



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

NEW SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection "My Lord and My God"



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This is the week of Hawareyeen, which means: "the angels or the disciples". During this week we see the various appearances of the Lord to Mary Magdalene, to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias, to Peter, to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and also, the appearance in the Upper Room.

The disciples in the Upper Room lost all hope because they thought that they would never see the Master again, and also because they had heard from the women that He was no longer in His tomb. How great is the love of the Lord. And how great His forgiveness. Peter even said: "he never heard of Him", and Thomas said: "unless I can see, I refuse to believe." Suddenly He appeared to them and stood in their midst saying: "Peace be with you!" They understood immediately that they had broken away from Him, He had not deserted them. Their betrayal did not affect Jesus' relationship with them. If we really believed in Jesus, wouldn't we live different lives? Are we really that different from those who do not believe?



My Lord & My God, I Believe

New Sunday, is the new meaning and new way of looking for the Lord. He is no longer revealed in the flesh (as the disciples experienced His life with them); nor in glory (as Thomas did). From now on, He revealed in Spirit, through the experience of faith and the mystery (Sacrament). Are you still sitting safely at the Upper Room after having seen Jesus? Do you have courage to leave your room, and announce that Jesus is Risen? New Sunday is the beginning of a new world, new humanity, a new liberation. Therefore, have faith and believe in God and in yourself.

Rev. Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid MLM

Pastor: Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid

Our Services

DAILY: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM English

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30 PM English

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM English

& 11:30 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English

1st Sunday: 4:30 PM

Rosario y la Misa en Español

2nd Sunday: 4:30 PM

Tagalog Mass

Tuesday @ 5 pm Rosary & Bible

Anointing of the Sick every 1st Tuesday

READINGS:

Isaiah 52:7-12

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

GOSPEL:

John 20:26-31



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OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS REMEMBERS BENEDICT XVI IN NEW BOOK: 'HE WAS LIKE A FATHER TO ME'

In a new book interview, Pope Francis discusses his relationship with his predecessor Benedict XVI: 'He always defended me, he never interfered'.

"Benedict was a man of great gentleness. In some cases, people took advantage of him, perhaps without malice, and limited his movements. Unfortunately, in a certain sense, they were encircling him. He was a very delicate man, but he was not weak: he was strong. But he was humble, and preferred not to impose. So he suffered a lot."

That's how Pope Francis remembers his predecessor Pope Benedict XVI, in a new interview book with journalist Javier Martínez-Brocal ("The Successor"), which will be released on Wednesday, April 3.

"He let me grow", explains the Pope, "he was patient. And if he didn't agree with something, he would think three or four times before telling me. He let me grow and gave me the freedom to make decisions."

Pope Francis recounts his relationship with the Pope emeritus over almost ten years of cohabitation in the Vatican: "He left me free, he never interfered. On one occasion, when there was a decision he didn't understand, he asked me for an explanation in a very natural way. He told me: 'Look, I don't understand this, but the decision is in your hands.' I explained the reasons to him and he was happy."

In the book, Pope Francis explains that his predecessor never opposed any of his decisions: "He never withdrew his support from me. Maybe there was something he didn't agree with, but he never said it."

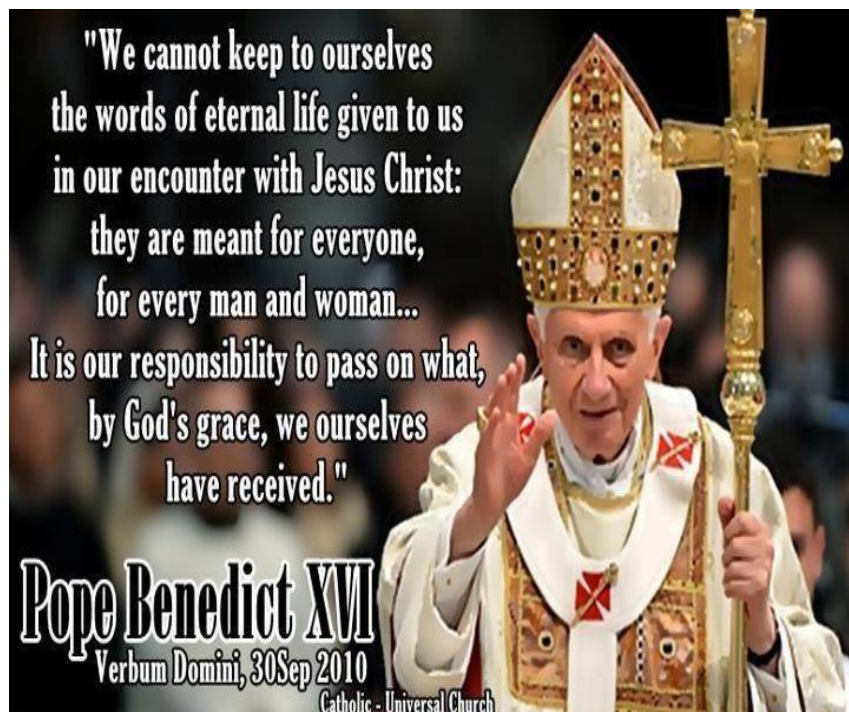
The Pope also remembers the circumstances of his farewell to Benedict, on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, when he saw him for the last time.

