



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

**August 2023**

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**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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** 4:30 PM

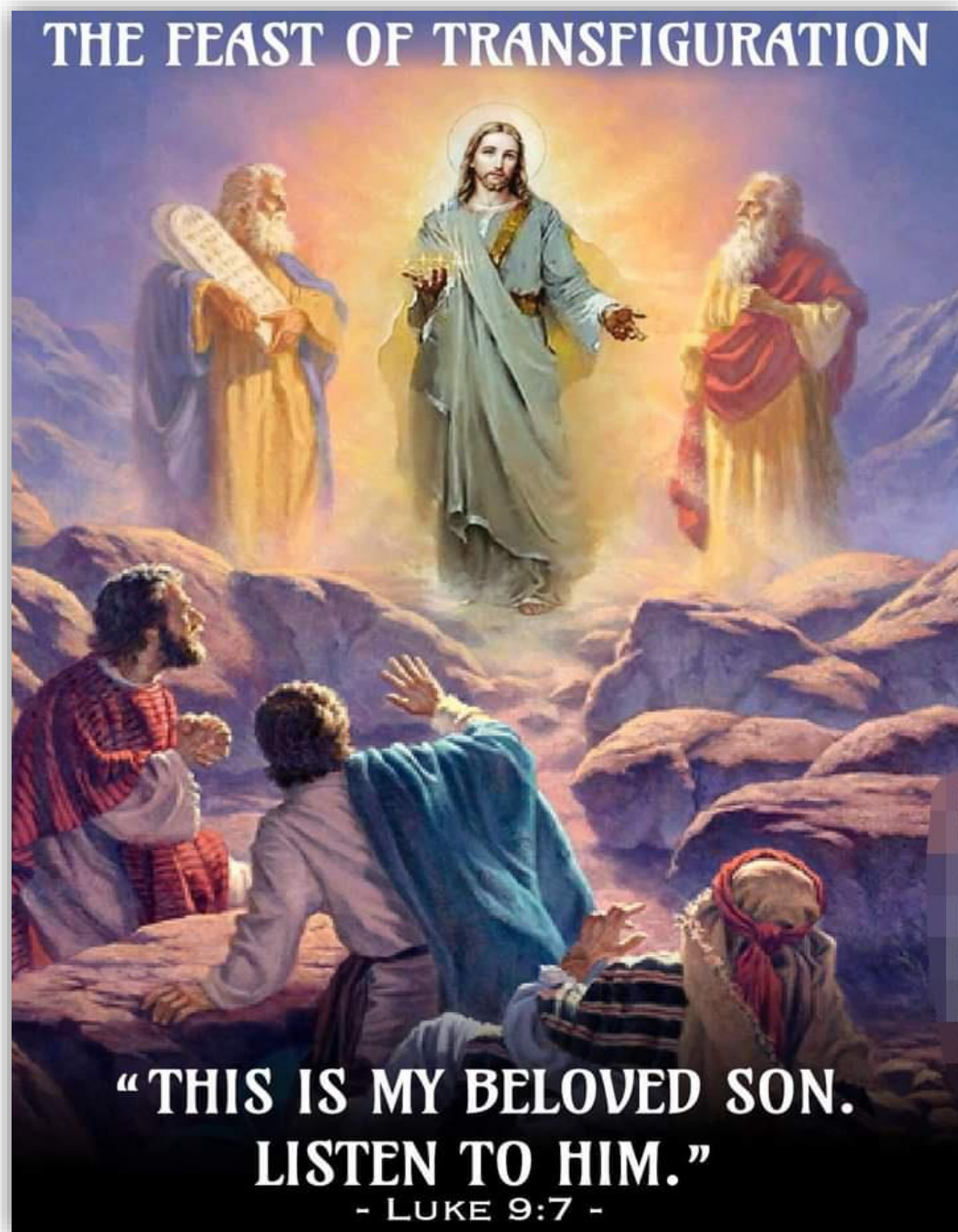
Rosario y la Misa en Español

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** 4:30 PM

Tagalog Mass

**Tuesday @ 5 pm** Rosary & Bible

Anointing of the Sick every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday



**"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON.  
LISTEN TO HIM."**

- LUKE 9:7 -

### **READINGS:**

**Ezekiel 18: 1a, 21-23, 27-28**

**2 Corinthians 3: 7-17**



### **GOSPEL:**

**Mark 9: 1-7**

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## OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS MAKES HISTORY: FIRST POPE ON FACEBOOK LIVE

The Holy Father greeted people through Father Enzo Fortunato's Facebook page.

