



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

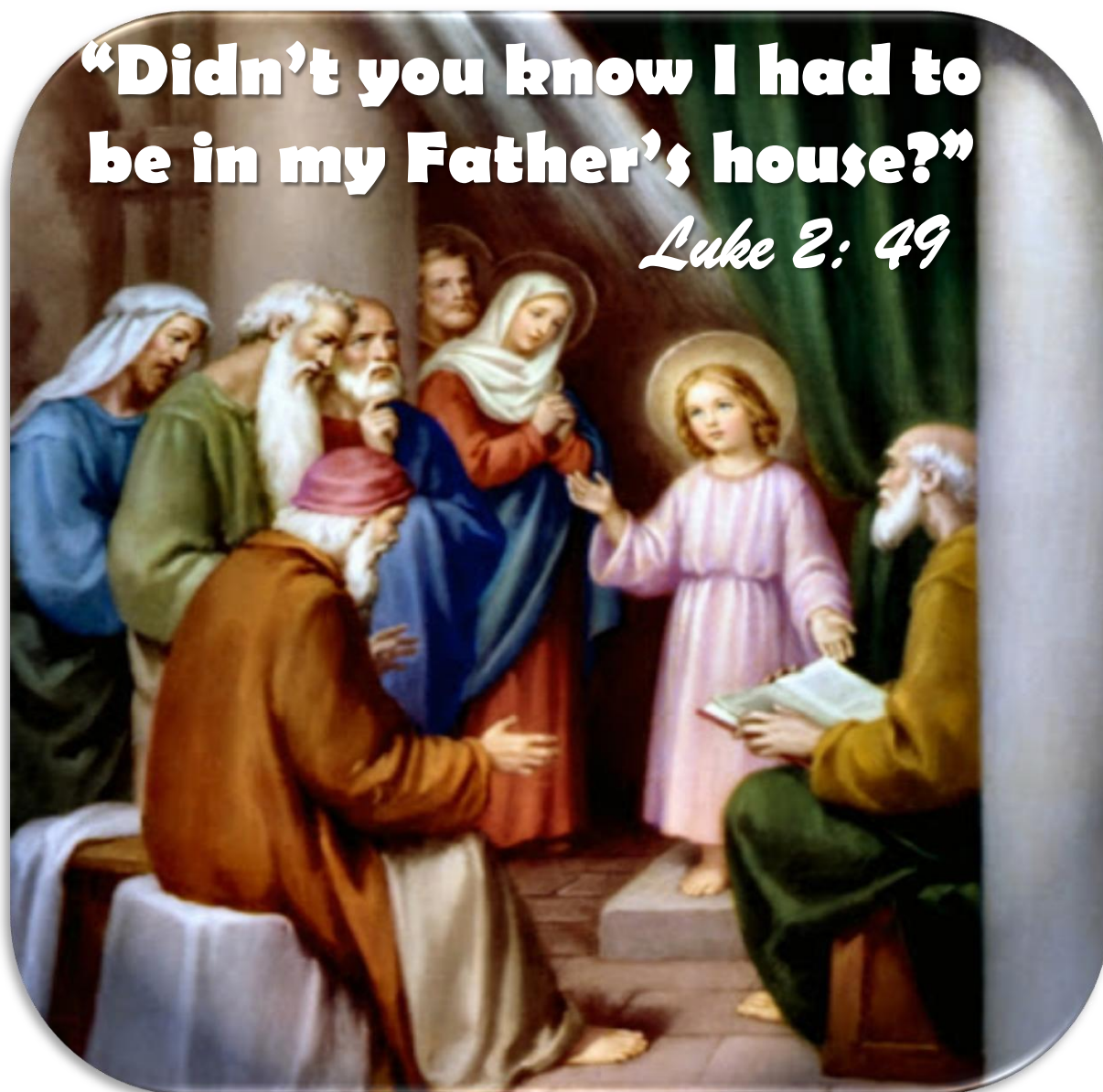
## Sunday of the Finding of Jesus in the Temple

January 2021

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**"Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"**

*Luke 2: 49*

**Our Services HOLY MASSES**  
**DAILY:** Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. Eng.  
**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  
 Tagalog Mass  
**1st SUNDAY** 9:30 a.m. & 11:30am  
**Youth Mass**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### Saturday & Sunday

all Masses are **first come first serve.**

**250 people** in the main Church

**Live Stream on Sunday at 9:30 am only**

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## World Day of Peace January 1, 2021

### Religious Freedom, the Path to Peace

The Church teaches that religious freedom is grounded in the inherent dignity of the human person. The Holy Father's message affirms that all people have a duty and a right to seek religious truth and to practice religion in accordance with their conscience. Religious freedom allows deep and healthy relationships with God, oneself, others, and the world, and helps to form a society where peace can prevail, human development can occur, and the life and dignity of all can be respected.

