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# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



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### Our Services

**DAILY:** Monday–Friday 8:00 AM Eng.

**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 @ 6 pm** Rosary & Bible

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

Here is an episode in the ministry of Jesus which will not fail to shock us. His mother and his cousins came to Capernaum in order to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. Is his family blind at this point? Do they realize that it is standing in the way of the Messiah and is trying to stop him from accomplishing his mission? To understand, one must realize that the first thirty years of Jesus' life were passed among the common places of an ordinary life. How could they suddenly accept the fact that the one they had known at close quarters was now going round the country making exorbitant claims for himself and correcting the law and various venerable institutions? In truth, this zeal for his Father's house had nothing reasonable about it, and it was understandable that his family should feel worried. He was to disconcert his neighbors and friends more and more. In the end it would be the supreme folly, that of the cross, into which he would draw them all.

Mary and some close companions were at Calvary: they needed time to accept what was happening, and even more time to understand. The scribes cannot be excused so easily: their peremptory judgment is grave and disquieting. There is no doubt in Mark's mind: he sees it as blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, the gravity of which derives from the fact that in this case it is not just an error with regard to the person and quality of Jesus, but a positive and deliberate refusal of grace and revelation. To call the Son of God Satan is to exclude oneself from salvation. Today the dilemma is posed again: for or against Christ? One needs to be a little mad to follow him, not too reasonable if one wishes to be counted among his true Kin: such a relationship finds family and home in him.

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### Reading:

2 Corinthians 3:7-17

### GOSPEL:

Mark 9:1-7



## OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS O VISIT KAZAKHSTAN IN SEPTEMBER

Pope Francis will make his 38th Apostolic Journey abroad to Kazakhstan in mid-September, visiting the city of Nur-Sultan on the occasion of the VII Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions.

Pope Francis will visit Kazakhstan this September.

In a statement on Monday, Matteo Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office announced: "Accepting the invitation of the civil and ecclesial authorities, Pope Francis will make the announced Apostolic Journey to Kazakhstan from 13-15 September this year, visiting the city of Nur-Sultan on the occasion of the VII Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions."

**The Congress is to be held in the Kazakh capital.**

The theme of this year's event will be "The Role of Leaders of World and Traditional Faiths in the Socio-Spiritual Development of Humanity after the Pandemic".

Every three years, religious leaders from around the world gather at the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, in Nur-Sultan.

In 2003, former Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbaev called for the first such Congress.

He drew inspiration from Pope St. John Paul II's 1986 Day of Prayer for Peace convened in the Italian hill town of Assisi, which brought together various religions and leaders to promote interreligious dialogue, peace and harmony.

The 'Spirit of Assisi' meetings became an annual tradition held each year in a different city in Europe.

**Pope's continued interest in visiting**

In early April, the Pope spoke about this possible journey during a live video conversation he held with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

On the return flight from his Apostolic Visit to Canada, the Pope reiterated his hope to go.

"For the moment, I would like to go to Kazakhstan. That wouldn't be too rigorous of a journey," he said.

He reaffirmed his interest in being present at the congress of religions, and observed that it would likely not be overly physically demanding.



### Quick facts about Kazakhstan

On 16 December 1991, Kazakhstan gained its independence from the former Soviet Union.

According to the Pew Research Center, the country is at least 70% Muslim, and about 25% Christian, of which less than 1% is Catholic.

St. John Paul the II was the first Pope [to visit Kazakhstan](#), 22-25 September 2001, with the motto of "Love one other."



*Pope on return flight from Canada (Vatican Media)*

## **Maronite Catholic officials denounce 12-hour detention of archbishop**

Maronite Catholic officials in Lebanon have denounced the detention of one of its bishops on the country's southern border with Israel.

The July 18 incident occurred at the border post of Lebanon's General Security in the village of Ras Naqoura, at which Maronite Archbishop Moussa El-Hage of Haifa and the Holy Land was detained for more than 12 hours.

Archbishop El-Hage, also the patriarchal exarch of Jerusalem and Palestine and Jordan, was traveling by road from his episcopal seat in Haifa, Israel, when he was taken into custody by security officers at a crossing that is reserved for religious and the diplomatic corps.

