



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

9th Sunday of Pentecost

August 2025

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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

1st Sunday: 4:30 PM

Rosario y la Misa en Español

2nd Sunday: 4:30 PM

Tagalog Mass

Tuesday @ 6 pm Rosary

Anointing of the Sick every 1st Tuesday

Reflection:

Nazareth is the land where Jesus spent His hidden life, His homeland. He began in the Synagogue, because the Synagogue was the center of religious life in Palestine. Jesus came to Nazareth where He lived. His habit, was to go to the Synagogue on the Sabbath day, and standing up read the scroll. He opened the scroll and found the passage where it is written. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to bring the Good news to the poor...to set at liberty those who have been bruised....” (Is. 61:1-2)

He sent Jesus to free the oppressed. Jesus brings real liberation to everyone because His deeds urge us to live in truth, “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free...” (Jn 8:32) This is the true evangelization, liberating deeds are seen and free persons appear able to liberate others. Then He sat down, and the eyes of all in the Synagogue were fixed intently on Him. He began to say to them, “today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all who witnessed Him were amazed at the words of grace that came from His mouth.

The public life of Jesus was in twofold: teaching and healing. Between teaching and work, Jesus spent His days and nights reaching out to others. But His life, death and Resurrection was the peak of His teaching and the most Divine work where He healed us from the deadly poison of evil and gave us eternal life.

READINGS:

- **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**
- **2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10**

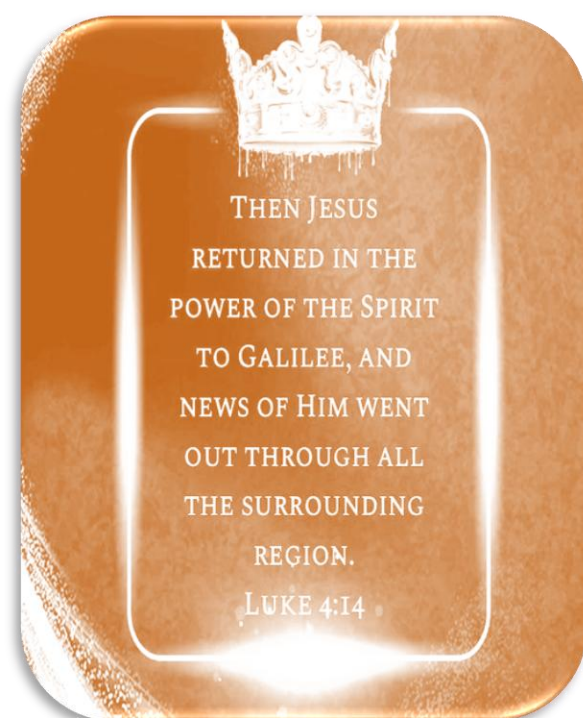
GOSPEL:

† **Luke 4:14-21**



Let us ponder:

Consider these questions; (1)How and where can we ensure that human dignity be uplifted, protected, and enhanced? (2) Will I stand, protect and defend the sanctity of human life?



THEN JESUS
RETURNED IN THE
POWER OF THE SPIRIT
TO GALILEE, AND
NEWS OF HIM WENT
OUT THROUGH ALL
THE SURROUNDING
REGION.
LUKE 4:14

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Let us pray:

Today is the day of salvation, a new freedom through God's Spirit bringing real freedom to us who await it. Together we pray for a new freedom in our lives, the freedom of God's children, justice, peace, and love to all nations through Christ and His Spirit.

Amen.



OUR HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIV TO CATECHUMENS AND NEOPHYTES: WITH BAPTISM YOU CLOTHE YOURSELF WITH CHRIST

Pope Leo XIV reminds young catechumens and neophytes that we are not born Christians but become so through baptism, at which point we are clothed with Christ.

Pope Leo addressed a group of young French catechumens and neophytes (recently baptized) on Monday morning, in Rome for the Jubilee of Youth, acknowledging their journey of faith and the presence of bishops, chaplains, and catechists who have accompanied them along the way.

A journey of personal encounter

The Holy Father's message centered on the personal encounter that lies at the heart of Christian initiation. "Each of you," he said, "makes a personal encounter with the Lord within the community that welcomes you." He described Baptism not simply as a rite, but as the beginning of a lifelong communion with the living God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

"What joy to see young people who are committing themselves to the faith and who want to give meaning to their lives by letting themselves be guided by Christ and His Gospel!" he continued. Baptism, he said, makes us "full members of the great family of God."

In quoting, then, Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, the Pope reminded the young people present of the dignity they now carry. "All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ", he said. Baptism, he continued, invites Christians to reject the prevailing "culture of death". In contrast, he said, the light of the risen Christ is a flame entrusted to each believer - one that must be nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist.