"Benedict lay in bed. He was still conscious, but he couldn't speak. He looked at me, squeezed my hand, understood what I was saying, but couldn't articulate a word. I stayed with him like that for a while, looking at him and holding his hand. I remember his clear eyes... I said a few words to him affectionately and blessed him. That's how we said goodbye."

With regard to the continuity between the pontificates, the Pope notes that "What I see in the last popes... is that each successor has always been marked by continuity, continuity and difference," because "in continuity, each one has brought his own personal charism ... there is always continuity, and no rupture."



Pope Francis with Pope Benedict



Pope Francis also recounts a specific case in which he was defended by Benedict XVI.

"I had a very nice conversation with him when some cardinals went to see him surprised by my words about marriage, and he was very clear with them. One day they showed up at his house to practically hold a trial against me, and accused me to him of promoting same-sex marriage. Benedict didn't get agitated because he knew perfectly well what I think. He listened to them all, one by one, calmed them down, and explained everything to them. There was a time when I said that, since marriage is a sacrament, it cannot be administered to same-sex couples, but somehow some civil guarantee or protection had to be given to these people's situation. I said that, in France, there is the formula of 'civil unions,' which at first glance can be a good option because they don't limit marriage. For example, I said, three elderly pensioners who need to share health services, inheritance, housing, etc., can be accommodated. I meant that it seemed like an interesting solution. Some went to tell Benedict that I was saying heresies. He listened to them and with great dignity helped them to distinguish things... He told them: 'This is not heresy.' How he defended me!... He always defended me."

In the book, the Pope also responds to a question from the journalist about the books published at the time of Pope Benedict's death. Francis replies: "They caused me great pain: that on the day of the funeral, a book that upset me was published, saying things that are not true, all very sad. Of course, it doesn't affect me, in the sense that it doesn't condition me. But it hurt me that Benedict was used. The book was published on the day of the funeral, and I experienced it as a lack of nobility and humanity."

Finally, the Pope reveals to Javier Martínez-Brocal that he has already ordered a revision of papal funerals, explaining that the funeral vigil for Benedict XVI will be the last with the Pope's body outside the coffin and the catafalque with pillows. Popes "should be watched over and buried like any other child of the Church. With dignity, like any Christian."

OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS APPROVES MIRACLE ATTRIBUTED TO LEBANESE PATRIARCH

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Pope Francis has officially recognized a miracle attributed to Patriarch Estephan Douaihy, thereby launching the process of his beatification. The decision was announced on Thursday following a meeting between the Pope and Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, and was reported by the state-run National News Agency (NNA)

Immediately following the announcement, church bells rang out in Zghorta, the northern Lebanese village where Douaihy was from. The date of his beatification has not yet been set, according to information obtained by L'Orient-Le Jour. Unlike canonization, beatification ceremonies take place in the subject's country of origin.

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Born in Ehden, North Lebanon, in 1630, Douaihy was patriarch from 1670 until his death in 1704. Considered a foundational figure and luminary of his Church, he founded numerous schools and convents and is known as one of its most prolific historians, sometimes called "The Father of Maronite History."

Recognized as venerable in 2008 by Pope Benedict XVI, his body rests at the patriarchal convent of Qannoubine, in the Holy Valley, also known as Qadisha Valley, near the hermitage of Saint Marina, one of Lebanon's most revered saints.



