

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

Sunday of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

**St. Sharbel
Pray for us!**

December 2019

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The Holy Spirit came upon Elizabeth. Then in a loud voice she said to Mary: God has blessed you more than any other woman! He has also blessed the child you will have. Why should the mother of my Lord come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, my baby became happy and moved within me. The Lord has blessed you because you believed that he will keep his promise.

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Our Services HOLY MASSES

DAILY: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. English

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30 p.m. English

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. English

& 11:30 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English

1st Sunday : 4:30pm

Rosario y la Misa en Español

2nd Sunday: 4:30 pm

Rosary & Tagalog Mass

Sunday Catechism @ 8 am

(Classes are Sept – May)

1st SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. & 11:30am

Youth Mass



To Keep a Lamp Burning we have to
Keep Putting Oil in it. Mother Theresa

SUNDAY OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO BLESSED ELIZABETH



“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.” (Luke 1:46-47)

Mary wanted to share her joy with her cousin Elizabeth and embarked on a journey that required days of difficult travel through the mountains in order to visit her.

Mary's visit blessed Elizabeth's home with the presence of the Lord: As Elizabeth saw Mary, she and her child in her womb were filled with the Holy Spirit. Mary's song is like a battle hymn, it is filled with compassion, it is a song that give hope to the poor and the oppressed.

This visitation explains the principles of kindness, friendship, and initiative to us. Kindness is not a difficult concept, everyone knows what one means when one talks about kindness and charity. If we are true Christians we too have to share God's love with others. We have to take the initiative and show kindness and friendship to others. We can do this by turning these into joyous occasions. *Rev. Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid*

READING: Ephesians 1:1-14 GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

Let Us Put on the Armor of Light!

As we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent, we wish one another a spiritually fruitful New Year. This Advent is, for all of us, an opportunity to rediscover the richness of this well-planned series of liturgical events and celebrations, even as we start our remote preparation for Christmas. St. Paul's exhortation to get rid of the "deeds of darkness" and to clothe ourselves with the splendor of Christ's grace should motivate us to begin this holy season with a clear plan of action and the determination to carry it out faithfully. Today we begin also the "Year of Ecumenism and Inter-religious Dialogue," the eighth stage in the preparation for the great Jubilee of 2021, the five hundredth Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in our country. Let us pray that this yearlong observance may be characterized by a harmonious relationship, fruitful dialogue and generous collaboration among all the members of the various Christian denominations and faiths present in the Philippines. Today's First and Second readings offer an encouraging road-map for a fruitful observance of this year of hope and commitment that is aligned with the prayer of Christ.



OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS ENTRUSTS ASIAN TRIP TO VIRGIN MARY

Pope Francis on the morning of Tuesday, November 19, 2019, followed his own custom and visited the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome to pray before the image of Our Lady Salus Populi Romani.

It is a tradition he has observed before each of his apostolic journeys. Pope Francis has visited the Basilica many times. The first time was the day after his election as Pope, on March 14, 2013. The Holy Father leaves today for Thailand and Japan, returning to Rome on November 26..

Each time he visits, the Pope lays a bouquet of flowers and prays in front of the image of Salus Populi Romani (Salvation of the Roman people), inside the Borghese chapel in the basilica. In the image of the Virgin Mary with the Child in her arms, the Pope sees the faith of God's people who for centuries have clung to the Virgin Mary in times of need, and to implore a sign of grace from heaven, because "what is impossible for men is not impossible for God," according to *Vatican News*.

The sacred image has always been dear to the Jesuits (Saint Ignatius celebrated his first Mass in St Mary Major) Pius XII paid her homage when he proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption in 1950. The image was displayed at Tor Vergata, in August 2000, on the occasion of World Youth Day and on that occasion Pope John Paul II wanted to entrust it to the young people together with the cross "so that it remains visibly evident that Mary is a most powerful Mother who leads us to Christ". It was John Paul II himself, from the beginning of his pontificate, who wanted a lamp to burn day and night under the image of Salus, as a witness to his great devotion to Our Lady.



Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome

CRISIS IN LEBANON, WHAT IS THE POSITION OF THE MARONITES ?

The Maronite Church is an exception among Eastern Churches, marked by separations and reunifications but always remaining united with Rome. Lebanon is an exception in the Middle East. The country of the Cedars of God, which is experiencing a very deep political and social crisis leading to the resignation of Prime Minister Saad Hariri, has a strong Christian community.

For a population estimated at 6.1 million by the CIA's World Fact book, Christians number about 36 percent, including nearly one million faithful belonging to the Maronite Church, not to mention the diaspora of about 3 million people.

They are the disciples of Saint Maron, a monk and hermit, who died around 423. These Christians date back to historical Syria, to the Patriarchate of Antioch, one of the three patriarchates of the early Church, along with Rome and Alexandria. They took refuge in the Lebanese mountains at the time of the Muslim invasion in the 7th century and were constituted as Patriarchates in 685.

The Maronite Church is an exception among Eastern Churches, marked by separations and reunifications but always remaining united with Rome. Heir to a line of 76 patriarchs, Béchara Boutros Raï was appointed head of the Maronite Church in March 2011. He was made a cardinal the next year.

Their West Syriac rite, is one of the oldest Eastern rites. Maronite Christians, who represent one of the largest Christian communities in the East, celebrate mainly in Arabic. The Patriarch supports the demonstrators. While popular protest so far seems to have ignored the communities, Cardinal Raï quickly gave his support to the demonstrators.

"My throat is tightened as I follow events in Lebanon," he said in a homily in Nigeria before rushing back to Lebanon. "Our people are victims of a bad policy, which has led them to hunger, while new taxes are exhausting them."

A few days later, on Oct. 23, at the end of a meeting in Bkerke, at the headquarters of the Maronite Patriarchate, the Maronites united with Orthodox and Protestant leaders to support the demonstrators and call on the government to react quickly and vigorously.

This position is all the more significant as Maronites are very involved in the protest movement, as Karim Émile Bitar of the Institute of Political Science at Saint-Joseph University in Beirut explained. Criticism of 'confessionalism' "Very large-scale demonstrations are taking place in regions that are predominantly Christian," he said. "It is often mistakenly believed that Maronites are all privileged. The poverty rate is worrying in some areas, such as the mountains.

"Recently, a Maronite sacrificed himself because he could not pay his daughter's school fees. The demonstrations go beyond the communities, people take to the streets not as Maronites, Sunni or Shia but as Lebanese." Nevertheless, among the Maronites, a certain fear emerges regarding the radical criticism of the "confessionalism" that structures Lebanon's political life.

Since 1943, the country has had a distribution of power. The Maronites, who were in the majority at the time, held the presidency of the Republic, while Sunni Muslims held the position of prime minister and Shiites the presidency of the National Assembly, whose seats were equally divided between confessions. For Father Fadi Elmir, parish priest of Notre-Dame-du-Liban parish in Paris, the end of confessionalism is frightening. What are the alternatives? "There is the fear of entering a new confessional war and the fear of the influence of Islamism that could transform our Constitution," he asserted.

"Lebanon is the only country in the region with a Christian president, where one can live in freedom and in a climate of Islamic-Christian conviviality. Many Muslims also do not want to lose this Lebanese identity."

Save the Date & Bring the Family...

Family Ornament Paint Night!

Friday, December 6th
6:00-8:00pm
Ornaments are \$10.00 each, Cash Only
So awesome for great gift-giving!

Hosted by All Fired Up! Paint-Your-Own Pottery.