Maronite officials said the archbishop was transporting aid, food and cash from his archdiocese intended for needy in Lebanon, amid the country's catastrophic economic collapse that has pushed nearly 80% of the population into poverty.

Cardinal Bechara Rai, patriarch of Maronite Catholics, convened a meeting July 20 of the permanent council, a patriarchal authority composed of four bishops that meets in "emergency and serious cases." Archbishop El-Hage was present.

In the statement following the meeting at Diman, the patriarchal summer residence in north Lebanon, the Maronite council condemned what it called the "unfortunate and reprehensible attack" on Archbishop El-Hage.

The incident, they said, "brought us back to the times of occupation and rulers in the previous centuries, when the invaders and occupiers were trying to undermine the role of the Maronite Church in Lebanon and the East and its brotherhood between religions."

The bishops said that Archbishop El-Hage, "who was coming as usual from his diocese in the Holy Land,"

was detained "without any consideration" of his position.

"They interrogated him without justification in a security center, and confiscated his Lebanese passport, phone, papers, and the medical and financial aid he was carrying to the needy and sick in Lebanon of all sects and Lebanese and Palestinian benefactors," the council said.

The church officials also stressed the importance of such aid because Lebanon's "basic needs have not improved in recent years." They insisted that the confiscated aid be returned "so that it can reach its beneficiaries."

The bishops demanded "holding every official accountable for what happened, regardless of his position," and called for the dismissal of those responsible for the Archbishop El-Hage's detention.

"We renew our demand for justice, independent of political power," the bishop said.

"Bishop Moussa El-Hage, like all those who preceded him at the head of his bishopric, is subject to the orientations of the Maronite patriarchate and to the mission of the Vatican," they continued. "He always strives to fulfill his role with courage, wisdom and humanity, in the service of the law, of the needy and of the sick, especially in times of misfortune such as those we are experiencing today."



Cardinal Bechara Rai, Maronite patriarch, greets Maronite Archbishop Moussa El-Hage of Haifa, Israel, and the Holy Land at Diman, the patriarchal summer residence in north Lebanon July 20, 2022. The Maronite Catholic church in Lebanon has denounced the detention of Archbishop El-Hage on the southern border of Lebanon July 18. (CNS photo/Mychel Akl for Maronite patriarchate)



# OUR FAITH IS OUR STRENGTH

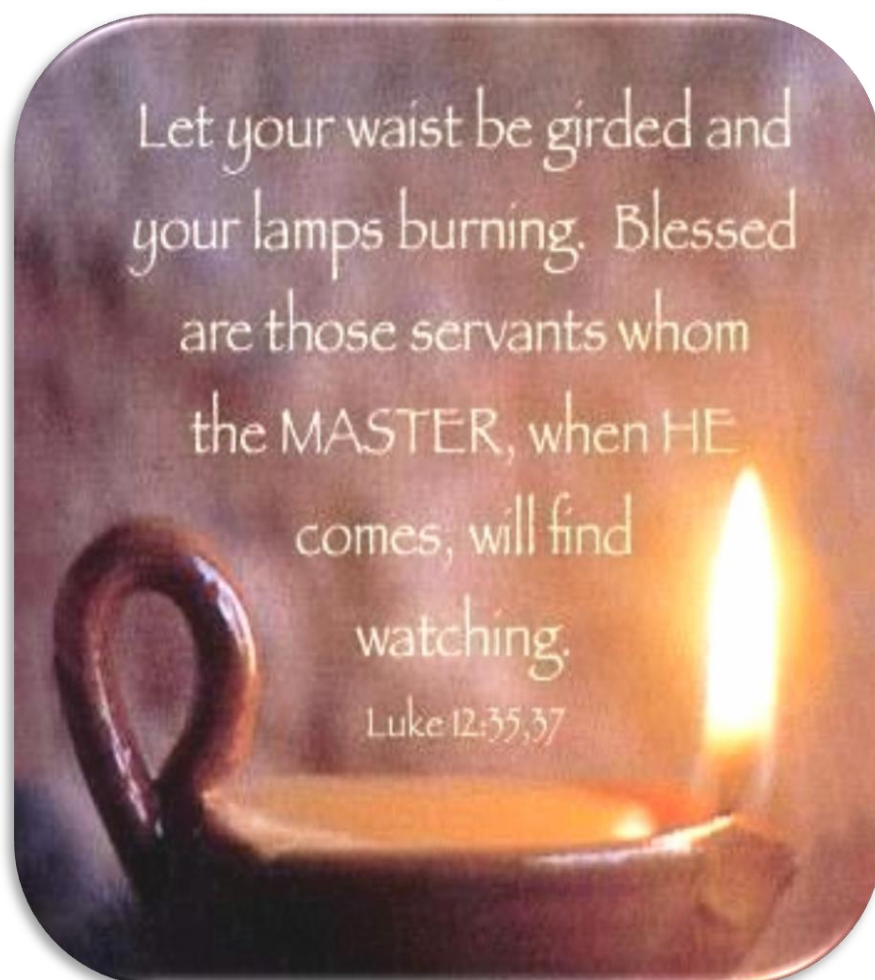
The main theme of this 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time is "faith" – the faith that reveals to us that we are God's children and which enables us to enjoy His salvation as His children.