Pope Leo XIV with French catechumens and neophytes



Young catechumens and neophytes from France waiting for the Pope

The light that stays lit

Pope Leo then pointed to a particularly powerful moment in the baptismal rite: "It is when we receive the candle lit from the Paschal candle. It is the light of the dead and risen Christ that we commit to keeping lit by nourishing it through listening to the Word of God and regular communion with Jesus in the Eucharist."

Citing Saint Ambrose's words, "Omnia Christus est nobis!" Pope Leo said "Christ is everything for us! If you want to heal a wound, He is the doctor... if you are in darkness, He is the light... Taste and see how good the Lord is: blessed is the man who hopes in Him!"

You are the salt and the light

"You too are the salt of the earth and the light of the world," said the Pope. "The Church needs your beautiful witness of faith."

Bringing his discourse to a close, Pope Leo encouraged the young people present to remain connected to Jesus, reminding them that "We are not born Christian; we become Christian when we are touched by the grace of God."

And in difficult times, he concluded, "may your hearts be established in Him who is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life', the source of all peace, joy and love."

"Thank you," he added. "Happy Jubilee."

Cardinal Bechara Boutros Raï, patriarch of the Maronite Church in Lebanon, lamented the decline of the Christian population in the Middle East, noting that the Christian presence in the region exerts a moderating influence on Islam.

"If this Middle East is emptied of Christians, then Muslims will lose their moderation," the cardinal warned in an interview with the pontifical foundation **Aid to the Church in Need** (ACN).

"Many have had to leave Syria, because no one can live under war, under bombardment," the patriarch stated from the episcopal see of the Maronite Catholic Patriarchate of Antioch in Lebanon.

In Syria, the economic, financial, and security situation combined with war has caused a large Christian exodus. "The positive side is that they have been able to restart their lives and have taken their faith around the world. The negative side is that the country is emptying of Christians," said Raï, who called on states to change their perspective and take measures to stop this from taking place.

"It's not about looking at the number of Christians but rather at the value that the presence of Christians brings," he pointed out.

In Lebanon — the only country in the region where the Christian community is not a small minority — Christians have become a beacon of hope for believers in the Middle East, unlike Iraq, Jordan, and Syria, where Christians are considered second-class citizens.

"There are Christians and Muslims all over the world, but in Lebanon their presence is guaranteed by the constitution, and if a government were to act against this coexistence it would be outside the law. The Lebanese constitution guarantees a Christian presence," the cardinal explained.

The prelate expressed his hope for this kind of coexistence in Syria and Iraq, "because this life together creates Muslim moderation," he said.

According to ACN, in Lebanon, many Muslim families send their children to Catholic schools, "because they are models of coexistence." Raï noted that in southern Lebanon, all the students in Catholic schools are Muslim, which represents an opportunity "to contribute the value of communal life, the value of moderation."

"These schools are doing everything possible to remain open, especially in the mountains, for the good of the citizens," the Maronite patriarch added.



**Prayers for Peace
in the World**

OUR MARONITE PATRIARCH CARDINAL BEHCARA EL RAI URGES CHRISTIANS NOT TO LEAVE MIDDLE EAST



The hard reality of Lebanese Christians

ACN noted that in May 2024, the **World Bank** warned that poverty in Lebanon went from 12% to 44% in 2022 across surveyed areas. The cardinal said the consequences of this reality are suffered equally by Christians and Muslims. "Muslims get help from other Muslim countries, but the Christians in Lebanon can only count on the Church," which has far fewer resources, and "that's why they are destitute," he lamented. "The Christians are poor, and that affects issues such as access to food, medication, and hospital care," he added. Despite the difficulties, the Maronite patriarch said that "our people are a people of prayer, a God-fearing people. Our churches are full of youth, of people who pray, and thanks to this prayer, Lebanon can rise again."

"The Christians of the Middle East have a mission in the Middle East, to bear witness to Christianity in the Middle East, along with the Muslims, for this martyred Middle East. This is where our mission is, and this is where we will stay," the patriarch affirmed.

Finally, he pointed out that Middle Eastern Christians are guardians "of the roots of Christianity in the Holy Land" and that the first communities to adopt the Christian faith are found in the region. "We should help them to remain and not leave," he emphasized.

