



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

*3rd Sunday after
the Holy Cross 2020*

October 2020

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"The coming of the Son of Man will instead be like lightning which flashes from the east even to the west." (Mt 24:27)

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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE



Saturday & Sunday
 all Masses are **first come first serve.**
 250 people in the main Church
 Doors will be opened
half an hour before Mass
 (Saturday at 4 pm and Sunday at 9 am)

3rd Sunday of the Holy Cross

Jesus speaks again of the days of trial that will culminate in the destruction of Jerusalem, and that all present will witness this destruction. It will be possible to run away before the disaster occurs (v. 15-20). It will be a time for evangelization, a time for persecution between the Jewish and the Pagan worlds. The Jewish people who did not recognize Jesus as their Savior, will let other saviors, or messiahs, stir them up against the Romans.

Jesus shows that this general confusion about the true savior is very far removed from what will happen when He returns at the end of time. The value of these concepts is not in their detail, which at best is symbolic, using symbols that are that we are most acceptable to man, but in the eternal truth which they conserve; whatever the world is like, God has not abandoned it.

In the days to come, Jesus saw one danger that would threaten the Church: that of false leaders. A false leader is a man who seeks to propagate his own version of the truth rather than truth as it is in Christ; a man who tries to attach other men to himself rather than Jesus Christ. The inevitable result is that a false leader spreads division instead of building up unity. The test of any leader is to compare his qualities to those of Christ.



“At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and the nations of the world will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory...” (Matthew 24:30)

This passage tells us that both judgment and a new Creation are certain. They tell us that God contemplates the world both in justice and mercy, and that God's plan is not an obligation but His Heart's desire.



3rd Sunday of the Holy Cross

Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Matthew 24:23-31

All for the Lord, like Mary, Our Mother

This October, the month of the Missions and the month of the Rosary, we are invited to widen the horizon of our concerns and to embrace the world with the love of Mary, the mother of Jesus and our mother. Our love and our rosaries will go a long way in helping our missionaries both in their spiritual and material needs. But much of the fruitfulness of our prayers will depend on the way we live. The parable in today's Gospel warns us not to become like those tenants who betrayed God's trust. Instead, we should be loyal stewards who give to the Lord the best harvest of our energies and our efforts.



OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS PRAYS FOR DISPLACED ON WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

'Like Jesus, Forced to Flee'

Pope Francis today reminded the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus that it is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In comments following the recitation of the prayer, he urged those present and people around the world to pray for displaced persons.

"Today the Church celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. I greet the refugees and migrants present in the Square around the monument entitled 'Angels, unawares' (cf. Heb 13:2), which I blessed last year," Pope Francis said. "This year I wished to dedicate my Message to the internally displaced, who are forced to flee, as also happened to Jesus and his family. 'Like Jesus, forced to flee', likewise the displaced, migrants. Our remembrance and our prayer to them, in a particular way, and to those who assist them.

"Today is also World Tourism Day. The pandemic has harshly struck this sector so important to so many countries. I offer my encouragement to those who work in tourism, particularly small family businesses and young people. I hope that everyone may soon pick themselves up again from the current difficulties."

**Do not be afraid to welcome [immigrants].
Offer them the warmth of the love of
Christ . . . I am certain that, as so
often in the past, these people
will enrich America
and its Church.**

- Pope Francis

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'FATEFUL TIMES': OUR MARONITE PATRIARCH CARDINAL BECHARA EL RAI SAYS NEW CABINET MUST SPURN OLD, CORRUPT WAYS

Lebanon's top Christian cleric said on Sunday a new government must deliver urgent economic and other reforms in the national interest, rather than returning to past corrupt ways that have plunged the Middle Eastern nation into an economic crisis.

Patriarch Bechara Boutros Al-Rai, leader of the Maronite church, has an influential role as religious leader of the biggest Christian community in Lebanon, where political power is divided between its main Christian, Muslim and Druze sects. Prime Minister-designate Mustapha Adib, a Sunni Muslim, is in talks to swiftly form a cabinet by mid September, under pressure from French President Emmanuel Macron. Picking ministers in the past has taken months of haggling.

Macron has led international efforts to fix the country of about six million people that has been crushed by debt and which is reeling from a huge Aug. 4 port blast that shattered Beirut, exacerbating Lebanon's deepest crisis since its 1975-1990 civil war.

The patriarch called for an emergency government that was "small, qualified and strong" in his Sunday sermon, saying the new cabinet should not return to past ways of "clientelism, corruption and bias".