The world needs God. It needs universal, shared ethical and spiritual values, and religion can offer a precious contribution to their pursuit, for the building of a just and peaceful social order at the national and international levels. *Peace is a gift of God and at the same time a task which is never fully completed.* A society reconciled with God is closer to peace, which is not the mere absence of war or the result of military or economic supremacy, much less deceptive ploys or clever manipulation. Rather, peace is the result of a process of purification and of cultural, moral and spiritual elevation involving each individual and people, a process in which human dignity is fully respected. I invite all those who wish to be peacemakers, especially the young, to heed the voice speaking within their hearts and thus to find in God the stable point of reference for attaining authentic freedom,



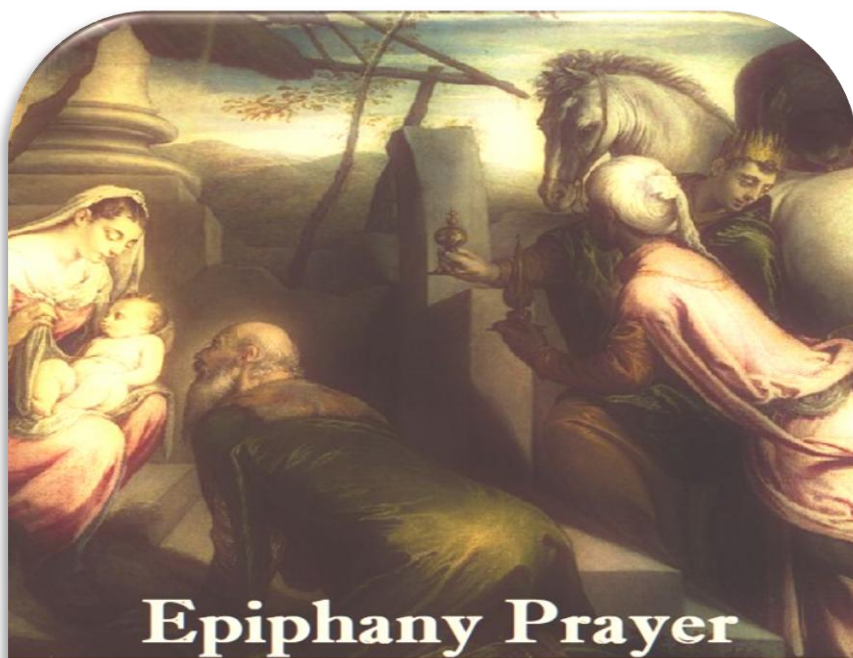
the inexhaustible force which can give the world a new direction and spirit, and overcome the mistakes of the past. In the words of Pope Paul VI, to whose wisdom and farsightedness we owe the institution of the World Day of Peace: "It is necessary before all else to provide peace with other weapons – different from those destined to kill and exterminate mankind. What are needed above all are moral weapons, those which give strength and prestige to international law – the weapon, in the first place, of the observance of pacts". Religious freedom is an authentic weapon of peace, with an *historical* and *prophetic mission*. Peace brings to full fruition the deepest qualities and potentials of the human person, the qualities which can change the world and make it better. It gives hope for a future of justice and peace, even in the face of grave injustice and material and moral poverty. May all men and women, and societies at every level and in every part of the earth, soon be able to experience *religious freedom, the path to peace!*

*Rev. Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid*

## HOMAGE TO THE SAVIOR OF ALL NATIONS!

Epiphany is the manifestation/revelation of Jesus as the King and Savior not just of the Jews, but also of all human beings. Today's feast reminds us that God loves all nations and cultures of the earth, and that He communicates with us in many, often unforeseen ways – through internal inspirations, through external events, through people, and through His Word . . . . Many times these factors are combined in an interplay that becomes clear only in hindsight. The challenge is for us to "decipher" God's message and respond to it with **faith, persevering generosity and courage**, just as the Magi did.

As we are about to start the Eucharistic celebration, let us include in our intention all the peoples of the world and especially those who are working hard to bring about harmony and cooperation among all human beings.



### Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus  
may Your light shine on our way,  
as once it guided the steps of the Magi:  
that we too may be led into Your presence  
and worship You,  
the Child of Mary,  
Mother of God,  
the Word of the Father,  
the King of nations,  
the Saviour of mankind;  
in union with Your heavenly Father  
and the Holy Spirit,  
You are One God  
forever and ever, amen.