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1 ticket for \$3
2 tickets for \$5

1st Prize – Silver Picture of Guadalupe
2nd Prize – Wall Rosary
3rd Prize – Medjugorje Picture

Drawing will be held at the Christmas
Party on Friday 12/20

Guadalupe Celebration

Thur. 12/12

Rosary 5:30 pm
Mass 6:00 pm

**Followed by Food
& Music**



Beautiful Faces & Places



Congratulations to Brian & Bridget Nevendorf on the Baptism of their Daughters Makenzie & Makayla



Congratulations to Mohammed & Narwah Mohammed on the Baptism of their Daughter Noor

Congratulations to Joseph & Katia Abi Nader on the Baptism of their Daughter Naya



Congratulations to Maria & Francisco Cuevas on their 40th Wedding Anniversary

*Youth Activity
in November.
Remember First
Friday of every
month at 6 pm
Come and Join us
its different
activity each
month*



THE EPIPHANY OF GOD AND MAN: A CHRISTOLOGY FOR THE LAITY

1. FIRST MEANING OF EPIPHANY:

Manifestation of the Savior to the Gentile world, non-Jewish society and people.

2. SECOND MEANING: THE EPIPHANY OF GOD AND MAN

TRUTH 1: Jesus Christ therefore as the PERFECT IMAGE OF GOD has the being of the Godhead that makes him similar and equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

TRUTH 2: JESUS AS THE PERFECT IMAGE OF MAN. The historical Jesus is not only the perfect manifestation of the invisible God but also the undamaged manifestation of man.

Jesus as the true image of God consists of the revelation of Godhead and the revelation of manhood.

CONCLUSION: JESUS IS NOT ONLY THE EPIPHANY OF GOD, BUT ALSO THE EPIPHANY OF MAN in his plenitude (Joseph Ratzinger, "The Dignity of the Human Person," Commentary on the Documents of Vatican II, vol.V, p. 143).

DOCTRINAL BACKGROUND. Ratzinger (Benedict XVI) was reformulating the solemn definition of a Christological doctrine laid down by the Council of Chalcedon in the year 451.

The Chalcedonian formula puts emphasis on the two natures of Christ united in the second person of the Trinity by teaching that our Blessed Lord is indeed:

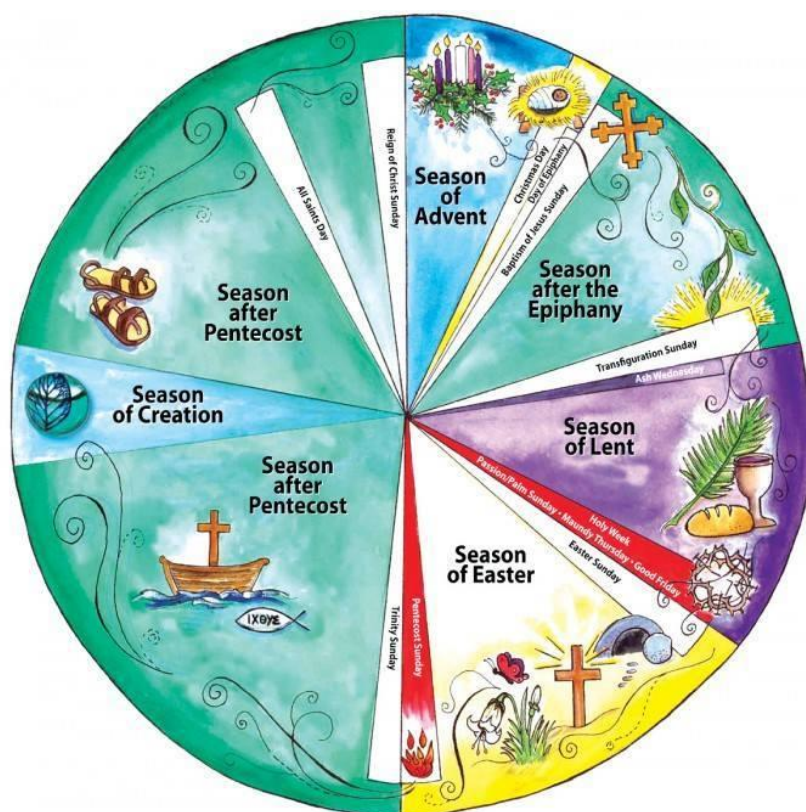
"Perfect in divinity and perfect in humanity... truly God and truly man... one in being with the Father as to the divinity and one being with us as to the humanity, like unto us in all things but sin" (Council of Chalcedon, AD 451).