Patriarch Etienne Douaihy. (Photo taken from a Facebook page dedicated to Douaihy)

Moawad and Frangieh celebrate

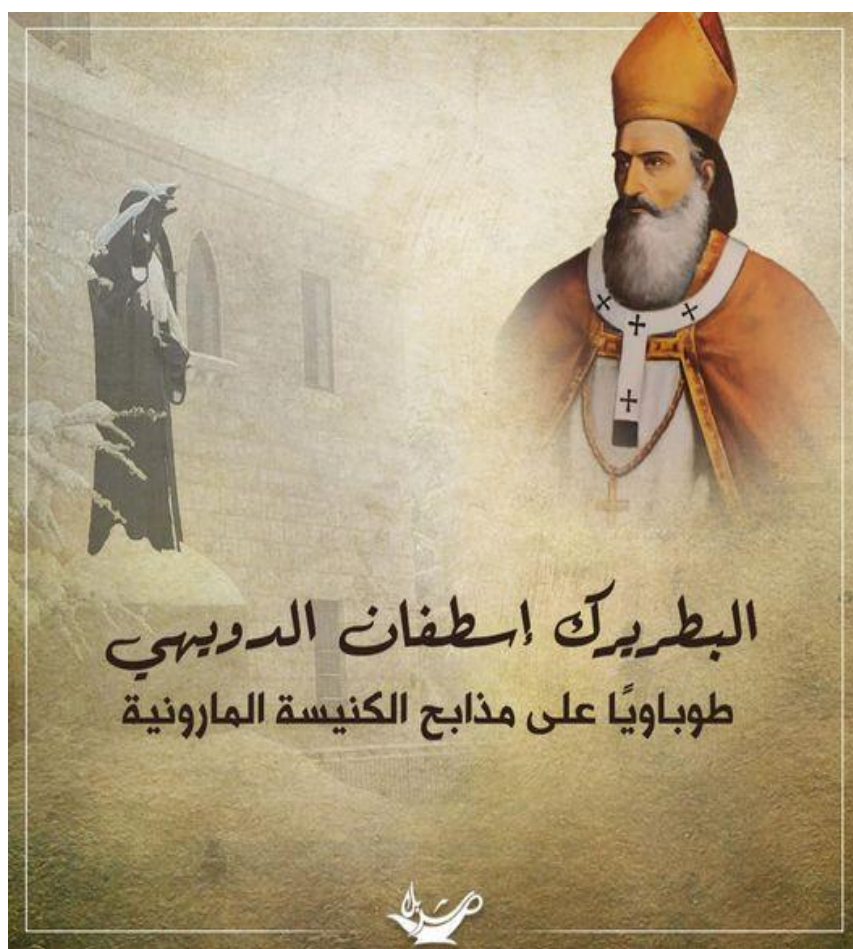
Two deputies from Zghorta shared their reactions to the news on X (formerly Twitter).

Michel Moawad, leader of the Independence Movement wrote: "On the path of holiness ... from Zghorta to the whole world! Congratulations to Lebanon and to our compatriots in Ehden and Zghorta."

Moawad views Pope Francis' decision as confirming "the role of Zghorta in Maronite, national and global consciousness."

"Patriarch Douaihy is a founding pillar of our cultural and religious heritage," added the Zghorta deputy.

Sleiman Frangieh, leader of the Marada Movement and a prominent figure on the Maronite political scene wrote: "From Ehden, cradle of the Maronites, and from Lebanon, land of light and incense, to the whole world, Estephan Douaihy man of thought and faith, blessed on the altar of the Church. Congratulations to Lebanon and thanks to His Holiness the Pope."



Recipients and Signs of Christ's Merciful Love

In his first appearance to them, Jesus filled his disciples with *the gifts of His presence and peace, the call to participate in His mission, and the Holy Spirit*. With these gifts he not only strengthened their faith, but also increased their joy and empowered them in their struggle against discouragement and sin.

These gifts were meant not only for the disciples in the Upper Room, but for all believers. They are for all of us today if we open our hearts in faith to the Risen One and greet Him in the words of the converted Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

Today we celebrate the feast of Jesus, King of Divine Mercy. This consoling devotion is centered on Christ's merciful love for sinners.

We all need this devotion because we all need to experience Christ's forgiveness and compassion. Likewise, we all have the duty to become instruments of His mercy to our neighbor. In this Eucharist, let us ask for the grace to be merciful.