*Anasthas*

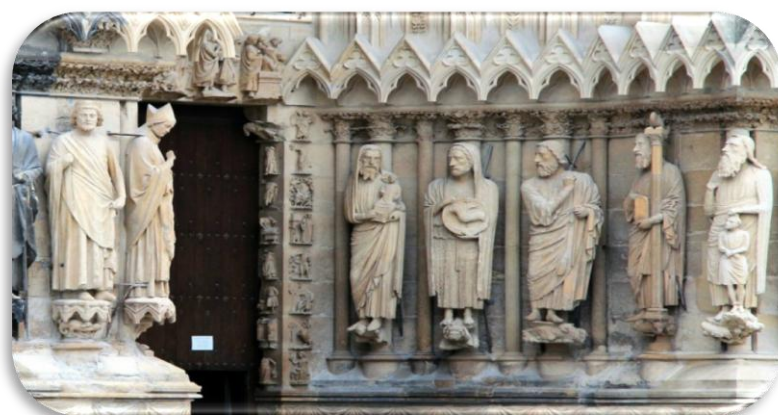


## OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS APPROVES PROMULGATION OF DECREES OF CONGREGATION FOR CAUSES OF SAINTS

*On December 21, 2020, the Holy Father Francis received in audience His Eminence Most Reverend Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. During the audience, the Supreme Pontiff authorized the same Congregation to promulgate the decrees concerning :*

- the martyrdom of the Servant of God Rosario Angelo Livatino, a lay faithful; born on 3 October 1952 in Canicattì (Italy) and killed, in hatred of the Faith, on the road that leads from Canicattì to Agrigento (Italy), on 21 September 1990;
- the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Vasco de Quiroga, Bishop of Michoacán; born around 1470 in Madrigal de las Altas Torres (Spain) and died in Pátzcuaro (Mexico) on 14 March 1565;
- the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Bernardino Piccinelli (in the century: Dino), of the Order of the Servants of Mary, titular Bishop of Gaudiaba and Auxiliary of Ancona; born on 24 January 1905 in Madonna dei Fornelli, a hamlet of San Benedetto Val di Sambro (Italy) and died in Ancona (Italy) on 1 October 1984;
- the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Antonio Vincenzo González Suárez, diocesan priest; born on 5 April 1817 in Agüimes (Spain) and died in Las Palmas (Spain) on 22 June 1851;

- the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Antonio Seghezzi, diocesan priest; born on 25 August 1906 in Premolo (Italy) and died in Dachau (Germany) on 21 May 1945;
- the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Bernardo Antonini, diocesan priest; born on 20 October 1932 in Cimego (Italy) and died in Karaganda (Kazakhstan) on 27 March 2002;
- the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Ignatius Stuchlý, professed priest of the Society of St. Francis de Sales; born on 14 December 1869 in Bolesław (now Poland) and died in Lukov (Czech Republic) on 17 January 1953;
- the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Rosa Staltari, professed religious of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Most Holy Co-redemptrix; born on 3 May 1951 in Antonimina (Italy) and died in Palermo (Italy) on 4 January 1974.



## ARCHBISHOP NASSAR: CHRISTIANS IN DAMASCUS REJECT CLOSURE OF CHURCHES DUE TO PANDEMIC

Syria torn apart by ten years of conflict is now crushed in the deadly grip of the economic crisis and pandemic. In this context, Christians in Damascus rely on Divine Providence and resist the closure of their churches, indicated as a measure aimed at combating the risk of contagion from Covid 19. This is what His Exc. Mgr Samir Nassar, Maronite Archbishop of Damascus, in a message entitled “Overcoming Fear”, written in view of Christmas and sent to Agenzia Fides. The Archbishop chooses the expression “rebellion” to describe the reaction of Christians in Damascus to the idea of closing Christian places of worship and suspending the public celebration of the sacraments. Faced with the rising number of Covid-19 cases, says the Maronite Archbishop “the faithful rebelled against the closure of churches and insisted on participating in large numbers in the daily mass”. In addition – adds Archbishop Nassar – during the Eucharistic celebrations, instead of following the instructions of the bishops and receiving the Body of Christ in their hand, they continued to receive it directly on their tongue, “almost wanting to challenge the pandemic”.

Basically, the Syrian context described by the Maronite Archbishop of Damascus is that of a martyred people and a nation almost destroyed, where the decline in violence and bombing gives way to “a harsh economic war”. The global blockade that has lasted for ten years has been strengthened through the Caesar Act, a measure taken by the US to penalize the persons and States involved in economic and trading relations with the government in Damascus. The Archbishop describes the endless queues in front of bakeries and petrol stations, rampant inflation, and the economic resources of many Syrians stranded in Lebanese banks since October 2019.



The Covid 19 pandemic – adds the Maronite Prelate – increases fear and loneliness of families already left without work and without resources, making its devastating effects felt especially in the medical-health sector, where there is a paralyzing shortage of drugs and health personnel, with many doctors and nurses who left the country during years of conflict.

The living condition experienced by the Syrian people must naturally be taken into account in the pastoral dynamics of the ecclesial communities. The Maronite Church of Damascus – reports Archbishop Samir Nassar – is involved in a synodal journey that began on May 31, Pentecost Sunday, aimed at taking care of the wounds of all and gathering around the Gospel the many baptized dispersed and tired of these years of suffering. “Will we succeed in carrying out this synodal project to celebrate forgiveness before the Divine Child?” asks Archbishop Nassar, without providing an answer, in the last line of his Christmas message.



## FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE January 3

A strange joy – following a time of deep anxiety probably bordering on panic: Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple. Their reaction of bewilderment is easily understandable – what does he mean about needing to be about his Father's business? Especially when it has caused them so much distress?

As a terminal illness progresses, there can come a time when the person who is dying may begin to focus on their inner world, deepening their relationship with God. For their loved ones, it can feel as if they are already losing them. It is a grace when people can pray together and gently let the person they love go into the hands of the God who is preparing to bring them home.



## Circumcision of Our Lord January 1<sup>st</sup>



On January 1<sup>st</sup>, we commemorate an event in the life of Jesus which took place eight days after His Birth: His Naming and Circumcision. According to Hebrew Law, every male child was to be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth (*Genesis 17: 11-12*). Circumcision was the sign God gave to Abraham of His Covenant with His chosen people. Through Circumcision the Hebrew child received the physical sign of his membership in the chosen people of God. At the time of circumcision the child was also given the name by which he was to be known among God's people. It is thus that Jesus is circumcised and given His name which means, "The Lord is Savior". Jesus, as God's True Son had no need of circumcision and yet, in order to show that He was the fulfillment of the Law, He submitted to its prescriptions. Jesus was already a member of God's chosen people; for, in fact, He was God's Chosen One, the Son of the Most High. And yet, Jesus not only observed the prescriptions of the Law, He also surpassed them since after His Death & Resurrection, the New Covenant would be established abolishing the Old Covenant.



## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF JESUS (THREE KINGS)

This Feast -- also known as the . "Theophany" or "Three Kings Day" -- recalls Christ revealing Himself as Divine in three different ways: to the Magi, at His Baptism, and with His miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

For families who practice traditions involving "the Magi" or "La Befana" leaving gifts for children, the day begins with the wee ones discovering what was left for them while they slept on Twelfth Night.

At today's Mass, there will be a blessing of gold, frankincense, myrrh, Epiphany Water, and, after Communion, a blessing of chalk. Bring small special items of gold to have with you during the Mass, and they will be blessed if they are exposed as you sit in your pew with them (wedding rings, rosaries, an heirloom piece of gold jewelry, for example).

When Mass is over, you will take some of the blessed chalk, frankincense, myrrh, and Epiphany Water home with you, so it's good to bring a container to transport Holy Water and one to put some grains of incense and a piece of chalk into. (Note: if you can, take and keep 5 pieces of blessed incense for your Paschal Candle this Easter).



When you get home, sprinkle some Epiphany water (afterwards used as regular Holy Water) in the rooms of your house to protect it and bring blessings. This Holy Water recalls the waters of the Jordan, and is a visible reminder of Christ's Divinity, of Jesus's revealing Himself as God at His Baptism, heard the words from the Father: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

## ***FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (BAPTISM OF JESUS) January 6***

The Maronite Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Eastern Churches this feast is known by two names: Epiphany and Theophany. The Greek word Epiphany means manifestation or an apparition and the word Theophany refers to an appearance of God. On this day we celebrate the appearance or manifestation of Christ among us as God's Son.

The feast of the Epiphany was first celebrated in the East around the third century and eventually was dropped by the Western Church. In the Eastern Churches the celebration of the Epiphany originally centered on both the Birth of Our Lord and his baptism.

The feast of the Epiphany is intimately connected with the mystery of Our Lord's birth. The Child who was born for us and the Son who was given to us is manifested before us to be the Son of the Most High. Christ begins his public life with his baptism by John in the Jordan river. At his baptism Christ is seen as the fulfillment of John's preaching: He is the Messiah and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The Father and Holy Spirit are witnesses to Christ for he is the beloved Son of the Father and upon him the Spirit rests. Thus at the baptism of the Lord we have not only an epiphany or manifestation of Christ as God's Son, but also Theophany or Manifestation of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The feast of the Epiphany reminds us not only of the baptism of Christ, but also of our own baptism. St. Ephrem in his Hymn of Epiphany says: "...our blessed Lord came to be baptized with sinners and because of his glory the heavens were opened. The One who purifies all creatures, desiring to cleanse them, went into the waters and sanctified them for our baptism." It is for this reason that we bless water on this day. Originally, the mystery of baptism was celebrated on this feast and the waters blessed were those of baptism.

Today we celebrate the manifestation or epiphany of the Trinity at the baptism of Christ as well as the manifestation of the glory of God in the person of the Lord come into the world, that is to say, the manifestation of Christ, the Word of God, among us. Let us then call to mind the grace of God who has appeared for the salvation of all, and thank him for the baptism through which we have been begotten in the Spirit and through which we have put on Christ and become children of the Father.