"Good evening good people. Is it true that you are good people? So, Father Enzo said to me."

These were Pope Francis' words live on Father Enzo Fortunato's Facebook page, which he addressed to users related with the Franciscan. "Thank you for your work and for wanting to be nourished by the water that is the Word of God," continued the Holy Father on the video live. If we are lacking water it doesn't work. The Word of God is like water, it's life, it's always with us and makes us grow. Keep going, with the Word of God, don't abandon it and continue being good people."



Father Enzo Fortunato gave a surprise to his Facebook page users: "what we are going to live is a moment of grace, a surprise," he says in the video. "We are with Pope Francis and I told him that you pray for him every night, that good people pray for him. And then I asked the Holy Father for his blessing and his thought on what it means to nourish ourselves every day with the Word of God."

The video ends with Pope Francis' blessing and the request for prayer for the Holy Father and the Church.

## "POPECAST" FEATURES POPE FRANCIS' LATEST PODCAST WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

In a new Italian podcast set to be released by Vatican Media, Pope Francis listens and responds to the concerns of young people from different backgrounds and encourages them to participate in the World Youth Day in Lisbon.

The first "Popecast" podcast back in March marked a first-of-its-kind occasion for Pope Francis at the time of the tenth anniversary of his pontificate.

Four months after that first "Popecast," Pope Francis features again in a second podcast set to be released in Italian using this form of communication appealing especially to the new generations.

Recalling his first participation, "the podcast? Yes, I remember it now!" the Pope wished to speak to young people in this latest one in view of the forthcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon.

This second "Popecast" by Salvatore Cernuzio has been produced in collaboration with the podcast editorial staff of Vatican Radio - Vatican News.

In it, the Pope listens to the recorded voices of young people via a computer brought to him at the Casa Santa Marta. The youth represent the fragility but also the creativity that characterises today's young people.

The young people did not know at first that their voices would be heard by the Pope, and so they were able to freely and openly share their own personal stories, fears and problems, as well as their goals and hopes.

Pope Francis offers each person a unique response, just as each's story is different. To all, however, he offers the same recommendation: "Strive ahead."

Always strive forward, he says, despite mistakes and falls, with the certainty of being accompanied and sustained by God's boundless love.



## WHAT CAN THE MARONITE RITE OFFER THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL? HERE'S WHAT TWO MARONITE BISHOPS SAY

What can the Maronite Catholic Church offer to aid the U.S. bishops' Eucharistic Revival that is currently underway in the United States?

The two Maronite bishops in the United States say the answer is the Maronite liturgy, with its deep reverence and focus on Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist.

The U.S. bishops' **National Eucharistic Revival**, a three-year initiative by the U.S. bishops to inspire Eucharist belief, follows a 2019 Pew Research study that suggested that only about one-third of U.S. Catholics believe the Church's teaching that the Eucharist is truly the body and blood of Christ.

"I think what we have to offer, of course, is the liturgy, which is the focus of our eucharistic reverence and amazement," Bishop Gregory Mansour of the Maronite Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn told CNA at the U.S. bishops' conference in Baltimore Nov. 16, 2022.

Bishop Mansour said that his parishes offer eucharistic adoration and added that when on retreat the priest will adore the Blessed Sacrament for one hour each night.

He added that he thinks the Maronite way of receiving Communion by intinction — when the priest dips the Lord's body into his precious blood and places it on the communicant's tongue — is a "very healthy way" to receive.

"It's almost a way of receiving Communion that you have the best of all the worlds. You have it receiving on the tongue; you have it receiving the body and blood; and you have it where you have a moment just to receive Our Lord and reflect on him," he said.

"So I like that practice, and I notice some in the Latin Church have copied it, although I don't think it's the norm," he said.

Bishop Abdallah Elias Zaidan of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles said that "the Eucharist must constitute our identity," noting that "all of us are members of the body of Christ."