HOMOOUSIOS: "ONE BEING" WITH GOD AND WITH MAN

1. For how can Jesus be not the epiphany of God or the perfect image of the Father, he who is homooousios (the Greek for "one being") with the Father?

2. And how can JESUS not be the epiphany of man in its plenitude, He who is homooousios with us? As the only Son of God he was begotten from the heavenly Father before the beginning of historical time, as the only Son of Virgin Mary he was born "when the fullness of time came" (Gal 4:4).

I BELIEVE IN YOU, JESUS, TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN. AMEN!



A MERRY MARONITE CHRISTMAS

In his 1995 apostolic letter, *Orientale Lumen*, Pope St. John Paul II reminded us to look to the East, the land of Jesus and the place where the Church began. He also exhorted us to be mindful of our brothers and sisters in the Eastern Rite churches. As a humble part of that exhortation, I invite you to take a look at how Maronite Catholics celebrate Christmas.

First, let's examine what's behind being a Maronite Catholic. The Maronites take their name from St. Maron, a monk, a mystic, and an evangelizer, who lived in the fourth century AD in what is now Syria. His aesthetic life, combined with his preaching, brought many to the Catholic faith. One of his first disciples, Abraham of Cyrrhus (also in Syria), brought the Maronite Catholic faith to Lebanon, where it continues today. The fifth and sixth centuries were chaotic times for Catholics in the Middle East; schisms and wars abounded. However, Pope St. Hormisdas was the first to formally recognize the Maronite Rite as part of the Catholic Church in 518.

The continuous fighting in the region caused the Maronites to retreat to the hills of Lebanon. Meanwhile, Pope St. Sergius I recognized the first Maronite patriarch (equivalent to an archbishop) in the late seventh century. The Maronites continued to survive despite being ruled by Muslims and later, as part of the Ottoman Empire. During the First Crusade of 1096-1099, French Catholics discovered the Maronites of the Lebanese hills. The Frenchmen must have been impressed by how the isolated Maronites strongly maintained their loyalty to Pope. After World War I, France was given control over Syria and Lebanon from 1923 to 1946. Even after French troops left Lebanon, the French continued to influence Lebanese, and thus Maronite, culture.

Finally, in 2011 a statue of St. Maron was installed in Vatican City's last empty niche. Pope Benedict XVI unveiled the statue and gave it his apostolic blessing.

On to Christmas: Being in communion with the Holy See, Maronite Catholics celebrate Christmas on December 25. Maronites call Advent "The Season of Announcements." Their liturgy takes the people through the "announcements" that lead up to the Savior's birth. Thus, the first Sunday is called "The Announcement to Zechariah" wherein Zechariah is told by the Angel Gabriel that his aged wife will conceive a son (Luke 1:12-17).

This occurs before Gabriel encounters Mary. Thus, the second Sunday is "The Announcement to the Blessed Virgin Mary."

The final Sunday in the Season involves the genealogy list from the Gospel According to St. Matthew (Matt. 1:1-17).

The ten days before Christmas are days of abstinence. Maronites also have a pre-Christmas novena, including a benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

In Maronite homes, families set up Christmas trees and crèches. Some of the crèches are done in cave-like settings, reflecting the period when Maronites lived in isolation in the Lebanese hills. Some families decorate their crèche with sprouted seeds (reflecting the emergence of life).

Families gather before the Christmas Midnight Mass for a traditional meal of stuffed chicken and kibbee (meatballs of minced lamb or veal mixed with cracked wheat and cinnamon).

The dessert is a nod to the French influence on Lebanese culture: a cake Yule log known as a *Buche de Noël*. It's a chocolate sponge cake spread with a filling, and rolled into a log. The last step involves shaping the chocolate frosting so it looks like tree bark.