"Fateful times require a government in which there is no monopoly of portfolios, no sharing out of benefits, no dominance by one group, and no landmines that disrupt its work and decisions," he said, adding it must "negotiate responsibly" with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

His comments were carried by an-Nahar newspaper website and other Lebanese media.



FILE PHOTO: Lebanese Maronite Patriarch Bechara Boutros Al-Rai speaks after meeting with Lebanon's President Michel Aoun at the presidential palace in Baabda, Lebanon July 15, 2020

Talks with the IMF were started this year by the outgoing government, but quickly stalled amid a row between ministers, politicians and banks about the scale of losses in the banking system that has been brought to its knees, sending the currency into tailspin and driving many people into poverty.

SOARING FOOD PRICES HIT BEIRUT BLAST VICTIMS

Lebanon's spiraling economic crisis is placing crippling burdens on those whose homes were destroyed or damaged in last month's blast in Beirut.

Sister Marie Justine el Osta, of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family, who is overseeing food distribution from the dispensary she directs in Beirut's Nabaa neighborhood, told Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) that families are facing increasing poverty.

Sister Marie Justine said: "There are so many poor people in the Nabaa area, so many needs. After the blast, the needs are rising.

"People are struggling to live day by day, and with each day everything is getting more expensive."

A total of 786 families are receiving food parcels from the dispensary in Nabaa, as part of an ACN-backed initiative which has seen 5,800 families getting food aid at several distribution centers in parts of Beirut affected by August's docklands explosion.

ACN is working closely with charities CNEWA and Caritas in Lebanon to deliver the aid as part of a coordinated campaign by the country's Catholic Churches.

Bassima, a 41-year-old mother of three, whose family is being helped by Nabaa dispensary, said her family has been "living on the edge", struggling to survive on her husband's earnings as a taxi driver.

She said: "Now I can barely feed my children".

In July, the cost of bread, which is subsidized by the government, shot up from 1,500 lira to 2,000 – the first price rise for eight years — and other groceries quickly followed, tripling, or even quadrupling in price.



The purchasing power of the Lebanese lira has decreased by 80 percent since October 2019, and, with the country's gross debt has reached US\$90 billion, more than half the population are now living below the poverty line.

Bassima told ACN: "If I were to go to the supermarket and purchase the least of these products, I would not have enough cash remaining to survive the rest of the month.

"I can hardly buy anything nowadays."

The ACN-backed food packages contain basics such as lentils, tinned goods, and cooking oil.

Bassima added: "I am so thankful for this center. The social worker and the Sisters are always here to listen to me and help me."

Sister Marie Justine expressed her gratitude to ACN for its support.

She said: "I thank God that he sent ACN to organize together to help us.

"It's a sign that the Church is close to our people in their suffering. I hope for more collaboration and projects to come."

An ACN project assessment and fact-finding team have just returned from Beirut and the charity is preparing a second wave of help following the emergency aid it sent last month.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

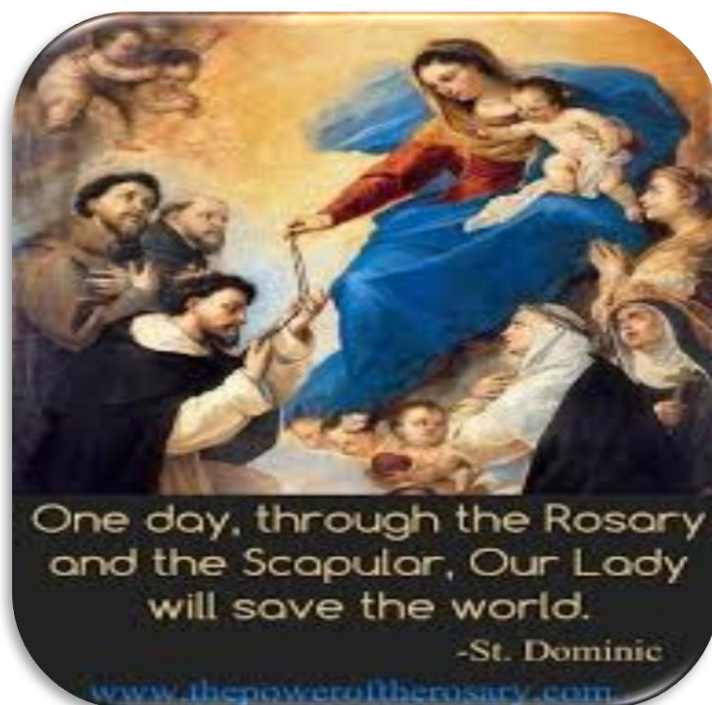
On October 7, the Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of “Our Lady of Victory,” the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe. The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on October 1 in memory of a 10th-century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition.

Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate.

In the first of them, 1883's “Supremi Apostolatus Officio,” he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer (known in the Latin tradition as the “Sub Tuum Praesidium”), when he wrote, “It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary.”

“This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven,” Pope Leo continued, “has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies.” Foremost among such “attacks” was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history.

Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean.



In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570.

The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States - formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7, 1571. Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle - as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces. Some accounts say that Pope Pius V was granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's stunning victory. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary. “Turkish victory at Lepanto would have been a catastrophe of the first magnitude for Christendom,” wrote military historian John F. Guilmartin, Jr., “and Europe would have followed a historical trajectory strikingly different from that which obtained.”

THREE LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. FRANCIS (OCTOBER 4)

Saint Francis of Assisi's beliefs and teachings continue to shape the world almost 800 years after his death. His impact has spanned eight centuries and continues to make a difference every day as Franciscan Fathers, dedicated charities and individuals pledge their service to the Lord. With the celebration of his feast on October 4, let us reflect on three lessons we can learn from Saint Francis of Assisi.

LOOK AT THE WORLD WITH A FRESH PERSPECTIVE

When Saint Francis of Assisi first turned his life over to God, the Christian Church was a very wealthy entity. Devoting his life to Christ in the traditional way at that time would have allowed him to live quite comfortably. Instead, Saint Francis chose to take the Gospel literally and led a life of poverty in the name of the Lord. By determining what was right for his own relationship with God, Saint Francis inspired others and spread the Word throughout the world.

"If God can work through me, he can work through anyone." – Saint Francis of Assisi

ASSIST THOSE THAT SUFFER

One day during Francis' early devotions to God, he came across a leper while he was riding his horse. The young Francis would have looked down in disgust and rode on, the Francis who was dedicating his life to God stopped and dismounted his horse. Francis gave the leper a coin and kissed his hand, and then received a kiss in return. He felt filled by God's grace and a few days later visited the hospice of lepers bringing monetary donations and served them with humility.

"Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these, they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve." – Saint Francis of Assisi

PREACH PEACE IN A LAND OF VIOLENCE

At one point, Saint Francis wanted to be known for his conquests on the battlefield. Then God spoke, and Francis rode away from battle and started his relationship with Christ. Saint Francis experienced violence and its consequences, and decided to preach peace and love in the name of the Lord. Upon his first visit to the Holy Land, Saint Francis entered an area of strife; however, he did not encourage the conflict between religions and aimed to bring peace to the land. He knew that despite differences, individuals can find common ground in God.

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love." – Saint Francis of Assisi

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



"Start by doing
what's necessary,
then what's possible,
and suddenly you are
doing the impossible."



~ St. Francis of Assisi

HENDERSON MUSICIAN EARNS NATIONAL HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP

A Henderson, Nevada singer songwriter has received the nation's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts. Suni Paz is one of ten recipients of the 2020 National Heritage Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Paz is one of the first artists to bring the nueva canción tradition—the “new song” music of the 1960s and 1970s—to North American audiences, Paz's work as an American songwriter and performer of Latin American folk music has resonated as a cultural force engaging people of all backgrounds and ages.

Paz's instruments include the Spanish guitar, the Andean *charango*, the Columbian *caja*, the Argentinian *bombo legüero*, *Caribbean guiro*, and maracas. She has recorded more than 500 songs for children and performed alongside American icons such as Arlo Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, Don McClean, and Phil Ochs, to name a few, and at Madison Square Garden with El Grupo.

The National Heritage Fellowships are lifetime honor awards of \$25,000 and are given in recognition of both artistic excellence and efforts to sustain cultural traditions for future generations. The annual celebration of the new class of National Heritage Fellows will take place virtually this year, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. More information about this event, including the date, will be available at a later time.