Today's biblical readings tell us the great difference which faith made in the life of the great champions of the Jewish people, as well as the great difference it should make in our lives.

Faith is a great gift from the Lord that we should not only proclaim with our lips, but also profess with our actions. Such is the faith that works through charity, the faith that saves and brings light and strength to our days.

As we are about to start our Eucharistic celebration, let us rekindle our faith. Today as we celebrate "St. John Marie Vianney's Sunday" or "Parish Priest's Sunday," we are also invited to grow in our appreciation of all the good that parish priests and their assistants do for their flocks.

Let us take this opportunity to show our gratitude to our parish priest and his assistants for being instruments of God's care for us. Let us pray that they may be inspired by their patron saint, John Marie Vianney.



**A foretaste of the kingdom:** From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he.

In this context the mysterious episode of **Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain**, before three witnesses chosen by himself: **Peter, James and John**. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem".

A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: **"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"**

For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to **"enter into his glory"**.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. **"The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud."**

You were transfigured on the mountain, and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that **your Passion was voluntary**, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father.

On the threshold of the public life: **the Baptism**; on the threshold of the Passover: **the Transfiguration**. Jesus' Baptism proclaimed "the mystery of the first regeneration", namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration"; our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ.

The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when **He "will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body."** But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God":

Peter did not yet understand this when he wanted to remain with Christ on the mountain. It has been reserved for you, Peter, but for after His death. For now, Jesus says: **"Go down to toil on earth, to serve on earth, to be scorned and crucified on earth."**

***SPIRIT DAILY****From 'The Best of the Spirit of Medjugorje':*

I felt prompted to send you the following story since tomorrow is St. Charbel's feast day. This story is from The Best of "The Spirit of Medjugorje" Volume II.

**I'm Here Waiting For You Every Day****By Jane Monica Spurrier.**

In 1987, on my third trip to Medjugorje, I purchased a book about Modern Saints by Ann Ball, and therein was a story about St. Charbel. I loved him instantly and discovered, lo and behold, he was canonized on my birthday, October 9th. I lived in New York City at the time and my church was Notre Dame on the upper west side by Columbia University. Daily Mass was said in the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes each day at 8 A.M. One particular Saturday, I woke up late, and was so hungry that I ate my oatmeal.....but didn't leave myself enough time to fast before Communion. I kept praying, "Oh Jesus, what miracle could allow me to receive You" since I knew I needed one hour of fast time. This kept on, and when the Consecration occurred, I did not have the required one hour to receive. During this time a rather odd looking old man entered the side door. He was dressed like a monk but didn't look like our Franciscans, and I was rather annoyed by his appearance since I thought he was some psychotic New Yorker. After Mass ended, I stayed in the grotto to pray. I noticed to my right I could see into the Sacristy and there was the priest who just said Mass changing out of his vestments and the "odd" looking monk changing into vestments. The little monk was coming out to say Mass! We never have a second daily Mass, but this visitor was going to say one and this would give me the chance to receiving Our Lord! I was overjoyed. During the Mass the monk was praying in a language I didn't understand. It wasn't Latin, because I know Latin, but I couldn't decipher what language it was. After Mass I stayed in the grotto to praise Our Lord and thank Him some more for sending the stranger to say Mass. I was the only one there and during the Consecration the monk looked at me and his eyes said, "Do you want to receive?" I eagerly nodded back "Yes!" We both could understand each other without saying a word.