The rest of Christmas season involves visiting family and friends, usually over espresso-strength coffee, sugared almonds, and (in another nod to the French) butter cookies. Children get to enjoy a visit by "Baba Noël" (Santa Claus) with his presents.

The Maronite Christmas greeting can be the French "Joyeux Noël" or the Arabic "Eid Milad Majid" (Glorious Birth Feast).

Most Maronites live outside of Lebanon now — I once attended Sunday liturgy at a Maronite mission just south of Las Vegas, Nevada. Wherever they are, Maronites hold fast to their traditions, and have an impact that goes beyond a Lebanese ethnic background. The Mexico City Cathedral and the Basilica of Our Lady of Guanajuato have shrines for a Maronite saint, St. Sharbel, who was introduced to the Mexicans by Maronites who settled there. The Maronites are a good example for all Catholics. They managed to be true to their faith despite centuries of persecution. They kept their faith even during their long exile in the Lebanese hills. Today, they continue to uphold the Catholic faith in their Eastern tradition, no matter where they happen to be. And they've never forgotten St. Maron's example of evangelization.

This Christmas, may we follow Pope St. John Paul II's exhortation to "look to the east" with our Eastern Rite brothers and sisters, to bear witness the Incarnation of the Lord our God.

By JOANNE SADLER BUTLER

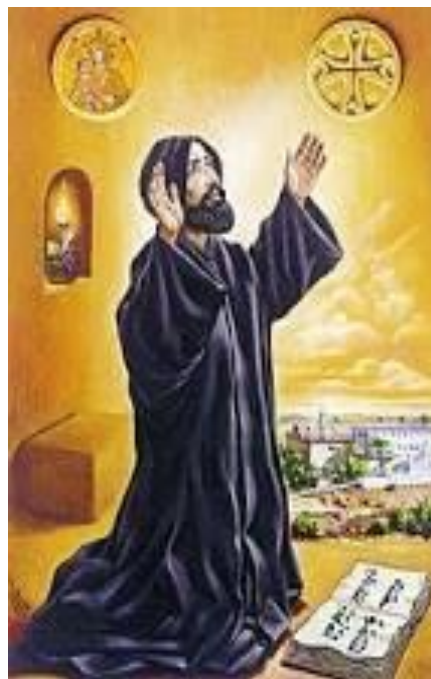
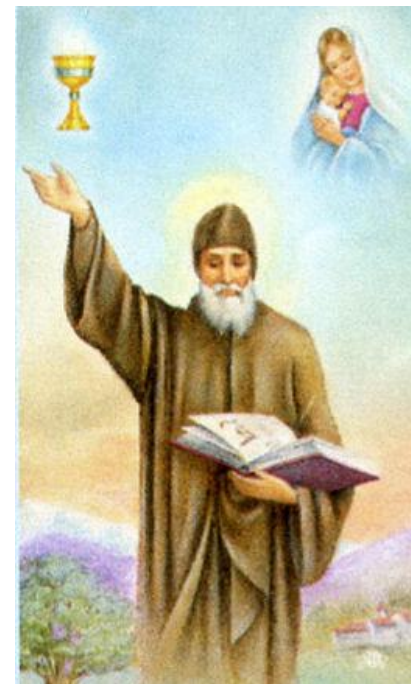
MIRACLES OF SAINT SHARBEL

Healing of Abda Harb

She got cancer in her neck and it was extended to her tongue. The day the date of the surgery was set, her son made a vow and he went bare-foot to the hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul in Annaya. When he arrived, he knelt in the cell of St. Sharbel's agony and started praying the rosary. While praying, he had a vision that his mother was dead and lying in a coffin. He started praying deeper and when he finished he felt a relief and serenity. He went to the hospital armed with a greater hope.