Bishop Zaidan, who was also at the bishops' conference, said that the suffering, the needy, the brilliant, and the intelligent are all part of the body of Christ and "we have to share and put everything in common to help others."

"From that point," he said, "in our Maronite liturgy, we have that beautiful reverence to the Eucharist. In everything we do, we go back to the source and summit of our faith as well. Christ's presence, forever present." Bishop Mansour said that to aid Catholics in their faith in the Real Presence, "I feel strongly that it's good for us to see what we can do to bring people back to church."

"So we have to have beautiful liturgy, good choir, good preaching, welcoming, youth programs, young adult programs, organization, and we can't just assume that because the church doors are open, people are going to want to come," he said.

Bishop Mansour said that he thinks the Maronite Church had success during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions because his parish doors were left open while abiding by state and local ordinances.

"And I think because we did that, people came from outside and even our own people as well as non-Maronites came in and found a wonderful treasure. The Maronite Church is a treasure, and they made their home there," he said.

"So I think the Maronite Church has to just keep doing what she's always done over the ages. That is just to be a church, be an aesthetical, monastic, prayerful, strong witness to Christ, to the world," he said.

Bishop Mansour said that the laity can inspire faith in others by having a devotion to Jesus, "especially in the presence of the tabernacle."

"You can come early to Mass and stay a few minutes after to give thanks. You can participate in the liturgy. When the parish does have eucharistic adoration, you could be one of the first to be there and to really believe it. I think your witness is such that you could inspire a few people just by being a faithful man or woman," he said of the laity.

As far as his role as a bishop, Bishop Mansour said that he can inspire Eucharistic devotion by being devoted to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

"I've learned a few things over the years from others. One of them is an older bishop that I could see every time he'd celebrate the liturgy: He'd go kneel after liturgy, in front of the tabernacle, just to give thanks," he said.

He added that he didn't cultivate a strong devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament when in seminary, but he eventually did, and said that "it became such a powerful force in my life."

"I want to be close to Christ's presence in the Eucharist everywhere I go. So that's why I've asked all of our priests to put the tabernacle back in the center of the churches. A very clear sign of Christ's presence," he said.

Mansour said that one of his predecessors, Archbishop Francis Mansour Zayek, "used to say the life of the priest is like a vigil candle in front of the sacrament. His life is consumed in drawing attention to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. That's the role of a priest."

Mansour said that the Blessed Virgin Mary can be an inspiration for all to be "a tabernacle for God's presence" just as she was when Jesus was in her womb. He said he encourages praying the rosary as well.

Zaidan holds the same sentiments about the Mother of God, noting that "there is always a special mention of her in our prayers" in the Maronite Church.

He said that Marian devotions such as the rosary and the Miraculous Medal can aid eucharistic devotion as well. Zaidan said that all of the Maronite patriarchal sees are always placed under the patronage of the Blessed Mother.

"And if you go to every hometown in Lebanon, if the Blessed Mother is not the patroness of that town, you'd see special shrine [to her] or something," he said.

"She senses our needs in so many ways and she knows in her heart to intercede on our behalf as well," Zaidan said.





## WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS CHRIST?



"After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There He was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!' Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead" (Mark 9:2-9).

The account of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ as recorded here in Mark (parallel passages are found in Matthew 17:1-3 and Luke 9:28-36) is a demonstration to three witnesses that Jesus Christ was who He claimed to be. In all three accounts of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ, we are given the names of the three disciples who accompanied Jesus and who stood as human witnesses to the glory that was Christ's. There were also three heavenly witnesses, Moses, Elijah, and the voice of God from heaven. Therefore, the Old Testament law of three witnesses required to attest to any fact (Deuteronomy 19:15) was satisfied both in earth and in heaven.

The word "transfigured" is a very interesting word. The Greek word is "metamorpho" and it means to transform, literally or figuratively to metamorphose, or to change. The word is a verb that means to change into another form. It also means to change the outside to match the inside. The prefix "meta" means to change and the "morphe" means form. In the case of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ it means to match the outside with the reality of the inside. To change the outward so that it matches the inward reality. Jesus' divine nature was "veiled" (Hebrews 10:20) in human form and the transfiguration was a glimpse of that glory. Therefore, the transfiguration of Jesus Christ displayed the Shekinah glory of God incarnate in the Son. The voice of God attesting to the truth of Jesus' Sonship was the second time God's voice was heard. The first time was at Jesus' baptism into His public ministry by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:7; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22).