**MIRACLES OF SAINT SHARBEL*****Pierrot Barakat***

He got a stomach ache and an infection in the large intestine. He asked the intercession of Saint Charbel to heal him. It is worth noting that before he got ill, he was far away from God and faith. A doctor came from Beirut and asked him to undergo new tests. Then, he implored Saint Charbel saying: "Only you can heal me. I count on you." Afterwards, the doctor extracted a gallstone.

When he left the hospital, he felt a pain and he went to see the doctor. The latter decided to extract the gall bladder for it was infected. Pierrot disliked surgeries and he went to his parental house in Khalidiyeh where he knelt in front of Saint Charbel's picture and prayed: "Father Charbel, how can you accept that a young man cannot take up the stairs? You will heal me because Jesus answers your prayers."

The following day, he was healed. He visited the convent of Saint Maroun in Annaya and he got his healing registered on April 14, 2011.



*Statue of St. Sharbel praying the Bible in Annaya, Lebanon*

***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***

**Chair of St Peter**

**Feast: February 22 (Traditional Calendar: January 18)**

St. PETER having triumphed over the devil in the East, the latter pursued him to Rome in the person of Simon Magus. He who had formerly trembled at the voice of a poor maid now feared not the very throne of idolatry and superstition. The capital of the empire of the world, and the centre of impiety, called for the zeal of the Prince of Apostles. God had established the Roman Empire, and extended its dominion beyond that of any former monarchy, for the more easy propagation of His Gospel. Its metropolis was of the greatest importance for this enterprise. St. Peter took that province upon himself, and, preparing to Rome, there preached the faith and established his ecclesiastical chair. That St. Peter preached in Rome, founded the Church there, and died there by martyrdom under Nero, are facts the most incontestable, by the testimony of all writers of different countries who lived near that time; persons of unquestionable veracity, and who could not but be informed of the truth in a point so interesting and of its own nature so public and notorious. This is also attested by monuments of every kind; by the prerogatives, rights, and privileges which that church enjoyed from those early ages in consequence of this title. It was an ancient custom observed by churches to keep an annual festival of the consecration of their bishops. The feast of the Chair of St. Peter is found in ancient martyrologies. Christians justly celebrate the founding of this mother-church, the centre of Catholic communion, in thanksgiving to God for His mercies to His Church, and to implore His future blessings.



***Saint Peter in his Chair as 1<sup>st</sup> Pope of Rome***



# *Beautiful Faces & Places*



*Congratulation  
Edward &  
Corazon  
Leano  
on their 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding  
Anniversary  
12/18/2020  
God bless!*



*Congratulation  
Patrick and Zarina Abi-Nader on  
their baby Sofia's baptism  
God Bless!*



## A 30-DAY GUIDE FOR NEW BELIEVERS

by JOHN D. BECKETT

**DAY 14: RESISTING THE DEVIL***How do I deal with the devil?*

One day a heated argument broke out between two senior managers at our company. Normally these two got along well. What caused the outburst? I didn't have a clue!

Then I happened to read a book called Dealing with the Devil and realized we may have encountered Satan at work in our business—a new thought for me! The book went on to describe the authority we have in Christ with this analogy: Suppose a person, dressed normally, is standing in a busy traffic intersection—cars coming from all directions. He waves his arms wildly trying to stop traffic, but the cars keep whizzing by. Then he makes one change. He puts on a policeman's uniform. The results are totally different. Drivers immediately comply.

Here was the clue I was looking for. If I were "clothed with Christ" I would have authority to deal with spiritual opposition, just as the policeman does in traffic. So I "put on my uniform" and prayed in Jesus' name, taking authority over the unseen forces stirring up trouble. To my amazement, the problem with the managers evaporated just as quickly as it had erupted.

The devil, or Satan, is a real adversary we must reckon with. Though once a high-ranking angel, he rebelled and was cast out of heaven. He has been in total opposition to God ever since. Jesus called him a thief who steals, kills and destroys.

Satan was defeated when Jesus went to the Cross, yet he continues to exert influence on the earth. What are we to do? The Bible says: "Resist him and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). In other words, put on the policeman's uniform!

KEY VERSE: "I (the Lord) will contend with him who contends with you" (Isaiah 49:25).

**Taoist Prayers for Peace**

If there is to be peace in the world,  
 There must be peace in the nations.  
 If there is to be peace in the nations,  
 There must be peace in the cities.  
 If there is to be peace in the cities,  
     There must be peace  
     between neighbors.  
 If there is to be peace  
     between neighbors,  
 There must be peace in the home.  
 If there is to be peace in the home,  
 There must be peace in the heart

*Lao-Tse***LIFE IS A GIFT**

Today...Before you say an unkind word—  
 Think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food—  
 Think of someone who has nothing to eat..

Before you complain about your husband or wife—  
 Think of someone who's crying out to GOD for a companion.

Today..Before you complain about life—  
 Think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before whining about the distance you drive—  
 Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet..