Further to the surgery, the doctor said: "I did my best". When Abda recovered conscience, she thanked her son for praying for her in the hermitage. Her son, amazed, asked her: "Who told you?" She said: "When they started the surgery, Saint Sharbel came and took me to the hermitage where you were praying for me."

Afterwards, she underwent many medical tests and all revealed that she was completely healed and the disease disappeared. She visited the convent of Saint Maron in Annaya and got her healing registered on March 29, 2011.

The Teacher*The Student*

Saint Sharbel Healing Oil of Gladness & Novena are available at the St. Sharbel Grotto.
If you have received graces of healing & blessing through St. Sharbel, write or email us

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION December 8

Today is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States, a day on which we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary (the Immaculate Conception has been, since 1846, the Patroness of the United States). Note that it is *she*, Mary herself, who is the Immaculate Conception; the day does not refer to Mary's conceiving Jesus by the Holy Ghost, but to the conception *of* Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, by Mary's father, St. Joachim. What makes her conception immaculate is not that she was conceived by the Holy Ghost of a virgin, as was Christ Our Lord, but that from the very moment of her conception, she was filled with grace by God, Who knew, in His omniscience, that she would say "yes" to the Angel Gabriel and become the Mother of the Savior. Exactly nine months from now, on September 8, we will celebrate Mary's birthday.

Most of what we know about Mary's parents, SS. Anne and Joachim, is derived from the apocryphal Protoevangelium of St. James and the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary. St. Anne is the patron of childless people, pregnant women, and grandmothers (her Feast Day is 26 July); St. Joachim is the patron of grandfathers. (In the painting above, St. Anne sits in the chair, and her husband stands at *her* right. Cleophas is seen in the right-hand corner reading, and Jesus, Mary and Joseph are in front).

As said, at the very moment of Mary's conception in St. Anne's womb, God filled Mary with grace and preserved her from the stain of sin so she might be a pure vessel by whom Christ could enter the world; "Immaculate Conception," then is a title for Mary -- a title reflecting her being and which reveals that the New Adam saved the New Eve from the stain of original sin in an act foretold in the first Book of Scripture:

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel. Adam and Eve, Mary and Jesus -- the only four persons with human natures who were, *in their first moments*, without sin (and, of course, Mary and Jesus remained sinless).

Mary is the All Holy, and it had to be this way: Christ took from her *His very Flesh and Blood* -- the Flesh that was scourged for us, the Blood that was spilt for us, the Bread of Life that saves us!

Symbols for the day are any of the usual Marian symbols (the color blue, her crown of 12 stars representing the 12 Tribes of Israel and the 12 Apostles), but especially those which emphasize her purity, such as lilies and her Immaculate Heart.

There are no special practices today that I know of, but, as with all Marian Feasts, it is a good day to pray the Magnificat, the Litany of Loreto, the Little Crown of the Blessed Virgin, the Akathistos Hymn to the Theotokos, the Ave Maris Stella (Hail, Star of the Ocean), the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, etc. (You can download the Litany of Loreto in Microsoft Word .doc format, in English or in Latin.)

The Epistle reading today will be from Proverbs 8:23-25, the Gradual will be Judith 13:23, the Tract will be Psalm 86:1, and the Gospel will be Luke 1:26-28.