Therefore, the transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a unique display of His Divine character and a glimpse of the glory, which Jesus had before He came to earth in human form. This truth is emphasized for us in a passage in the Apostle Paul's letter to Phillippi. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form (morphe) of God, thought it was not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself no reputation, and took upon Him the form (morphe) of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death on the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That is at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:5-11)

The Son of God came to earth in the form of a man to be the true servant of God and to gift mankind with the greatest gift ever given, eternal life. The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a visible sign in the presence of reliable witnesses of the reality of the power of God and the glory, which is Christ Jesus.

## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (AUGUST 15)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. The Feast of the Assumption, celebrated every year on August 15, is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. It commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay--a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a holy day of obligation.

The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God."

The document recounts, in the words of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, the death, laying in the tomb, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in "Munificentissimus Deus" that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

While the Eastern Orthodox believe in the Dormition, they object to the papal definition of the dogma, seeing it as unnecessary, since belief in Mary's bodily assumption, tradition holds, goes back to apostolic times.

**HAVE A LAUGH*****When God over answers***

An Italian woman consulted her priest about her inability to conceive. Her priest assured her to rest in the comfort that he was going to Rome for ten years and would light a candle for her. Ten years later the priest returned from Rome and went to visit the woman. As he entered the house, he saw the woman in the midst of eight young screaming children. "God answered our prayer! The candle worked!" the priest exclaimed. "Where is your husband? I wish to congratulate him and rejoice with him." The exhausted woman answered, "He is not here; he went to Rome to blow out that stupid candle you lit!"


**WEEKLY**  
**COLLECTION**  
**July 29 & 30**

*Mass Collection	\$5,036
*General	<u>\$1,491</u>
	<b>\$6,527</b>

*Weekly Expense	\$8,750
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<b>Negative</b>	<b>- \$2,223</b>
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*Building Fund	<b>\$ 650</b>
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*Helping Hands	<b>\$ 278</b>
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**\*The weekly shortfalls are covered by the monthly Auto Pay. Its consistent and guarantees to keep us going. To avoid shortfall please give through Auto Pay.\***

## ***The Miracles of Saint Charbel that made him become a Saint***

Among the many miracles related to Saint Charbel the Church chose two of them to declare the beatification, and a third for his canonization.

These Miracles are:

1. The healing of Sister Mary Abel Kamari of the Sacred Hearts.
2. The healing of Iskandar Naim Obeid from Baabdat.
3. The healing of Mariam Awad from Hammana.



***A Photo taken of some priests after Saint Charbel's death, and he appears in the photo***



# Festival Updates



**Friday: October 6**

**@ 4 pm – 11 pm**

**Saturday: October 7**

**@ 2 pm – 11 pm**

**Sunday: October 8**

**@ 1 pm – 8 pm**

**15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL** **LEBANESE AMERICAN Festival 2023**

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**1<sup>st</sup> \$2,000**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> \$1,500</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> \$1,000</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> \$1,000</b>
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<b>14<sup>th</sup> \$250</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> \$250</b>	

**Donation \$100 per Ticket only 300 tickets Printed**

**Drawing on Sunday October 8 (No need to be Present) Check To: St. Sharbel Church**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sold By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Don't wait buy your raffle ticket today.**

**\*Limited amount available.**

**\*\$10,000 in prizes will be announced on Sunday 10/8 @ 7:30 pm**

## **BOOTH RENTAL**



**Don't wait Reserve your Booth (10'x10' or 10'x20') TODAY**  
**deadline is September 15.**  
**call the office 702-616-6902 or**  
**go to the festival website or**  
**pickup an application**  
**at the Church**  
**Lebaneseamericanfestival.com**

Please donate **16 oz water bottle** or **Soda cans**. Drop off at the Church during the week 9 am – 3 pm







Cedar  
of the  
Lord  
(Ps  
4:16)



# LEBANESE AMERICAN Festival

## 2023



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**1 pm – 8 pm**

**\*Live entertainment**

**\*Delicious Food & Vegan**

**\*Drinks**

**\*Raffle**

**\*Kids Zone**

**\*Convenient Parking**



✓ **Admission & Parking**

**\$8 Donation**

✓ **Free Children under 10**

✓ **Free active Military & Police**



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## 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 6 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.