And when you are tired and complain about your job—  
 Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down at Christmas—  
 Put a smile on your face and think: you're alive and still around.

And this Christmas, I want to wish you enough peace and joy  
 And confidence to last you all year long.

I send you my love,  
 Abouna Paul Monawad





# Filipino News



## FEAST OF THE BLACK NAZARENE QUIAPO, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

The Black Nazarene (Nuestro Padre Jesús Nazareno) that has come all the way from Mexico through a galleon is a life-sized, dark-colored, wooden sculpture (carver is an Aztec carpenter) of Jesus Christ which has been known to be miraculous by majority of the people, especially its Filipino devotees. The black Nazarene is currently enshrined in the Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene in Quiapo, Manila, Philippines where novena celebrations are held every Friday throughout the whole year. Roman Catholic tradition holds that the Black Nazarene came from a boat that caught fire, turning it from its original white into black or burnt complexion. For almost 200 years, the Black Nazarene is carried into the streets for procession in a "Caroza" or golden red carriage pulled through the streets of Quiapo by male devotees clad in maroon. Every 9th of January, the feast of the Most Holy Black Nazarene is celebrated while novena masses begin on the first Friday day of the year, in honor of its weekly novena mass held every Friday. This also celebrates the Translacion or the transfer of the image to its present shrine in Quiapo. The devotion to the miraculous Black Nazarene (Nuestro Padre Jesús Nazareno) has attracted huge following among the public. Its popularity, which initially spread to the northern and southern provinces of Luzon, spread over time throughout the country. Devotees pay homage to the Santo Cristo Jesus Nazareno by clapping their hands in praise at the end of every Mass performed at the Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene. On its feast during January 9, people believed that whoever touched the Nazarene sometimes has been healed of their diseases. Catholics come from all over Manila for the chance that they will be able to get close enough to touch the image and perhaps even receive a miracle. Some devotees also throw towels or handkerchiefs to the people guarding the statue and ask them to rub them on the statue in anticipation of carrying some of that power away with them.

### *The Original Miraculous Image of the Black Nazarene in Quiapo, Manila*



### History of the Black Nazarene Festival

The Black Nazarene statue was brought to Manila by the first group of Augustinian Recollect friars on May 31, 1606. The image was originally housed in the first Recollect church in Bagumbayan (now part of the Rizal Park), which was established on September 10, 1606, and placed under the patronage of Saint Juan Bautista Saint John the Baptist.

In 1608, the image of the "Nazareno" was transferred to the second, bigger Recollect church dedicated to San Nicolas de Tolentino (Saint Nicholas of Tolentine). The Recollect Fathers dynamically promoted devotion to the Suffering of Our Lord represented by the image that in fifteen short years, the Cofradia de Santo Cristo Jesús Nazareno was established on April 21, 1621. The confraternity obtained Papal approval on April 20, 1650, from Pope Innocent X.

Sometime in the year 1787, then Archbishop of Manila, Basilio Sancho de Santas Junta y Rufina, ordered the transfer of the image of the Nazareno to the church in Quiapo, again providently placed under the patronage of Saint John the Baptist. The Black Nazarene made a lot of miraculous things. These are the survival of the image from the great fires that destroyed Quiapo Church in 1791 and 1929, the great earthquakes of 1645 and 1863, and the destructive Bombing of Manila in 1945 during World War II. Today the head and the cross stay on the Altar Mayor of the Minor Basilica, and the original body image of the Black Nazarene is used in the processions. Other, even smaller replica can be found in other churches.



## LOS MILAGROS

1.- Milagro a la Sra. Nouhad El-Chami: Mi nombre es Nouhad, soy esposa de Semaan Chami, originarios de Mezarib, Jbail. Tengo 55 años de edad. Tengo 12 hijos (7 hombres y 5 mujeres). El día 9 de Enero de 1993, tuve una hemiplejía del lado izquierdo: en mi pierna, brazo y boca e ingresé al Hospital Saint Martine en Jbail. El Cardiólogo Dr. Joseph Chami me recibió y me remitió a la Unidad de Terapia Intensiva y con el Dr. Antoine Nachanakian y el médico de mi familia, Majid Chami. Después de muchas consultas, rayos X y pruebas médicas, dedujeron que la hemiplejía era debida a la obstrucción total de las arterias izquierdas del cerebro y al 70% de las del lado derecho. "En este caso, ningún tratamiento puede curarle. No obstante, aún tenemos la posibilidad de emprender una cirugía y reemplazar las arterias obstruidas con algunas de plástico" dijo el doctor.

