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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday November 22, 2009 – Sunday November 29, 2009

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Style!

God made him to be an artist. There was never any doubt that he could make inspirational pictures. Oh, he couldn't draw big ceiling pictures like Michelangelo, and its true, he couldn't paint passionate sunflowers like Vincent Van Gough, and he never even tried to create anything like a Picasso abstract.

Yet he was an artist who would make art in his own way. I think his picture of a dog (named "Snoopy"), lying down on a doghouse, gazing up at the stars, is brilliant. This artist found his style.

God made all of us to be pray-ers. But we don't all pray the same way, do we?

Some of us just talk to God as conversation, some pray by thinking of Him in meditation, contemplation. Others recite formulas they learned as children "Our Fathers", "Hail Marys"... while some like to read the Bible.

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- * **Sacrament of Baptism**, please contact the priest at least **1 month** before the intended date for the baptism.
- * **Sacrament of Marriage**, please contact the priest at least **6 months** before the intended date for the wedding.
- * **Sick calls**, please notify the Church office as soon as possible if you want communion for your sick. We usually do sick calls on Wednesdays.

Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Jean Rossie
Aziz Massad
Sue Stubbert
Michelle Garey
Amy Burke

Diane Bayeh
Josie Knight
Agnes Torok
Helen Azzarello
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap & Eve Maroun
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Ann David
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Linda Macksood
Phil Shaker

Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Liturgy Schedule

Mon.- Thurs	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.

Adoration

Friday 11a.m.

Confessions

½ hour before liturgy on
Saturday and Sunday
and by appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY November 22th: Announcement to the Virgin Mary

- 10A.M: (Gal 3:15-22, Lk 1:26-38) Ferris Anthony
- Rep. Joseph Tayar by Duane & Dee Gardner
 - Rep. Alfred Gazell by Mon & Elsie Shaheen
 - Rep. Yacoub Dicho Hanna by Gino & Sawsan Kalo

MONDAY 23: St. Clement I

- Rep Ray Faris by Bob & Joanne Potts

TUESDAY 24: Sts. Flora & Mary

6:00 PM

- Int. Linda Macksood by Tyl Rizik

WEDNESDAY 25: St. Catherine, St. Catherine of Alexandria

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Tony & Carey Ocampo

THURSDAY 26: St. Leonard of Port Maurice, St. Sylvester Gozzolina

- Int. Deloras Atto by Juliet Hermiz

FRIDAY 27: St. James Intercisus, Martyr

No Mass

SATURDAY 28: St. James of the Marches

5:00 PM

- Int. Josie & Teresa Knight by Jeanie Faris & Family

SUNDAY November 29th: Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

- 10A.M: (Eph 1:1-14, Lk 1:39-45) Ferris Anthony
- Reprs. Wadad & Kathryn Anthony by Ferris Anthony
 - Rep. Ray Faris by George & Louise Shaheen
 - Rep. Joseph Tayar by Francis & Salwa Haddad

SUNDAY December 6th: Birth of John the Baptist

- 10A.M: (Gal 4:21-5:1, Lk 1:57-66) MYO
- Rep. Karen Solomon (9 year anniversary) by Chuck Solomon & Family
 - Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne & Family
 - Rep. Joseph Tayar by Lazar & Nahida Hanna

Style, continued...

Understand, prayer is not just one of the many things we do in life. It is the most necessary thing we do.

So, begin with this definition: Prayer is consciously being in the presence of God.

Once you are aware that God is actually here with you... then ask yourself: What is MY prayer? What is the prayer of my heart? What is my ...style?

Submitted by Subdeacon Earl Matte

Announcements:



The office will be closed Thursday November 26th & Friday November 27th.



Deacon Marty is gathering canned goods and cash donations for the families that we help feed at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Donations of canned goods should be left in the vestibule of the church. Cash or checks can be given to Deacon Marty or to the church office. Remember, our food pantry is a yearly ongoing donation for those in need.



Tuesday masses will be held at 6:00 pm beginning this coming week and continuing through the Christmas Announcement Season.



Beginning in December we will be showing movies featuring the lives of Saints after Tuesday evening mass. There will be announcements regarding upcoming features in the next bulletin.



Please join us in our weekly Bible study classes which are being held every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library.