Questions: Contact the Parish Office or Mylynn Lim at 702 769-2382

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or vulnerable adult sexual abuse by a Cleric (Priest  
or Deacon), Member of a Religious Congregation,  
Lay Employee or Volunteer in the Eparchy of Our  
Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles contact

**Dr. Laura Kahwaji**  
**Victim Assistant Coordinator**  
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## SAINT SHARBEL YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### MINISTRY CAN BE LONELY

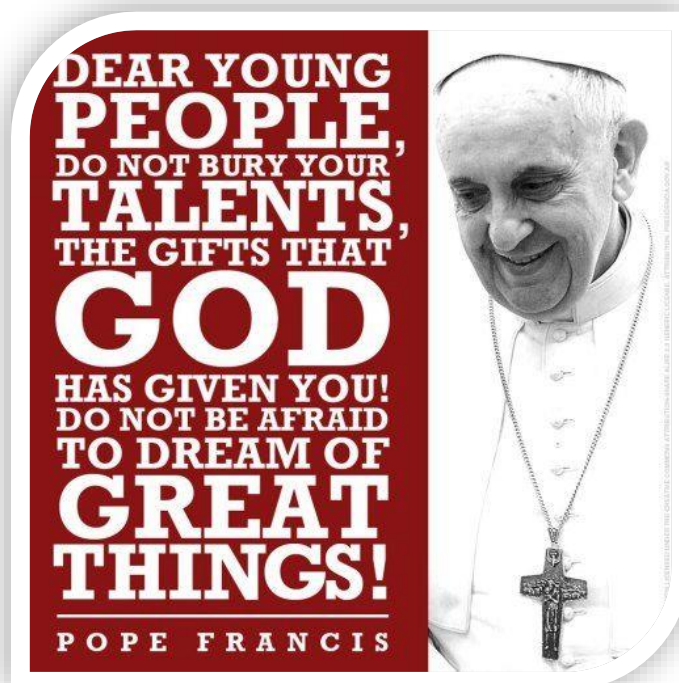
Ministry can be lonely.

Especially youth ministry. My first two years of ministry did not prepare me well for the next ten years. I started youth ministry as an intern at a parish with 3 full time staff members, a college intern (me), and two high school interns. It was a large parish in North Dallas and we were able to do some amazing ministry to about 600 youth. We were a tight leadership group with tons of volunteer support, a large budget, and dedicated facilities.

It was also a total deception of what youth ministry looks like in most parishes.

Over the next three parishes, I learned the hard lesson that as a youth minister you will probably not be continually surrounded by 5-15 people who all bought into the same vision. More than likely you will spend most of your time alone in an office with other staff who may not get what you are trying to do. I have never really missed having a big budget or big facilities, but I have ached for being part of a team of ministers who were passionate about changing lives. So a few years ago I decided to do something about it. I had had enough of not connecting with the other ministers on staff, so I did something hard and stepped out of my silo.

I started going to other staff members and asking them to work together on events. I did youth/kids events with the children's minister, parent/youth events with the adult formation team, and I jumped into parish school events that made sense, and it was great. My moral went up, numbers grew, staff was happier, and my pastor... well... he *hated* it. He accused me of doing other people's jobs instead of my own. I advocated, pushed back, eventually quit.