Community Life

1. **2nd COLLECTION** will be held today, December 1st for the Maronite Patriarchal Charities, please be generous. God reward you.
2. **MONTHLY SPANISH MASS** will be held this Sunday, December 1st at 5:00 PM & Rosary at 4:30 PM
3. **TUESDAY WITH FR. NADIM** - 6:00 P.M. Rosary, Benediction & blessing with the healing oil of St. Sharbel. All are welcome.
4. **1st FRIDAY YOUTH GROUP** will meet this Friday, December 6th @ 6:00 PM – “Family Ornament Paint Night. All are welcome!
5. **MONTHLY TAGALOG MASS** – is moved to Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 PM and Rosary at 4.30 PM.
6. **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** – Thursday, December 12th
 - 5:30 PM Rosary
 - 6:00 PM Mass – Fiesta
7. **SIMBANG GABI NOVENA**
 - 5:00 PM – Sunday, December 15 & 22
 - 7:00 PM – Monday –Thursday, December 16-19 & 23
 - 6:00 PM – Friday, December 20 (Christmas Party – Buy your ticket)
 - 4:30 PM – Saturday, December 21
 - 5:00 PM – Sunday, December 22
8. **CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Friday, December 20th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tickets are available after each Mass.
 - \$25 Adults
 - \$10 Children 10 years and younger
 (Bring a gift for your child for Santa at the Christmas Party)
9. **RAFFLE TICKETS** – 1 Ticket for \$3 & 2 Tickets for \$5.
 - 1st Prize – Silver Picture of Guadalupe
 - 2nd Prize – Wall Rosary
 - 3rd Prize – Medjugorje Picture
 Drawing will be held at the Christmas Party, Friday, December 20th at 6:30 PM.

FILIPINO NEWS

IN THE PHILIPPINES, THE SOON-TO-BE TALLEST STATUE OF THE VIRGIN MARY IN THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO BE READY

Almost 100 meters (315 feet) high, the statue is expected to be concluded in 2021, marking the 500th anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines

Designed by the renowned (and recently deceased) constructivist Filipino sculptor Eduardo De Los Santos Castrillo, the **Marian monument-sculpture-shrine of The Mother of All Asia**, also called **"The Tower of Peace,"** is located at the Montemaría (literally, "Mary's Mount") Pilgrimage Site in Batangas City, in the Philippines.

Expected to be concluded in 2021 to celebrate **the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines**, The Mother of All Asia **will then be the tallest statue of the Virgin Mary in the world**, a position now occupied by the Venezuelan 153-foot-tall "Our Lady of Peace" statue, which was built in 1983.

The Montemaría Pilgrimage site's centerpiece, this image of the Virgin Mary is **dedicated to the unity and peace of all peoples and countries in South Asia**. With a floor area of around 130,000 square feet, the monument will house a St. John Paul II shrine, 12 Marian chapels in the third floor, a food hall on the fourth, mini theaters and conference rooms, and even commercial and residential spaces, and is crowned with a viewing deck on the 17th floor.



PASKO: Christmas in the Philippines

The Tagalog word **Pasko** derives from the Spanish word *Pascua*. Although the word *Pascua* means Easter, *Pascua de Navidad* refers to Christmas.

The Philippines is known for having the world's longest Christmas season. The four months that end with the syllable *-ber* are considered Christmas months, which is why stores and households start playing carols on the first day of September! And the holiday season extends beyond December 31st. It doesn't end until the Feast of the Epiphany or Three Kings (**Tatlong Hari**) which falls around January 6.

If Mexico has *piñatas*, the Philippines has its **parol**. Of course, a parol is not something to hit with a stick. It is a Christmas lantern, most commonly in the shape of a five-pointed star. The bamboo or rattan frame is covered with rice paper, tissue or cellophane. Almost every family either builds or buys one to hang by the window or door. Shopping malls construct giant versions of parol. Traditionally, a candle was placed inside for light to shine through; for safety reasons, people now use bulbs or even a flashlight. Families, schools and other places also display a creche or nativity scene called **belen**. Christmas trees made of plastic are decorated with lights, tinsel and balls.



MALIGAYANG PASKO!

The Tagalog word for gift is **regalo**, but Filipinos have a special word for "Christmas gift" — **pamasko**. The Filipino version of Secret Santa is called **Monito Monita** or **Kris Kringle**. Students in their classes and office workers all hold gift exchanges during the Christmas season. Children receive fresh bills of money called *aginaldo*, usually when they visit their godparents and elderly relatives on Christmas morning. Mostly Catholics, Filipinos begin a novena (a series of nine masses) on December 16th. The masses are part of the cherished religious tradition of **Simbang Gabi**, which literally means "Night Worship." Filipinos go to church at four o'clock in the morning and afterward have breakfast together. A traditional drink during this season is a warm ginger tea called **salabat** and a traditional treat is a flat but thick yellow rice cake called **bibingka**.