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***St. Sharbel spent his last hours in his celebrating Mass until his death on Christmas Eve***

When Mass was over, I went in to thank the pastor (the first priest who said Mass and functioned as the altar server for the monk). I said, "Father, you don't know what a great miracle this was, that I got to receive Communion!" The monk smiled with a look of abundant joy, happiness and humor - the look of someone who laughs a lot and is very happy. The pastor didn't seem to get my point. The next day I went back again. I saw the pastor and couldn't stop telling him what a great miracle it was for me. Then I said to him, "Father, by the way, who was that priest?" "I don't know," he replied, "I never saw him before." I couldn't believe my ears! What priest would allow another one to say Mass without knowing who he was? Several months went by. I opened my book of Modern Saints again. I turned to St. Charbel and honestly, almost had a heart attack when I saw his picture. HE WAS THE MONK!!! He had appeared to say the Mass for me. Can you imagine? I later found out he has appeared numerous times since his death. I was glad I didn't know at the time who he was or I would have had a stroke. St. Charbel had a great devotion to Mass and the Blessed Sacrament. Anyway, I haven't seen him since, but I know there is a picture of him in Charlie's store in Medjugorje. I've asked those brothers to sell me the picture, but they declined because it was a gift given to them. I thought the miracle of St. Charbel was so awesome and then today a voice inside of me said, "But I'm there waiting for you in the Eucharist everyday, to show you how much I love you. I sent Charbel so he could carry Me to you.....that's how much I wanted to receive you too." Jesus waits for us every day in the Mass. He performed the greatest miracle on earth when He created the Eucharist. A small piece of bread, blessed, transformed into HIS presence, waiting for us. The graces we receive at Mass are incalculable. Don't miss this opportunity to meet Jesus in person... "The Lord bless you, and keep you! The Lord let His Face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Numbers 6:24-26) June Klins

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## BEIRUT EXPLOSION MEMORIAL TWO YEARS ANNIVERSARY



On 4 August 2020, a large amount of [ammonium nitrate](#) stored at the [Port of Beirut](#) in the capital city of [Lebanon](#) detonated, causing at least 218 deaths, 7,000 injuries, and [US\\$15 billion](#) in property damage, and leaving an estimated 300,000 people [homeless](#). A cargo of 2,750 tons of the substance (equivalent to around 1.1 [kilotons of TNT](#)) had been stored in a warehouse without proper safety measures for the previous six years after having been confiscated by the Lebanese authorities from the abandoned ship [MV Rhosus](#). The explosion was preceded by a fire in the same warehouse. As of 2022, the exact cause of the explosion is still under investigation, however the disaster is believed to have been an accident.

The blast physically shook the whole country of Lebanon. It was felt in Turkey, Syria, Palestine, and Israel, as well as parts of Europe, and was heard in Cyprus, more than 240 km (150 mi) away. It was detected by the [United States Geological Survey](#) as a seismic event of [magnitude 3.3](#), and is considered one of the [most powerful accidental artificial non-nuclear explosions](#) in history.

The [Lebanese government](#) declared a two-week [state of emergency](#) in response to the disaster. In its aftermath, protests erupted across Lebanon against the government for their failure to prevent the disaster, joining a [larger series of protests](#) which have been taking place across the country since 2019. On 10 August 2020, Prime Minister Hassan Diab and the Lebanese cabinet resigned.

On 14 April 2022, the Lebanese government ordered the demolition of Beirut's [grain silos](#), which were at high risk of collapse since the explosion. On 31 July 2022, the silos collapsed following a weeks-long fire stemming from the abandoned inventory of grain.

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## 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. 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. In your relationship with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form (morphe) of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of 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 of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That 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.





# Filipino News



## CARMELITE NUNS REACT TO 'MAID IN MALACAÑANG' SCENE

The cloistered Carmelite nuns in Cebu branded as "malicious" a scene from the movie "Maid in Malacañang" showing a woman in a yellow dress, who likely depicts the late president Corazon Aquino, playing mahjong with nuns.

Sr. Mary Melanin Costillas, prioress of Carmelite Monastery in the city's Mabolo district, lamented how the movie suggested that they afford to leisurely play games while the fate of the country was in peril.