STATIONS OF THE LIGHT OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

In addition to the engaging liturgies of the Triduum, the Way of the Cross, was a popular devotion which thrived throughout the Second Millennium of Christianity. Sometimes referred by its Latin name, the Via Crucis was prayed usually on Fridays during the Forty Days of Lent, on the other weekdays of Holy Week (known as "Great Week" among the Eastern churches) and on Good Friday. In the early centuries of the Church, pilgrims made a penitential journey to Jerusalem to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross, known as the "via dolorosa" (the way of sorrow). In some contemporary Stations of the Cross, a fifteenth station has been added to commemorate the Resurrection of the Lord.

The Via Lucis, the "Way of Light," emerges for Triduum liturgies in the same spirit of devotion. Also known as the Stations of the Resurrection, this devotion parallels the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary just as the Via Crucis complement the Sorrowful Mysteries. These stations were discovered in the Catacombs of St. Callistus in Rome.

The Via Lucis is particularly suited for Easter Sunday, for the weekdays of the Easter Octave (known as "Bright Week" among the Eastern churches), and throughout the Fifty Days of the Easter Season.

In a fashion similar to the Via Crucis and the four passion narratives, the Via Lucis reflects upon the final chapters of each of the four gospels, which narrate the appearances of the Risen Lord from Easter to Pentecost. Fourteen "Stations of Light" have been identified.

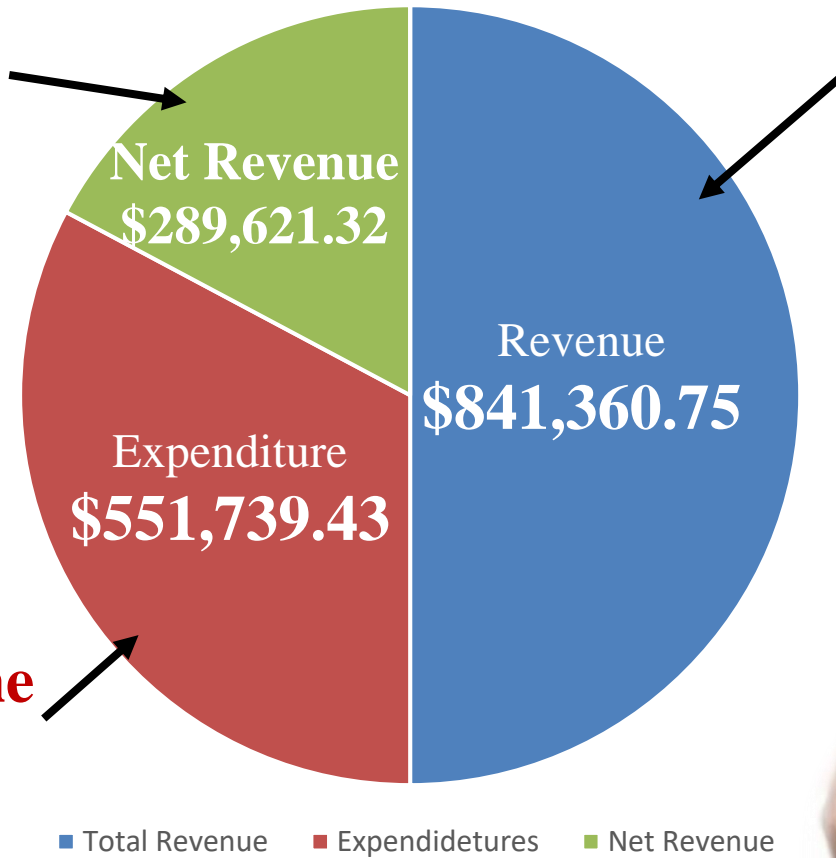
The Official Vatican prayerbook for the Jubilee Year 2000, *Pilgrim Prayers*, includes a Via Lucis along with the traditional Via Crucis. Both of these complementary devotions are celebrated in the Via Garden at St. John's Center for Youth and Family, Plymouth, Michigan. It is hoped that these resources will help the Christian community, which has so passionately identified with the Crucified Lord in the Via Crucis, walk boldly into the light of the Third Millennium with the Risen Christ!

1. Jesus is raised from the dead
2. The finding of the empty tomb
3. Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus
4. Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus
5. Jesus is known in the breaking of bread
6. Jesus appears to the disciples in Jerusalem
7. Jesus gives the disciples his peace and the power to forgive sins
8. Jesus strengthens the faith of Thomas
9. Jesus appears by the Sea of Tiberias
10. Jesus forgives Peter and commands him to feed his sheep
11. Jesus commissions the disciples upon the mountain
12. The Ascension of Jesus
13. Mary and the disciples wait in prayer
14. The Holy Spirit descends at Pentecost

Jan. – Dec. 2023

Net income is the total amount of money collected minus expenses.