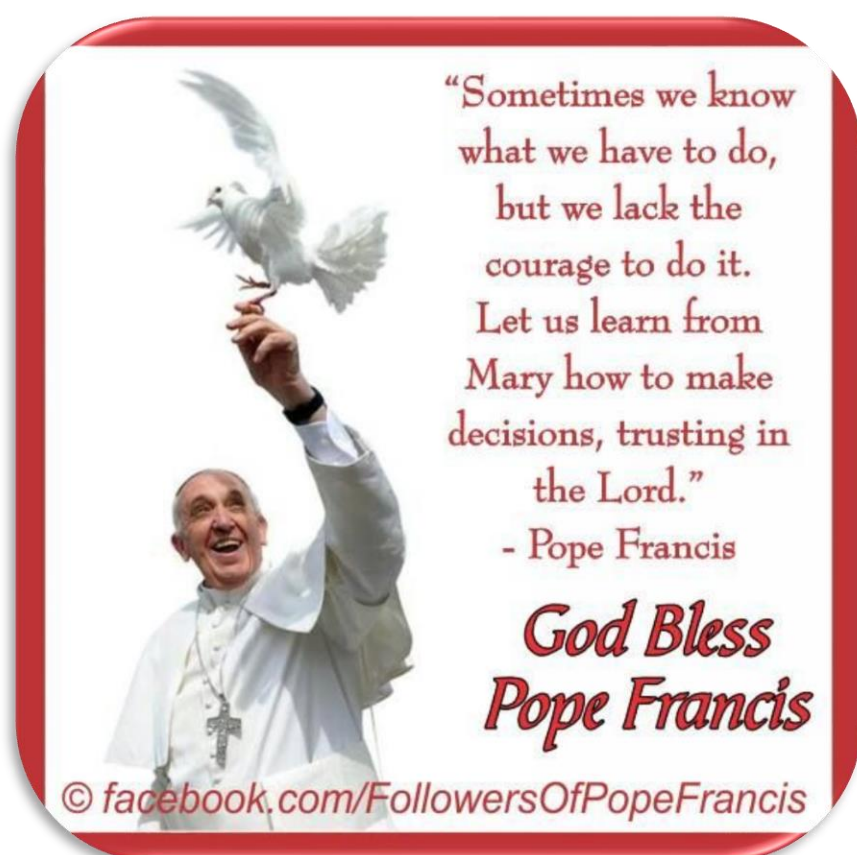


I found a job at a parish where the pastor wanted staff to collaborate. I'm not the youth minister anymore, but I do plenty of youth ministry. I run a couple of youth series each year, lead our middle school mission trip, and form high school leaders. I may be the Director of Evangelization and Outreach, but I am doing better youth ministry than I have ever been able to do because I work with our youth minister, liturgist, faith formation director, and pastor to make sure all of our ministries are integrated and collaborative. We don't have silos, we have a parish.

So, if you find yourself feeling isolated or lonely in your ministry, here are my three tips.

- **Look for ways to work with others on staff.**
- **Build a team atmosphere in the office and celebrate each other's wins.**
- **If you have a staff or pastor who does not like that vision, ask if you really belong there.**

And with all of these things, ask The Holy Spirit to fill you with wisdom and love.





## 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 6 de Agosto del 2023**

**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



*Ruega por nosotros*

### SAN CHARBEL SE MANIFIESTA UNA VEZ MÁS

San Charbel manifestó una vez más el milagro de la exudación de aceite, como lo hizo hace seis años por primera vez, durante más de 15 días ininterrumpidos. Las gotas de aceite que recorren la imagen inundan con su olor el ambiente, atrayendo a quien lo necesita a su nueva casa.

Samuel Oviedo, presidente del Patronato de los Amigos de San Charbel, rememora que desde el 2005 la imagen empezó a emanar aceite, y así ha permanecido durante 6 años; describe que en algunos periodos el fenómeno es muy prolongado y recientemente ha sido más notorio.

“A lo largo de este tiempo hemos visto que exuda aceite en fechas significativas, y en sus festividades se manifiesta un poco más, la explicación que nosotros damos es que es una manifestación de Dios para que nos acerquemos a él en estos momentos tan difíciles. Él nos sigue manifestando su amor en medio de las dificultades, el aceite es un signo visible, palpable para todos”, menciona el laico.

#### **CUSTODIA DE FE**

Una mañana antes del 24 de diciembre, Delfina Saucedo percibió un olor floral que invadía el templo enclavado en el Centro Metropolitano (al cual acude diariamente a realizar labores de limpieza y custodia de la imagen de San Charbel); el olor venía de la capilla, donde encontró al santo libanés bañado en aceite.

Se trataba de la primera manifestación de San Charbel en su iglesia, a donde llegó el 6 de noviembre de 2011 luego de estar por años en el templo de María Auxiliadora, donde comenzó su fe.

“Yo fui la que lo vi, antes del 24, entré y estaba el aroma muy bonito, como del algodón que me habían dado, un olor muy fuerte se percibía en toda la iglesia, entré y estaba escurriendo, por más que me asomaba no sabía de dónde venía”, relata Delfina Saucedo.