The 2020 National Heritage Fellows are:

- William Bell, Soul Singer and Songwriter from Atlanta, Georgia
- Onnik Dinkjian, Armenian Folk and Liturgical Singer from Fort Lee, New Jersey
- Zakarya and Naomi Diouf, West African Diasporic Dancers from Oakland/Castro Valley, California
- Karen Ann Hoffman (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin), Iroquois Raised Beadworker from Stevens Point, Wisconsin
- Los Matachines de la Santa Cruz de la Ladrillera, Traditional Religious Dancers from Laredo, Texas
- John Morris, Old-Time Fiddler and Banjo Player from Ivydale, West Virginia
- Suni Paz, Nueva Canción Singer and Songwriter from Henderson, Nevada
- Wayne Valliere (Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe), Birchbark Canoe Builder from Waaswaaganing (Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin)
- Hugo N. Morales, Radio Producer and Radio Network Builder from Fresno, California



CONGRATUALATIONS!!

Miss Suni Paz from your
Saint Sharbel Community

¡FELICITACIONES!!!

Miss Suni Paz de su
comunidad San Sharbel




ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**\$5 Raffle ticket**

Proceeds will go to the victims in Lebanon
Drawing on October 31, 2020

Thanks to the Navarrete, Solis, Uribe & Salois
Families for donating this beautiful statue
of Our Lady of Fatima



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Warm your  by warming others this Winter!

Hosting blanket and jacket drive for the homeless
(men, women and children)
during the month of October.

40 Days For Life***Help Save Lives in Las Vegas 9/23 - 11/1***

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our Community:

- **Vigil location:** outside Birth control care ctr. 872 E. Sahara (end of street behind black gate). Prayer along Tower of Jewels property.
- **Vigil Hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily {Be sure to register and input your hours to pray online using the link below!}
- **Local Contact:** Kenneth Wilson (702) 250-2637 ken@cacsu.org
- **Learn more...** get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below. 40daysforlife.com/Las-Vegas



Filipino News



POPE FRANCIS DECLARES OLDEST CHURCH IN QUEZON CITY AS MINOR BASILICA

Pope Francis has declared the Santuario de San Pedro Bautista Parish, the oldest church in Quezon City, as a Minor Basilica. The parish is now the 17th church in the country to be declared so.

The Diocese of Cubao welcomed the happy news, as the declaration comes with special ecclesiastical privileges. Moreover, a "Minor Basilica" status is only given to churches of antiquity, historical value, architectural worth, and significance. Being a Minor Basilica symbolizes a very particular bond between the basilica and the pope. Papal symbols that signify this relationship will also be installed and blessed at a Mass in the church to solemnize the designation of the shrine as a basilica.

Extraordinary Blessing

In a Facebook [post](#), the Santuario de San Pedro Bautista thanked God for the "extraordinary blessing" they received. "Let us say a prayer of thanksgiving to Almighty God for this extraordinary blessing to our parish community! Deo gratias," read the post.

Two Minor Basilicas

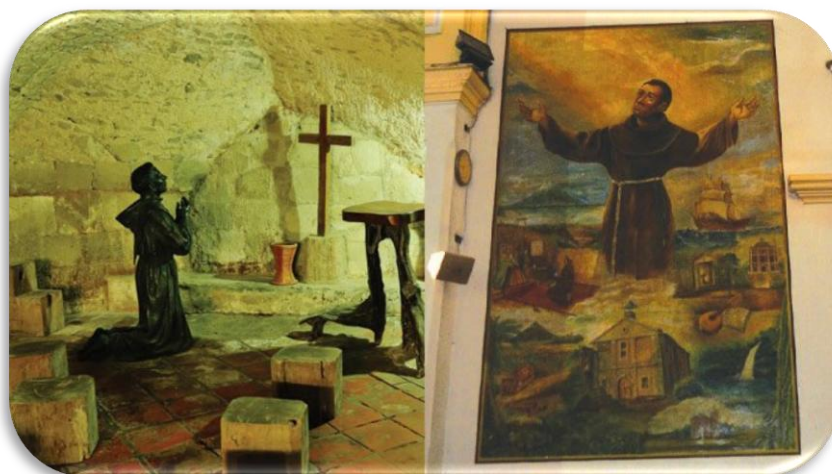
Almost two years ago, the Vatican also approved the Cubao Diocese's application for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine to be granted the title of a Minor Basilica.

The Santuario de San Pedro Bautista is one of the oldest churches in the country, which dates back to 1590. The location of the church is the same area where the parish' patron saint, San Pedro Bautista, stayed when he was in the Philippines.

St. Pedro Bautista is a Franciscan missionary and a known theologian, served in the country for 10 years before he was sent to Japan where he was martyred.



The original façade of the San Pedro Bautista Shrine built in 1699.