Revenue is the total sum of money collected from all sources.



Expenditure is the spending of money on all expenses incurred for Church operations.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 27 - 31 Holy Week

*Holy Week Masses	\$4,696
*4 Masses Collection	\$10,584
*General	\$8,190
*Building Fund	\$890
*Helping Hands	\$993
*Second Coll. (Holy Land)	\$1,746



MIRACLES OF SAINT SHARBEL: TESTIMONY OF FLOSSIE MORTON

Dear FSS,

I am ashamed of myself for taking so long to write a testimonial of when Saint Sharbel healed my son Bob Morton's eye cancer years ago. I did try to write a 3-page account, but I stopped because I realized it was Father Matthew Hinks that called me when he heard from his mother (Therese Harrington) who was one of my best friends and died a few months ago at the age of 96!!!!

At Therese's funeral, I was able to talk to Father Matthew, and I told him I never finished the testimonial that I had been asked to write because I only heard from him how powerful Saint Sharbel was on a phone call after he had heard about my son's illness through his wonderful mother (Therese), who he spoke to every Monday on the phone. (Father Hinks is stationed in Ohio; Therese and I were in Vermont.)

When I [originally] spoke with Fr. Hinks, I asked him how he found out what a powerful Saint Saint Sharbel was. He told me that a woman who attended one of his retreats came up to him after it was over and told him that she had inoperable brain cancer. Fr. Hinks and this woman prayed to Saint Sharbel for God to heal her!

Fr. Hinks told me that it was not long at all, maybe a month or two after he and the sick woman spoke, that this woman came back to where he was and told him that she had proof from her doctors that her brain cancer was healed! He also told me that this woman bought a plane ticket to the country of Lebanon where Saint Sharbel was buried. She walked into the large office near the gravesite of Saint Sharbel and told the people there where she had come from and that she wanted them to know that Saint Sharbel had healed her brain cancer, and of course, she showed them all the proof. They told her that they were so happy for her but that her miracle was the 646th in that month!!!!

When I heard this news from Fr. Hinks, I could not wait to look Saint Sharbel up on the internet. Once I did, I contacted the closest office containing Saint Sharbel religious articles, which happened to be in Virginia. I found the address on the internet. My letter was answered with a phone call from a wonderful member of the Family of Saint Sharbel who was in charge of sending religious articles like novena books, beautiful metals, relics, and books about Saint Sharbel's life. I immediately asked him to send me many of the wonderful religious articles.



My prayer life from that moment on was Saint Sharbel only! I gave many of Saint Sharbel's novena books to everyone I knew who would take one. I am positive because of my faith in Saint Sharbel's intercession and all the religious articles I handed out that many other people were healed, also.

The story of my son's healing was wonderful! He woke up one morning and his vision was very blurry. He went to the University of Michigan hospital and saw an eye doctor. The doctor gave him terrible news that he had a rare cancer in his eye that only attacks under 10 people per million! It was called Choroidal Melanoma. I was so worried. I prayed and prayed to Saint Sharbel, and I made sure my son's wife and children had the Sharbel novena books.

My son had two operations on his eye that caused him a lot of pain. At one point, he was given radiation in his eye, and no one was allowed in his room when he came home for fear they would be hurt by the strong radiation! He even had to put his own medication in his eye.

At some point, the doctor said that he would have to send a biopsy of his cancer to a big lab far away to see what level of cancer he had in his eye. The doctor said it would probably take about 6 weeks for him to get the lab report back. It was the longest 6 weeks of my life and the rest of his family's lives. The doctor said that this particular cancer had 3 possible outcomes: That the cancer would spread throughout his body and would not even be helped by chemotherapy! He would have likely died in time.

That this cancer would spread a little and Bob would need to take part in many medical trials that could take years to find a medicine that would heal this cancer.

That Bob's cancer would never spread, and he would live! Again, all of us prayed and prayed for Saint Sharbel's intercession. 6 weeks went by and no word. We were all a nervous wreck! Then one afternoon when I was at the grocery store, someone called me on my cell phone and said my son's cancer was number 3!!!! I screamed out loud in the store: "My son will live. Thank you, Saint Sharbel!"



How to Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy Sunday is from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called Divine Mercy Sunday." The readings on that Sunday are always about mercy, trust and the forgiveness of sins.