La mujer de 29 años explica que fue contratada para realizar la limpieza del templo hace más de un año, y desde que llegó la imagen se encarga de cuidarla y atender a la feligresía. Confiesa que antes de que la imagen llegara ni siquiera la conocía y mucho menos creía: “Antes nunca iba a una misa, sí creía en Dios, pero la mera verdad no creía en los santos, pero al verlo sentí algo muy bonito, inexplicable”, dice.

Delfina comenta que de vez en vez le pide a San Charbel por sus hijos, pues tiene cuatro niños que trata de sacar adelante sola. Permanece en el templo de 9:00 a 19:00 horas, no deja a San Charbel ni siquiera a la hora de comer, porque ser la custodia de la imagen se ha convertido en una gran responsabilidad.

### **¿MILAGRO O MISTERIO?**

La Asociación Amigos de San Charbel, a lo largo de 10 años, ha promovido la fe en Saltillo.

En octubre 2002 llegó la imagen de San Charbel a la ciudad Saltillo; el padre Severino Flores Perales la pidió en 2001 a una familia libanesa, en junio él murió y ya no la vio.

El padre Severino Flores Perales le confesó al señor Samuel Oviedo la inquietud de propagar la fe en San Charbel, pues al padre Severino le hizo un milagro muy grande: en su visita a Líbano, le concedió ver.

La imagen empezó a exudar el día 8 de mayo, hace 6 años, en su fiesta patronal; se examinó el aceite por medio de químicos que avaló el presbítero Rodolfo Pachicano, a cargo de la capilla de María Auxiliadora.

La imagen fue despintada totalmente para examinarse con rayos X, posteriormente se restauró y continuó exudando aceite y hasta ahora no hay explicación del porqué exuda un aceite muy parecido al que exuda el cuerpo de San Charbel, en Líbano.

El obispo George Saad Abi Yunes, eparca de la Iglesia maronita, que forma parte de las 22 ramas de la Iglesia católica, en sus visitas a Saltillo ha avalado la manifestación de la imagen, y él mismo inauguró el templo en el que reposa la imagen.

En 2005 se formó un patronato pro construcción del templo, integrado por familias de origen libanés en Saltillo, encabezado por Antonio Karam y su esposa Nora Abud, quienes tenían una fe arraigada al ser descendientes de la tierra de San Charbel; tras la muerte del señor Antonio, su esposa encabeza la obra.







# Filipino News



**The Roman Catholic Bishop of Cubao**

41 Lantana Street, Cubao, Quezon City, Philippines 1111

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Series of 2023

July 31, 2023

**TO: PARISH PRIESTS, PARISH ADMINISTRATORS, SUPERIORS OF COMMUNITIES OF CONSECRATED MEN AND WOMEN AND CHAPLAINS OF HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS**

**RE: DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER IN REPARATION FOR THE SACRILEGE AGAINST THE LORD**

Your Reverences:

Peace of Jesus Christ!

The recent incident of sacrilegiously singing the Lord's prayer reveals how reverence for the sacred and even for God Himself has become extrinsic in our day-to-day life. The Lord's Prayer is a sacred prayer passed down directly from the mouth of Christ Himself. The prayer begins with a great consolation that we are allowed to call God, "Father". This one word contains the whole history of redemption. Christ fulfilled the Father's love on the Cross by praying for his enemies. We call God "father" because he is the source of all love, and in the Lord's Prayer Jesus invites us to become children of this all-loving Father. Calling God, Father is an invitation to live in the awareness that we are His children. It also frees us from the delusion of false emancipation from all guidance in the living of our lives. Adam believed that by eating the forbidden fruit he and Eve would become "as gods", and therefore be able to live their lives free from the need for God. Through calling God our father we see not a dependency on God, but rather a relationship of love that sustains our existence and gives it meaning and life. Truly, we were all loved by Him first, and therefore, for us, to revere His Holy Name, to venerate His Sacred Image, to meditate on His Word, and to pray as He taught us is an act of Love insignificantly little compared to the Love with which He loves us.

The words of Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque resound: "Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to consuming itself to witness its love. And in return, I receive from most of them only ingratitude from their irreverences and their sacrileges and by the coldness and contempt that they have for Me in this sacrament of love."