Lebanese Independence Day November 22



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On this 66th anniversary of Lebanese Independence, we pray for the country of Lebanon and its citizens throughout the world. May God keep them and protect them as they strive to achieve their goals and maintain their traditions in a changing world.



Please keep the family Francis & Salwa Haddad in your prayers. Salwa's brother -in-law, Maroun Khattar passed away in Lebanon on Thursday 11/12/09.



Our annual New Year's party will be held in conjunction with St. George Orthodox Church at their parish on December 31st. Soumaya Aziz will provide the entertainment for the evening. Doors will open at 7:00 pm with dinner served at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$60 per adult and \$30 per child if purchased in advance or \$75 per adult and \$45 per child if purchased at the door. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible.



Nadeem Gabrael & Andre Zerka have returned from the MYA workshop in Florida and are anxious to share what they've learned and begin the task of revitalizing the MYA in our parish. They would like to invite any young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 who are interested in joining in the MYA to attend Mass at 5:00 pm on Saturday November 28th. The Mass will be followed by a short meeting and outing to get acquainted.



We are setting up our 2010 lector schedules for Saturday and Sunday masses. We need parishioners willing to read during Mass on either of these days. Readers are scheduled approximately one Saturday or Sunday every six weeks. Anyone who is interested participating as a reader should contact the church office.



We are looking for men or women in the parish who are interested in helping out as ushers. The duties of the ushers include welcoming parishioners to mass, seating them, handing out bulletins, collecting envelopes during mass and counting the collection after the final mass on Sunday. Anyone that might be interested in volunteering once or twice a month as an usher should contact Phil Faris at 629-8926 or the church office.



St Catherine Laboure

Feastday: 11/25/09

Catherine was born in the house of farmer Pierre Labouré, and was the ninth of 11 living children. Her mother died when she was nine years old and she was raised in the home of her father's sister. Having lost her mother at an early age she was very fond of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is said that after her mother's funeral, Catherine picked up a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and kissed it, saying "Now you will be my mother."

As a young woman she became a member of the nursing order founded by Saint Vincent de Paul. She was extremely devout, and was given to visions and intuitive insights (she chose the Daughters of Charity after a dream about St. Vincent). She experienced her first apparition in the community's motherhouse where she beheld a lady seated on the right side of the sanctuary. When St. Catherine approached her, the heavenly visitor told her how to act in time of trial and pointed to the altar as the source of all consolation. The lady also predicted the anticlerical revolt which occurred at Paris in 1870.

Catherine also reported that the Blessed Mother came to her during evening meditations. She displayed herself inside an oval frame, standing upon a globe, wearing many rings of different colors, most of which shone rays of light over the globe. Around the margin of the frame appeared the words "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." As Catherine watched, the frame seemed to rotate, showing a circle of twelve stars, a large letter M surmounted by a cross, and the stylized Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary underneath. Asked why some of her rings did not shed light, Mary reportedly replied "Those are the graces for which people forget to ask." Catherine then heard Mary ask her to take these images to her father confessor, telling him that they should be put on medallions. "All who wear them will receive great graces."

Catherine lived her years as an ordinary nursing sister. She was pleasant and well-liked by patients and her fellow nuns. Catherine never told anyone but her confessor about her visions. So, even at her death in 1876, no one knew that Catherine was the one who brought the Miraculous Medal to the world. Exhumed in 1933, her body was judged to be incorrupt by the church, and it now lies in a glass coffin at the side altar of the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Paris, one of the spots where the Blessed Mother appeared to her.



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2009 Ladies Retreat



Fifteen ladies from Our Lady of Lebanon attended a CCW retreat at St. Matthew's Parish in Flint, Sat. Nov. 14th. The retreat began with morning mass followed by lunch. Father Doug Osborne, Father Tim MacDonald and Father Phil Schmitter spoke to the ladies on topics including spirituality and holiness in our personal lives. Everyone enjoyed their day together and felt it was a very positive experience.



Altar Servers Schedule:

Nov. 29: Team 2
 Dec 6: Team 3

Church cleaning for November:
 Cindy Shaheen

Mark Your Calendar

December:

Dec. 6 Organizational Christmas Dinner
 Dec 19 Christmas Cleaning of Temple
 Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party



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