By the words "the whole message," the Holy Father was referring to the strict connection between the "Easter Mystery of the Redemption" -- the suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit -- and this Feast of Divine Mercy, on the Octave Day of Easter. This feast adds so much more meaning to the Easter celebrations. It was Jesus, Himself who asked for it to be celebrated on this particular Sunday following Easter..

There has been much confusion as to how this feast is to be celebrated. To know how to celebrate the Feast, one must only look at the two decrees that were issued by the Holy See and the words of Our Lord in the diary of St. Faustina, which the Church has accepted, as reliable and worthy of belief. The first decree which established the Feast states that the normal readings for that Sunday are always to be used. They are already perfect as they are and reflect what the Image of Divine Mercy portrays.

The second decree is for the plenary indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday that was issued on June 29, 2002. This decree also states what the specific duties of Priests are which can be found in the last paragraphs: Inform the parishioners, hear confessions, and lead the prayers. The indulgence decree also asks Priests to gently encourage the Faithful to practice works of charity or mercy as often as they can, following the example of Christ.

The words of Our Lord in the diary are very clear, Jesus said, "I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. By means of the Image, I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it." (Diary 341, 570) The Image should be placed in the church so that everyone can see it, perhaps in the sanctuary area and at all the Masses on that day so that everyone may venerate and know about it and come to trust in the Lord.

Our Lord also said, "I desire that priests proclaim this great Mercy of Mine towards souls of sinners. Tell My priests that hardened sinners will repent on hearing their words when they speak about My unfathomable mercy, about the compassion I have for them in My Heart. To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak." (Diary, 50, 1521) Easter Sunday is the best time to proclaim God's mercy.

Many dioceses have special organized diocesan wide celebrations and have advertised in diocesan publications and the mass media. Because Our Lord said that the feast is to be a "refuge for sinners" it is most important to use the mass media to encourage fallen away Catholics to return to the practice of their faith and seek repentance. The promise of the total forgiveness of sins and punishment is the best motivational tool that we could ever find to get souls to come back to the practice of their faith.

Our Lord Jesus said, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the Divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (699) The plenary indulgence that was issued for Divine Mercy Sunday does not change the promises of Our Lord. Rather it provides the Church's highest mark of approval and endorsement and gives souls more time to go to Confession.

Priests have remarked "I have the highest regard for it. A gift and a great privilege for all. An extra gift that Our Lord chose St. Faustina to bring to the world for our times." and, "We will have the Image at all Masses and we will have a Solemn Mass at noon. It is appropriate to celebrate it on this day where the readings already speak of the forgiveness of sins and mercy." Many parishes have optional devotions at 3pm (the hour of mercy, as Jesus referred to it) with Confessions available for those that need to go.

Our Lord also said, "The first Sunday after Easter is the **Feast of Mercy**, but there must also be acts of mercy....I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me." (Diary, 742) It is clear that Our Lord wants mercy to be shown to others and this can be done by telling everyone about the special promise of the total forgiveness of sins and punishment that He has graciously given to us

In the Holy Father's homilies, he often refers to the words of Our Lord that are found in the diary. In his homily on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2001 in Rome he said, "It is the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies. **Divine Mercy!** This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity." He often quotes Our Lord by starting with "Jesus said to St. Faustina." He spoke of the Image of The Divine Mercy saying "*The two rays, according to what Jesus Himself told her, denote blood and water. The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist: the water makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit.*"

So, as we can see, the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is quite simple, in fact, outside of having an image of The Divine Mercy in the church to venerate, preaching about Trust and Mercy, and leading the prayers after the Masses for the plenary indulgence, there really isn't anything else to do on that day itself. It is Jesus Himself that does all the work on that day. Most of the energy should be focused on getting people to come back to Church on Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus will do the rest. All that we need to do is to tell everyone about the plenary indulgence and urge them to go to Confession. We can not forget that Easter Sunday is the best time for us to talk about mercy, because the churches are so full of people in so great a need.

Eucharistic Adoration



- Do you want peace & quiet?
- Do you want to have a date?
- Do you want to be loved?
- Sign up for a date with Jesus!

Then Eucharistic Adoration is for You!

Eucharistic Adoration is a privilege and gift to us here at St. Sharbel from **7 AM – 6 PM DAILY**

- Sign up forms are available on the table in the Adoration Chapel
- Check the hours that are available on the picture frame on the table or in the white binder
- If you have already sign up, it is your responsibility to make sure you show up or call someone to cover your hour. Names and telephone numbers are in the white binder.