In line with this, I ask all the parishes and religious communities to offer the Holy Hour for first Friday of August in reparation for the sacrileges against Our Lord. I would also like to urge our dear parishioners to take this opportunity to teach your children the importance of showing respect to everything that is sacred, whether it be the Eucharist or the Lord's Prayer and to avoid any act of desecration.

The Diocesan Ministry for Liturgical Affairs will post the materials needed for our guidance on their facebook page.

Let us all together worship the Lord, who alone is Holy with utmost reverence.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ HONESTO F. ONGTIOCO, D.D.  
Bishop of Cubao

**WEEKEND****Saturday 4:30 pm Aug 5**

Pierre-Louis Family  
 Abeleda Family  
 Healing-Amy Moon

**Sunday 9:30 am Aug 6**

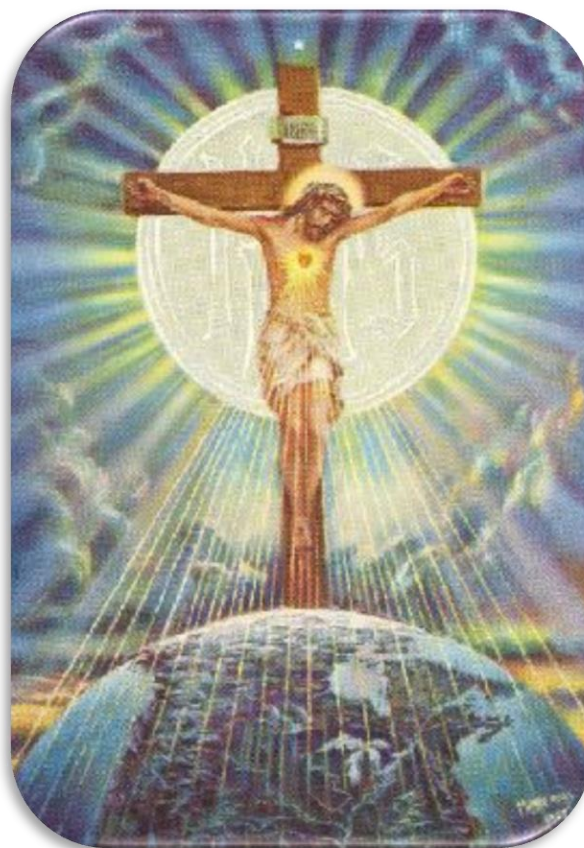
+Ricardo Alvero Jr.  
 +Connie Constantino (1yr)  
 +Plaridel Jamir ( 1yr)  
 +Dorla Levy

**Sunday 11:30 am**

+Michel Hanash

**Sunday Spanish Mass****4:30 pm**

+Francisco J. Ortega

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

*Pray for  
 Healing of the Sick*

**DAILY 8AM****MONDAY Aug 7**

+Luis & Isabel Silva  
 Healing- Charito Salas

**TUESDAY Aug 8**

Youth Today

**WEDNESDAY Aug 9**

+Lydia Panao

**THURSDAY Aug 9**

Unity of Families

**FRIDAY Aug 10**

Unborn Babies

**COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. TUESDAY:** 5:00 P.M. Praise and worship followed by Rosary in the Chapel.

**2. GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTION:** Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 Mass.

**3. MONTHLY SPANISH MASS:** Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM Rosary & Mass.

**4. REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** will be held during the month of August on Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9AM to noon. Class will begin Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. See bulletin for further information.

**5. PARENTS:** You must purchase our First Holy Communion Maronite Catechism for Pre-K and First Grade level so that the students are prepared for Catechism class to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Book price - \$25.

**6. SPONSOR A FOOD ITEM FOR THE FESTIVAL** – Please pick up a copy of the list of items in the main church. This will help reduce our expenses.

**7. FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS** are available at the Gift Shop - \$100 each and only 300 printed. Grand price is \$2000 and total prizes \$10,000.

**8. FESTIVAL BOOTH RENTAL** – Please contact the Office if you want to rent a booth for your business at our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lebanese-American Festival which will be held on October 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**9. PLEASE DONATE CASES OF 16 OZ. BOTTLED WATER & SODA CANS** for our Annual Festival.