"The truth was that we were then praying, fasting and making other forms of sacrifices for peace in this country and for the people's choice to prevail," Costillas said.

The monastery opened their doors to Aquino, the opponent of dictator Ferdinand Marcos and disputed winner of the 1986 snap election, to ensure her safety before going back to Metro Manila.

Costillas said they knew the danger of allowing Aquino to take refuge in the monastery "but we also prayerfully discerned that the risk was worth it, as our contribution to put an end to a dictatorial regime".

"Indeed, we were ready to defend her at all costs," she said. The official statement of the Carmelites Sisters on controversial scenes from the movie "Maid in Malacañang". The movie supposedly depicts the last 72 hours of the Marcoses inside the Malacañang Palace before they were flown to Hawaii during the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution.

While the movie did not show the nuns wearing the Carmelites' brown religious habit, Costillas said the allusion to their congregation in Cebu "is too obvious for anyone not to see".

The controversial scene was the "teaser" of the movie posted on the official Facebook page of Senator Imee Marcos, the sister of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., on July 31.

Costillas also lamented that the movie may "trivialize" whatever contribution they had to restore the country's democracy.

But there is more to the pictures than the trivialization, according to her. Over more than seven decades, the nun stressed that Cebuanos have asked them to pray for their intentions.

"With the grace of God, we take this vocation to pray for and with the people in all seriousness," Costillas added.

"We are praying for the unity of Filipinos. But this unity can only be built on truth and not on historical distortion," she also said.

**PHOTO FROM  
CARMELITE  
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## NUESTRO NOTICIAS DE LA COMUNIDAD ESPAÑOLA

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+Ricardo Alvero Jr.

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**Sunday 9:30 am****Aug 7**

+Feliciano Maure ( 1wk)

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+Barbara Rea

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**Sunday 11:30 am**

Explosion in Lebanon

**Sunday 4:30 pm Spanish**

Para Sacerdotes y Diaconos

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS****DAILY 8AM****MONDAY Aug 8**

+Feliciano Maure

**TUESDAY Aug 9**

+Feliciano Maure

**WEDNESDAY Aug 10**

\*Blanca

+Feliciano Maure

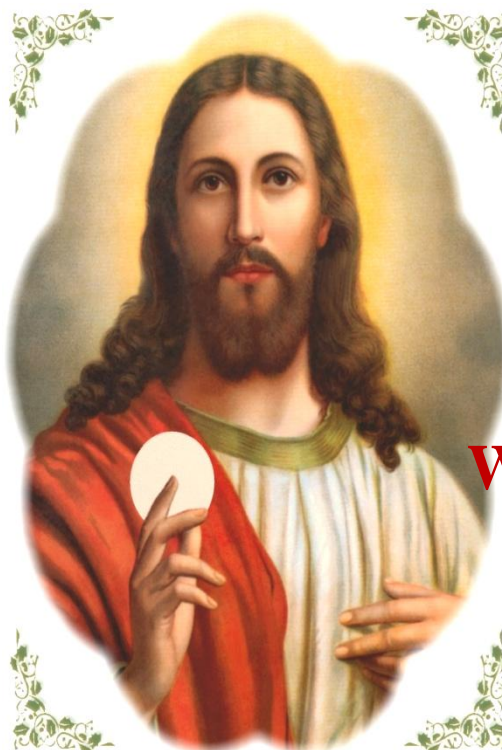
**THURSDAY Aug 11**

Unborn Babies

**FRIDAY Aug 12**

Healing-Frank Cornelius

&amp; Johnes Buatao

*Pray for the Healing  
of the Sick***COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. NATIONAL BONE MARROW REGISTRY EVENT** is being held this weekend. If you would like to be a donor for two young members of our Parish see the representative at the front of the church:

- You must be between 18-40
- Swab kits are available to see if you are a match

**2. TUESDAY:** 6:00 PM Holy Rosary and reflection with Fr. Nadim.

**3. GOD OUR FATHER FEAST DAY:** Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 Mass in the Chapel.

**4. MONTHLY SPANISH MASS:** Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM and Rosary at 4.30 PM.

**5. TAGALOG MASS:** Next Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> Rosary & Mass 4.30 PM.

**6. REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** during August every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9AM to noon. Class will begin Sunday, September 11, 2022.

**7. 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.