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Dr. Laura Kahwaji
Victim Assistant Coordinator
 (323) 428-6815



NUESTRO NOTICIAS DE LA COMUNIDAD ESPAÑOLA

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 7 de Abril del 2024

HORA: Rosario 4:30 pm Misa 5 pm

**DONDE: Iglesia Catolica de San Charbel
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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



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MILAGROS DEL SAN CHARBEL

Milagro de Sanidad de George Pospisil (2017)

En la mañana anterior a su operación, George Pospisil se despertó, se levantó de la cama y sintió como la piel cancerosa de su hombro cayó al piso. “Chárbel, ¿eres tú?”, preguntó inmediatamente.

La esposa de George, Hoda, católica maronita, le había contado a él sobre los numerosos milagros logrados a través de la intercesión de San Chárbel. Así que cuando a él le diagnosticaron un carcinoma de células escamosas, la pareja comenzó a rezar, sobre todo a San Chárbel. La mañana en que George sintió que San Chárbel le había curado era el 24 de julio de 2016, festividad del monje santo. Al día siguiente, George fue al médico, quien comentó que parecía que había “mucho actividad” alrededor de la zona cancerosa. El doctor extirpó la piel y la envió al laboratorio. George recibió los resultados unos días más tarde: no había ningún carcinoma de células escamosas residual.

George creía en Dios desde una edad temprana, pero se describe a sí mismo como hijo pródigo, alguien que se apartó y volvió a acercarse a la fe a lo largo de su vida.

“Cuando sucedió todo esto yo no estaba muy comprometido en mi fe, era cristiano solo de nombre”, dijo él. “Pero cuando pasó esto, tuvo un profundo efecto sobre mí. Me encontré de rodillas en el piso rezando”.

Para ver el testimonio completo de George y sus informes médicos, haga clic en los botones de más abajo.



ORACIÓN POR LAS FAMILIAS
(Para pedir la integración familiar)

Señor Dios todopoderoso, escúchanos por intercesión de san Chárbel y manda del cielo a tus santos ángeles para bendecir y proteger a nuestra familia, especialmente por lo miembros que más lo necesitan. Que tu bondad nos cubra y tu amor nos alimente para ser testigos vivientes del Evangelio en nuestro mundo.

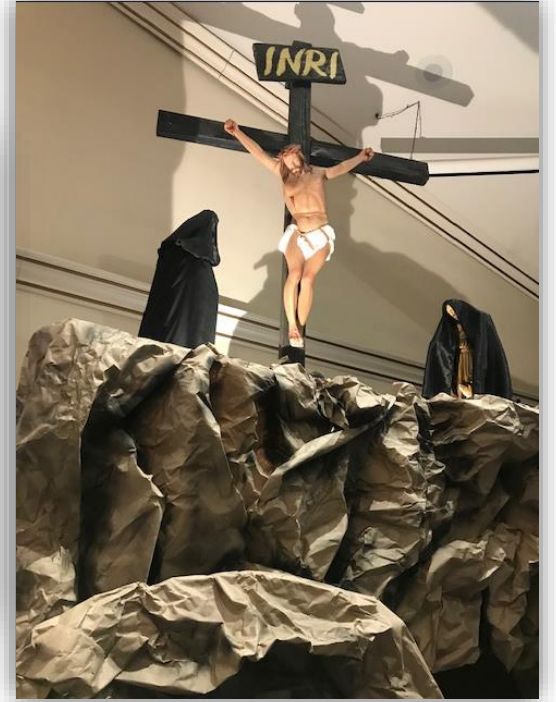
Ayúdanos a estar unidos, a limar toda aspereza que exista entre nosotros, a vivir en la concordia y en el amor, a perdonarnos mutuamente y a saber comprendernos en nuestras debilidades y errores. Sana a nuestros enfermos y afligidos, bendice a nuestros niños y jóvenes y alimenta a nuestros ancianos.

Oh san Chárbel, te pedimos también por las familias de todo el mundo. Que tu oración ante Dios nos haga comprender que de Él es quien toma nombre toda familia en el cielo y en la tierra. Amén.