On Christmas Eve (**Bisperas ng Pasko**), a few Filipino towns commemorate Joseph and Mary's search for a place to stay with a reenactment called **panunuluyan**, a tradition very similar to the Mexican *posadas*.

What every Filipino looks forward to is **Noche Buena**, the grand family dinner after the midnight mass. Christmas morning is the time for visiting relatives. Filipinos wear new if not their best clothes. Children do **mano**, which is kissing or bringing to their forehead the hand of an elderly person. This is when they receive their **pamasko**, certainly **aguinaldo** from godfathers and godmothers. Christmas lunch and Christmas dinner are with family.

St. Sharbel Church

Annual Christmas Party



Friday December 20 @ 6:30 P M

- ❖ *Dinner (1 water **or** 1 soft drink included)*
- ❖ *DJ Music & Christmas Carols*
- ❖ *Cash Bar (over 21 years)*

\$25 Adult 10 years & up

\$10 Kids 9 years & under

Surprise Visit from Santa

(Please bring a gift for your kid if you want Santa to handed it to them)

WEEKEND**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS****DAILY 8AM****Saturday 4:30pm Nov 30**

Unity of Families

Sunday 9:30am Dec 1

Peace in the World

Sunday 11:30 am

Peace to Lebanon

Sunday 4:30 pm SpanishVíctimas de la justicia
social**MONDAY Dec 2**

Faithful Departed

TUESDAY Dec 3

Unborn Babies

WEDNESDAY Dec 4

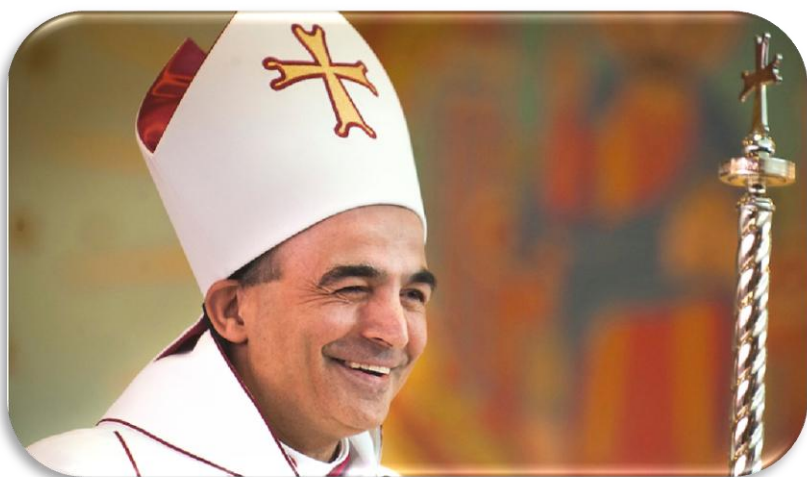
Priest & Clergy

THURSDAY Dec 5

Victims of Calamities

FRIDAY Dec 6

Protection for the Abused

PRAY
FOR THE SICK

*Our Annual
Pastoral Visit
Of Our Dear Sheppard
and Bishop Zaidan will be
celebrating Masses on
Saturday 12/7 &
Sunday 12/8
All are Welcome.*

El Grupo Guadalupano de la
Iglesia de San Charbel
Te invita a que asistas a la Misa
y El Rosario que se celebran el
primer domingo cada mes
comenzado,

DIA: Domingo 1 de Diciembre del 2019**HORA: Rosario 4:30pm Misa**

**DONDE: Iglesia Catolica de San Charbel
10325 Rancho Destino Rd,
Las Vegas, NV 89183**



Despues de la Misa te invitamos a que nos
acompañes a una pequeña recepcion donde
compartiremos: café, postres, y bocadillos con
todos los asistentes.

Si tienes alguna duda communicate con:
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