POPE APPOINTS APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO THE PHILIPPINES

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Pope Francis on Monday appointed a new apostolic nuncio to the Philippines. The Pope has transferred US-born Archbishop Charles John Brown, currently the Apostolic Nuncio to Albania, to head the Holy See's diplomatic mission to the Philippines in Manila.

The Apostolic Nuncio's post in the Philippines has been vacant since November 16, 2019, when Pope Francis transferred Italian Archbishop Gabriele Giordano Caccia to the United Nations in New York as head the Holy See's Permanent Observer mission.

Archbishop Charles John Brown was born on October 13, 1959, and was ordained a priest of New York Archdiocese on May 13, 1989. Before coming to Rome, he worked as assistant parish priest St. Brendan's Church in the Bronx.

In September 2009, he was appointed as adjunct secretary of the International Theological Commission, which helps the Holy See, primarily the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in examining doctrinal questions of major importance.

On November 26, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Father Brown Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, elevating him to the dignity of archbishop.



Pope Francis and Archbishop Charles John Brown in the Vatican in December, 2018

Pope Benedict ordained him bishop on Epiphany Day, January 6, 2012.

Pope Francis appointed Archbishop Brown Apostolic Nuncio to Albania March 9, 2017.



Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

September 29, 2020

Dear Friends,

Greetings and Peace!

The Catholic Church in the United States observes October as Respect Life Month. This is a time to focus on God's gift of human life and the responsibility each of us has to care, protect, and defend the lives of others. The theme this year is "Live the Gospel of Life" in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of St. Pope John Paul II's landmark pro-life encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). As Pope John Paul articulated, the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, and the marginalized all have the right to life.

As Catholics, we value the culture of life. We define our humanity in relation with God Who created us in His likeness and image. Life is sacred as it is a precious and beautiful gift from God. Just imagine if our parents chose to abort us, we would not be here. We need to pass the gift of life to the next generation. The right to life is unalienable and we derive it from God Who is the source of our dignity as the human person.

We must also recognize that we live in a world that promotes a culture of death. The crisis of faith leads to the denial of God. In the absence of God, life becomes something man believes he owns and has a right to end. In this type of culture, the human person is evaluated in terms of function and usefulness and there is a detachment from God. Instead of life being precious and protected, it becomes a commodity threatened by abortion and euthanasia.

Despite the challenges, there are pathways to building a culture of life. Prayer is especially important because it is the foundation for promoting the culture of life. Let us keep praying for the gift of life from the womb to the tomb, that all people and all governments respect life as a gift from God. Pray and assist in any way you can. The family is also critical as it cultivates virtues, teaches the dignity of life, and promotes life. In Christ, the Gospel of life is proclaimed.

I ask you to pray, reflect, promote, and live the Gospel of Life.

With my sincere best wishes and prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,

+A. Elias Zaidan

Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

• **All Vulnerable People** with underlying health conditions **please stay home.**

• **Mandatory Mask or Bandana** Church at all time.



• Everyone **Hand Sanitize** upon

**FACE MASK REQUIRED
TO ENTER**



• Sit **6 Ft Distance** from each other.



• **Cough or Sneeze** use a tissue or elbow.

• **No Collection Baskets** there are several boxes located inside the Church to drop your tithing.



• **No Peace Greeting** just nod your head.

• **Communion** will be given on your hand.



• **No Gathering** back of the church or outside or at the Gift Shop during Mass or end of Mass .

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**DAILY 8AM****WEEKEND****Saturday 4:30pm Oct 3**

+Mariana Mangubat

+Liliane Murphy

Sunday 9:30 am Oct 4◆Angelo & Sarah Penuela
(Wedding Anniversary)

*Elizabeth Goschinki

Sunday 11:30 am

+Wagdi Lattouf (2 years)

Healing-Miriam Awad

5 pm Misa en Español*Para todos los inmigrantes
de los Estados Unidos***PRAY
FOR THE SICK****MONDAY Oct 5**Thuy, Hai & Matthew
Nguyen**TUESDAY Oct 6**+Enrique Guzman
Healing-Ernie Gregorio**WEDNESDAY Oct 7**Duca Family
Kim Nguyen &
Michael Lang**THURSDAY Oct 8**+Jose Saguibo Sr.
+Angelito Delgado
Andy & Anh Nguyen**FRIDAY Oct 9**+Franito Galon
Camara Family
Blessed Virgin Mary**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 4 de Octubre****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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