*Jesús, José y María, os doy el corazón y el alma mía. Amén.
(Padre nuestro, Ave María y Gloria.
San Chárbel, amigo de Dios, ruega por nosotros.*

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Good Friday & Easter at Saint Sharbel





Our Filipino Community News



VATICAN ALLOWS INQUIRY INTO FILIPINO TEEN'S SAINTHOOD CAUSE

The Vatican has given permission to open the sainthood cause of a Filipino teenage girl, a Catholic bishop said.

The Dicastery for the Causes of Saints granted the “nihil obstat” (nothing stands in the way), allowing the Diocese of Laoag to commence a local inquiry into the reputation and sanctity of Niña Ruiz-Abad.

This indicates that Bishop Renato Mayugba of Laoag, as the competent authority to initiate the diocesan process, could start the investigation.

Mayugba announced the news in a circular released last Sunday, which was read in all Ilocos Norte churches.

The prelate commenced his letter by proclaiming: “Lætare!” (Rejoice!) to the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the diocese, as the Vatican judged that nothing stands in the way of the diocesan inquiry into the life of sanctity and heroic virtues of the “Servant of God”.

After securing overwhelming support from the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines during the July assembly last year, Mayugba submitted a detailed biography of the candidate to the Vatican dicastery and petitioned for permission to begin his investigation.



***File photo of
Niña Ruiz-
Abad. DIOCESE
OF LAOAG***



Bishop Renato Mayugba of Laoag (right) and Discalced Augustinian Fray Dennis Duane Ruíz, Postulator of the Ruíz Abad Cause, receive the “Nihil Obstat” from Archbishop Fabio Fabene (center), Secretary of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, in the Vatican on Feb. 5, 2024.

The granting of the Nihil Obstat by the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints for the start of the diocesan inquiry is among the necessary stages in the preliminary phase of a cause.

The bishop also announced that on April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Beatification and Canonization Cause of Abad will be officially opened with the first session of the tribunal specially convened for this purpose

The session, which will be held at the St. William’s Cathedral Church in Laoag, will be open for the public to witness.

While awaiting the designated day for the opening of the Cause, the bishop urged the faithful “to pray for God’s blessing as we embark on this process...”

Abad, the young girl from Sarrat, was described as having a strong devotion to the Eucharist and devoted her life to distributing rosaries, Bibles, prayer books, holy images, and other religious items.

Her unwavering Catholic faith made her an inspiration to numerous people in the Ilocos Norte province, as well as in her neighborhood and school in Quezon City.

Abad passed away at the age of 13 in 1993 from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an incurable cardiac disease.

WEEKEND

Sat. 4:30 pm Apr 6

+*Gary Pollard

Sun. 9:30 am Apr 7

+Median Kutob

+*Marisa Delim

Randolph & Rheanne

Sun. 11:30 am

+Ghassan Misherfy 1 yr

+Patsy Souder

Sun. Spanish 4:30 pm

Por la Conversión

de los Pecadores

**HOLY MASS
INTENTIONS**



Pray for Us

DAILY 8AM

MONDAY Apr 8

+Francisco Menendez/40 days

+Patsy Souder

TUESDAY Apr 9

+California & Romulo Ruiz

*Joanna Pollard

+Jennifer V. Aquino/40 days

+Patsy Souder

WEDNESDAY Apr 10

+Patsy Souder

THURSDAY Apr 11

+*Vincent Murphy

+Patsy Souder

+Ricardo Alvero

+Loreto Allas Sr./1 yr

FRIDAY Apr 12

Patsy Souder

Christine Wilcox

1. TUESDAY: 5:30 P.M. Praise and Worship followed by the Rosary in the Chapel.

2. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Blessing with St. Faustina Relics this Sunday, April 7 all Masses.

3. MONTHLY SPANISH MASS: Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 PM and Rosary at 4.30 PM.

4. GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTION: Sunday, April 7th after the 9:30 Mass

5. MONTHLY TAGALOG MASS: Next Sunday, April 14th at 5:00 PM and Rosary at 4.30 PM.

6. BLESSING OF ASHES, USE OF GARDEN AREA, BAPTISM, FUNERALS, MEMORIAL MASS & HOUSE BLESSINGS –The Office must be called in advance so that we can check Father’s calendar for availability. All necessary paperwork must be filled out to reserve the date.

LET US PRAY:

My Lord and My God, I believe that You are indeed Risen!

I believe that You are the Son of God and the Creator of peace in the world! I believe this because from the moment You were born the angels proclaim Your birth through peaceful song and Your greeting in the Upper Room was a greeting of peace. Dear Lord help me to be an instrument of Your peace. Amen.