Me aconsejaron irme a casa y volver después de 3 meses al Hospital Hotel Dieu para hacerme Rayos X de nuevo. Mi hijo mayor Saad fue a Annaya y me trajo aceite consagrado, y arena de la tumba de San Charbel. Cuando mi hija cubrió mi cuerpo con él, sentí punzadas y pinchazos en mi brazo y en mi pierda. Dejé el hospital ocho días después. En casa la pasé en

mi esposo tenía que ayudarme a ir al baño y mis hijos tenían que alimentarme con una pajita. Así pasé los siguientes tres días. En mis sueños, podía verme bajando las escaleras de la ermita de Annaya, donde oía la misa en presencia de los monjes, y San Charbel me daba la comunión.

Al cuarto día, la noche del jueves al viernes, 22 de Enero de 1993, estaba sufriendo de un terrible dolor de cabeza, y del dolor en mi lado derecho. Comencé a rezarle a la Sagrada Virgen y a San Charbel diciendo:

"¿Qué es lo que hice? ¿Porqué me han hecho esto? ¿Qué pecado cometí? Crié a 12 hijos con muchos sufrimientos, oraciones y perseverancia para hacer de ellos buenos hombres. No estoy imponiendo mi deseo, pero si quisieran pueden curarme, o llevarse mi alma, lo que ustedes dispongan. Yo aceptaré todo lo que quieran". A las 11:00, vi en mis sueños una luz cegadora entrando a mi habitación, y dos monjes se acercaron a mi cama; San Charbel puso su mano en mi cuello y dijo: "Estoy aquí para hacer una operación a tu dolor".

Me dí vuelta pero no puede ver su cara porque la deslumbrante luz venía de su cuerpo y ojos. Yo le dije: "Padre, porqué quieres hacerme una cirugía, ellos no me aconsejaron hacerla?" Él contestó: "Yo soy el Padre Charbel y yo quiero hacerla." Ví hacia la estatuilla de la Virgen María en medio de los dos monjes, y dije : "Virgen María, por favor ayúdame. Cómo es que estos monjes van a realizar la cirugía y suturar la herida sin anestesia?" ... Sentí en ese momento un terrible dolor y San Charbel estaba frotando mi cuello. ...



**San Charbel, ruega por nosotros.**

Cuando San Charbel terminó, el otro monje se acercó sosteniendo una almohada, y me ayudó a enderezarme, puso la almohada detrás de mi espalda y me dió el vaso de agua con el popote (pitillo) que estaban junto a mí. Puso su mano bajo mi cabeza y me dijo: "Bebe esta agua." Respondí: "Padre, no puedo beber sin el popote." Él contestó: "hemos hecho la cirugía, tienes que beber y poder caminar también". Me desperté a media noche, me dí cuenta de que podía beber agua y que estaba sentada de la manera en que el monje me había hecho sentarme. Miré hacia la estatuilla y noté que había vuelto a su lugar.

Sentí dolor en mi cuello. Puse mi mano para ver qué había pasado y me dí cuenta de que podía usar mi mano inválida, y que podía mover mi pierna bajo la sábana. Estaba tan feliz que me arrodillé frente a la estatuilla de la Virgen y la imagen de San Charbel para agradecerles. Fuí al baño para ver qué había sucedido, y observé 2 heridas en mi cuello, una a la derecha y otra al lado izquierdo, cada una de 12 cms aproximadamente. Eran las 2 de la mañana. Fuí a la habitación de mi marido que está frente a la mía y encendí la luz. Mi esposo me miró y dijo en voz fuerte: "¿cómo llegaste acá tu sola?; puedes caerte y eso sería otra catástrofe". Moví mi mano y dije:

"No te preocupes, San Charbel me curó, puedo caminar. ..." Al día siguiente, fui a la ermita con mi hijo y mi esposo, para agradecer a San Charbel por su gracia. Cuando regresé a casa todos mis familiares y amigos estaban sorprendidos. La noticia corrió rápidamente. Visitantes comenzaron a llegar de dentro y fuera de Líbano.

Una semana después, a solicitud del Cura de nuestra Parroquia, en Halat, el Padre Abdo Yaacoub, y el doctor Majid Chami, acepté alejarme por unos días y descansar un poco. Por la noche, San Charbel se me apareció y

dijo: "No dejes a la gente, yo te curé gracias a la Providencia para que la gente pueda verte. (Para dar testimonio.) Muchas personas han dejado a la Iglesia, han dejado de rezar, y de respetar a los santos".

"Aquel que quiere algo de mí, Yo Padre Charbel, puedo venir a la ermita. Yo estoy siempre ahí, no dejo ese lugar. Quiero que tú visites la ermita cada día 22 de cada mes, y escuches la misa de ahora en adelante." Al día siguiente, desperté en la mañana, y 3 puntadas eran muy obvias en el lado derecho de mi cuello y otras 2 en el lado derecho. El Dr. Majid retiró 2 de ellas.

