever longing for answers to the last question. The natural tendency of the intellect toward truth and of the will toward love would alone signify that there is in man a natural desire for God. There is not a single striving or pursuit or yearning of the human heart, even in the midst of the most sensual pleasures, that is not a dim grasping after the Infinite. As the stomach yearns for food and the eye for light and the ear for harmony, so the soul craves God.

(...) If then, God is so easy to find and can be discovered either through the beauty of the stars or in every tiny pleasure of earth, which like a seashell speaks of the ocean of Divinity, why is it that so few souls come to Him? The fault is on our side, not God's. Most souls are like people living in a dark room during the daytime and complaining that the light is hard to find -when all that they need do to discover it is to raise the blinds.
 --Bishop Fulton SHEEN, *Peace of Soul*, pp.52-53.

Wisdom

1- We come into this world crying while all around us are smiling. May we so live that we go out of this world smiling while everybody around us is weeping. (Persian Proverb)

2- "If a man loses his reverence for any part of life, he will lose his reverence for all of life."

(Albert SCHWEITZER)

3- "If you attack this disease (cancer) instead of remaining a hopeless, helpless victim, you will feel better and you just might -and that's the key word, might- improve your chances of licking your disease. I've always believed that. --Dr. Walter Matern, in "Finding Strength in Cancer"

Story

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert like island.

The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agree that they had no other recourse but to pray to God.

However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren.

After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, there was nothing.

Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, more food. The next day, like magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island.

He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered. As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven booming, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?"

"My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" the voice rebuked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings."

"Tell me," the first man asked the voice, "what did he pray for that I should owe him anything?"

"He prayed that all your prayers be answered."

For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us.

Jokes (224)

Education

There was a question of opening a reformatory for boys and a well-known educationist was called in for advice. He made a passionate plea for humane methods of education at the reformatory, urging the founders to spare no expenses in getting the services of kind-hearted and competent educators.

He concluded by saying: "*If only one boy is saved from moral depravity, it will justify all the cost and labor invested in an institution like this.*"

Later a member of the board said to him: *“Didn’t you get just a wee bit carried away there? Would all the cost and labor be justified if we could save only one boy?”*

“If it were my boy, yes?” was the reply.

Authority

There was a king who used to have the Bible recited to him every day by a priest. The priest would then explain the text and say: *“O King, have you understood what I have said?”*

And every day the king would neither say YES or NO. He would only say: *“You had better understand it first yourself”*

This always caused sorrow to the poor priest who had spent hours preparing the daily lesson for the king and knew that his explanation was lucid and clear.

Now the priest was a sincere seeker after Truth. While he was meditating one day he suddenly saw the illusory nature -the relative reality- of all things: house, family, wealth, friends, honor, reputation and everything else. So clearly did he see that all desire for these things vanished in his heart. He decided to leave home and take up the life of a wandering ascetic.

Before he left home he sent to the king this message: *“O king! At last I have understood.”*

Spirituality

After thirty years of watching television, a husband said to his wife: *“Let’s do something really exciting tonight.”*

Instantly she conjured up visions of a night in town.

“Great!” she said, *“What shall we do?”*

“Well, let’s exchange chairs.”

The Loser Is Five Bucks Richer

Two old men were sitting around talking, and the first one said, "Let's go get some lottery tickets. The jackpot is up to thirty million."

The second old guy said, "I don't buy those things."

"But that's a whole pile of money. Don't you think it's worth spending five bucks to win?" asked the first.

The second old guy said, "No! You've only got a 1 in 5.4 million chance to win. That puts the odds of proving you're a loser at almost 100 percent."

"Well, not playing at all makes you an automatic loser," answered the first.

"That's okay," said the second guy. "At least I'll still have my five bucks."

Famous Quotes

Air conditioning

--The best thing about an air conditioner is that the neighbors can't borrow it.

Air:

--The air is about the only remaining thing that's free, and it is becoming dangerous to breathe.

Airplane:

--It will soon take only two hours to get around the world, one hour for the flying and one hour to get to the airport.

--It would have helped a lot if the pioneers had located cities closer to airports.

Alarm Clocks

--The only thing worse than hearing the alarm clock in the morning is not hearing it.

--Some men have alarm clocks; I have my wife's elbow.

Alimony:

--Alimony is repossessed love that one must still pay out on the installment plan.

--Alimony is the fee you have to pay for name dropping.

--Alimony is the high cost of leaving.

Allowance:

--An allowance is what you pay your children to live with you.

Alone:

--Better be alone than in bad company.

Amateurs

--Show me an amateur, and I'll show you a person who is always willing to give you the benefit of his inexperience.

Ambition:

--Ambition may be all right, but it sure can get a fellow into a lot of hard work.

--When you are aspiring to the highest place, it is honorable to reach the second or even the third rank. (Cicero)

--Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions. (Henry Longfellow)

--I have no political ambitions for myself or my children. (Joseph P Kennedy)

--The ripest peach is highest on the tree. (James Whitcomb Riley)

--I had ambition not only to go farther than any man had ever been before, but as far as it was possible for a man to go. (Captain James Cook)

--We grow small trying to be great. (E. Stanley Jones)

--Too low they build who build below the skies. (Edward Young)

--All ambitions are lawful except those which climb upward on the miseries or credulities of mankind. (Joseph Conrad)