Comencé a organizar la procesión cada jueves (día del milagro) en mi casa, en Halat. El 15 de Agosto de 1993, yo estaba en mi pueblo. San Charbel vino a mí en mis sueños y dijo: "Nouhad, te pido que reces el Rosario en una procesión el primer sábado del mes en tu casa". Me levanté por la mañana, puse el incienso en el pequeño altar, prendí una vela y comencé a rezar. Miré hacia la imagen de San Charbel, y estaba sudando aceite, y aún ahora lo hace, especialmente cuando rezamos el Rosario en la procesión, como San Charbel me lo pidió. Viene un gran número de visitantes a mi casa.

La primera procesión tuvo lugar el 6 de noviembre, y desde entonces, el retrato sigue sudando. El día 2 de julio, Santa Rita se apareció a mí en mis sueños, y yo estaba rezando enfrente del Santuario de la Virgen María cercano a mi casa en el pueblo. Ella puso su mano en mi hombro y me dijo: "Dios te bendiga por tu Fe".

Yo me dí la vuelta para decirle lo que me había sucedido, pero ella dijo: "Yo lo sé, San Charbel te realizó una operación. El monje que te dió el agua para beber era San Maron."«

P.D. Cuando se reciben gracias y curaciones es bueno dar testimonio. Así ayudamos a muchos hermanos, que se sienten desesperanzados, a encontrar el camino.



## Conditions for the Plenary Indulgence

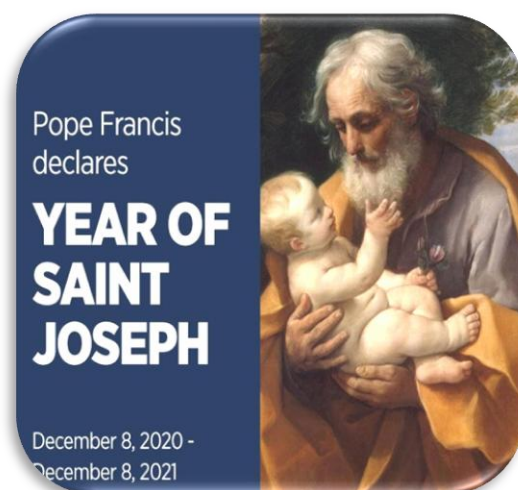
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*The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions:*

- Sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions
- Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:
- The plenary indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer
- Or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. "St. Joseph, an authentic man of faith, invites us", the decree reads, "to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God's will."
- The indulgence can also be obtained by those who, following St. Joseph's example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. St. Joseph "encourages us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in carrying out our duties," the decree notes.
- The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples is another way of obtaining indulgences, in order that "all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family."
- Everyone who entrusts their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and every faithful who invokes the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work can also obtain the plenary indulgence. On 1 May 1955, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph "with the intent that the dignity of work be recognized by all, and that it inspires social life and laws, based on the fair distribution of rights and duties."
- The plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who will recite the Litany to St. Joseph (for the Latin tradition), or the *Akathistos* to St. Joseph (for the Byzantine tradition), or any other prayer to St. Joseph proper to the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church *ad intra* and *ad extra*, and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution. Because, the decree notes, "the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt shows us that God is there where man is in danger, where man suffers, where he runs away, where he experiences rejection and abandonment."
- In addition to these, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who will recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, for example, "To you, O blessed Joseph" especially on "19 March, on 1 May, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on St. Joseph's Sunday (according to the Byzantine tradition) on the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the memory of the saint according to the Latin tradition."
- The decree recalls the universality of St. Joseph's patronage of the Church, noting that St. Teresa of Ávila recognized him as "a protector for all the circumstances of life". Pope St. John Paul II also said that St. Joseph has "a renewed relevance for the Church of our time, in relation to the new Christian millennium."

**For the Sick:** Amid the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, the gift of the plenary indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes. They too can obtain the plenary indulgences if they are detached from any sin and have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions and recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, offering to God the pains and hardships of their lives.

**The role of priests:** The Apostolic Penitentiary encourages priests to pastorally facilitate the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and the administration of Holy Communion to the sick with a willing and generous spirit.





# HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

## WEEKEND

**Saturday 4:30pm**

**Jan 2**

*Peace in the United States*

**Sunday 9:30 am**

**Jan 3**

*+Eloise Gomez (40 days)*

**Sunday 11:30 am**

*+Robert Roumanos  
(1 week)*

**5 pm Misa en Español**

*Paz del Mundo*



**PRAY  
FOR THE SICK**

## DAILY 8AM

**MONDAY Jan 4**

*Faithful Departed*

**TUESDAY Jan 5**

*Unborn Babies*

**WEDNESDAY Jan 6**

*Epiphany*

*+Vic Milewski*

**THURSDAY Jan 7**

*COVID19 patients*

**FRIDAY Jan 8**

*Elvis Presley*

## 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 3 de Enero**

**HORA: Rosario 4:30pm Misa**

**DONDE: Iglesia Catolica de San Charbel  
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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:  
Oficina de la Iglesia 702-616-6902