SISTER CECILIA: HER JOY WAS ACCOMPANIED — OR PERHAPS EXPLAINED — BY A PROFOUND STATE OF PRAYER

[Over the weekend, thousands of readers were moved by the images of a young Carmelite nun, Sister Cecilia, whose countenance radiated joy as she approached her culmination. That story, which originated in Aletea's Spanish-language edition, culled from the Facebook page Curia General de los Carmelitas Descalzos, received a helpful clarification from the Carmelites, who have subsequently granted Aletea permission to tell the inspiring story of Sister Cecilia's joy in the face of suffering. This is, again, translated from the Spanish — Ed] Photos circulating on the internet of a dying Carmelite sister are certainly, as they say, worth a thousand words. But the images that have traveled around the world are only part of the story. For those who lived her suffering beside her, the nun's testimony of joy and peace was just as radiant as her face. News of her failing health and her reflections spread quickly through social media on WhatsApp. Even Pope Francis was following her situation. And Sister Cecilia Maria, a discalced Carmelite, knew about everyone's prayer. Despite her illness, she did not lose her joy, which was sustained by the support of her numerous family members, who remained close by. Joyful nieces and nephews congregated in the gardens outside the hospital where she was admitted for some weeks, sending her messages and helium balloons to distract and entertain her from the window. Her joy was accompanied — or perhaps explained — by a profound state of prayer. Whenever she could, she put on her habit so as to participate at Mass in the hospital chapel. She lived these Masses with the same devotion that characterized her life behind the grille of the Carmel of Villa Pueyrredon in Buenos Aires. Despite her illness, Sister Cecilia remained quite lucid. Though she couldn't talk during her last months, her weak gestures at each Mass gave evidence of her attention and fervor. When the prayers of the faithful included the intention of the sick, her expression showed her gratitude. Those who saw her spoke of her face as showing peace and joy — as someone awaiting the encounter with the One to whom she had given her life, Our Lord Jesus Christ. During her last months, two religious sisters accompanied her: one, her blood sister, a nun of the Incarnate Word, and the other, a spiritual sister from her congregation. With her and like her, despite the sorrow, they were always smiling, as were the members of her family.

This is a beautiful testimony the power of the domestic Church, facing in unity difficult moments such as these. "I am very content," Sister Cecilia Maria wrote in May, "astonished by the work of God through suffering, and by so many people who pray for me." Even Pope Francis from Rome had assured her of his prayers in a voice message in which he told her that he knew of her offering and that he loved her very much. It wasn't the first time that the Vicar of Christ had his attention on Sister Cecilia. Before taking the habit, she had been able to personally tell Pope John Paul II about her vocation. Some hours before dying, the Carmelite was able to receive Communion, wetting her lips with the Precious Blood of Our Lord. The illness had already, sometime before, taken the use of her tongue, "the most sacred paten for receiving his Body and Blood," as she described it. Like Blessed Chiara Luce Badano, she requested that in her funeral, in addition to prayer, there would be celebration. The beloved would at last embrace her Lover. She "has softly fallen asleep in the Lord, after an extremely painful illness, which she always endured with joy and surrender to her Divine Spouse," her sisters in the Carmel of Santa Fe said in announcing her death.



***General
Curia
of
the
Discalced
Carmelites***

NUMBERING OUR DAYS ARIGHT; GAINING WISDOM OF HEART!

On this First Sunday of August, God's Word invites us to reflect on the emptiness and meaninglessness of a life caught up in the web of selfishness, materialism, and hedonism. Unfortunately, so many fall into such a trap that Qoheleth calls "vanity of vanities."

What matters most in this life is not to work for what the world considers the "ultimate" and become rich in money and properties, but "to become rich in God's sight." We can do that by living a virtuous life under the guidance of His Law and the help of His grace. It means knowing what to value and how, as reflected in the prayer we all ought to be familiar with: *"Teach us Lord, to number our days aright, and so gain wisdom of heart."*

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.



HOLY MASS ETIQUETTE

DO'S & DON'TS WHEN ATTENDING THE MASS

FAST

One-hour fast from food and drink before receiving Holy Communion, with exceptions for water and medicine.

COME EARLY

Arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass to have time for quiet meditation before the service begins.

DRESS PROPERLY

Dressing respectfully for Mass is a way to show reverence for the Eucharist, the Church and the community gathered for worship.

PHONES OFF

Turn off mobile phones or silence them to avoid distraction during the Holy Mass.

GENU-FLECT

Kneel your right knee in the direction of the tabernacle before sitting with deep reverence.

PARTICIPATE

Sing, respond, listen, and pray with devotion together with the faithful.

COMMUNE

Examine conscience beforehand carefully preparing for receiving Christ in the Eucharist in a state of grace.

THINK OF OTHERS

Respect pew and queue, showing courtesy kindness and consideration to fellow faithful nearby in silence peacefully.

BE STILL

Don't be in a hurry. Enjoy and feel God's presence and thank Him for His graces. Wait for the final blessing



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

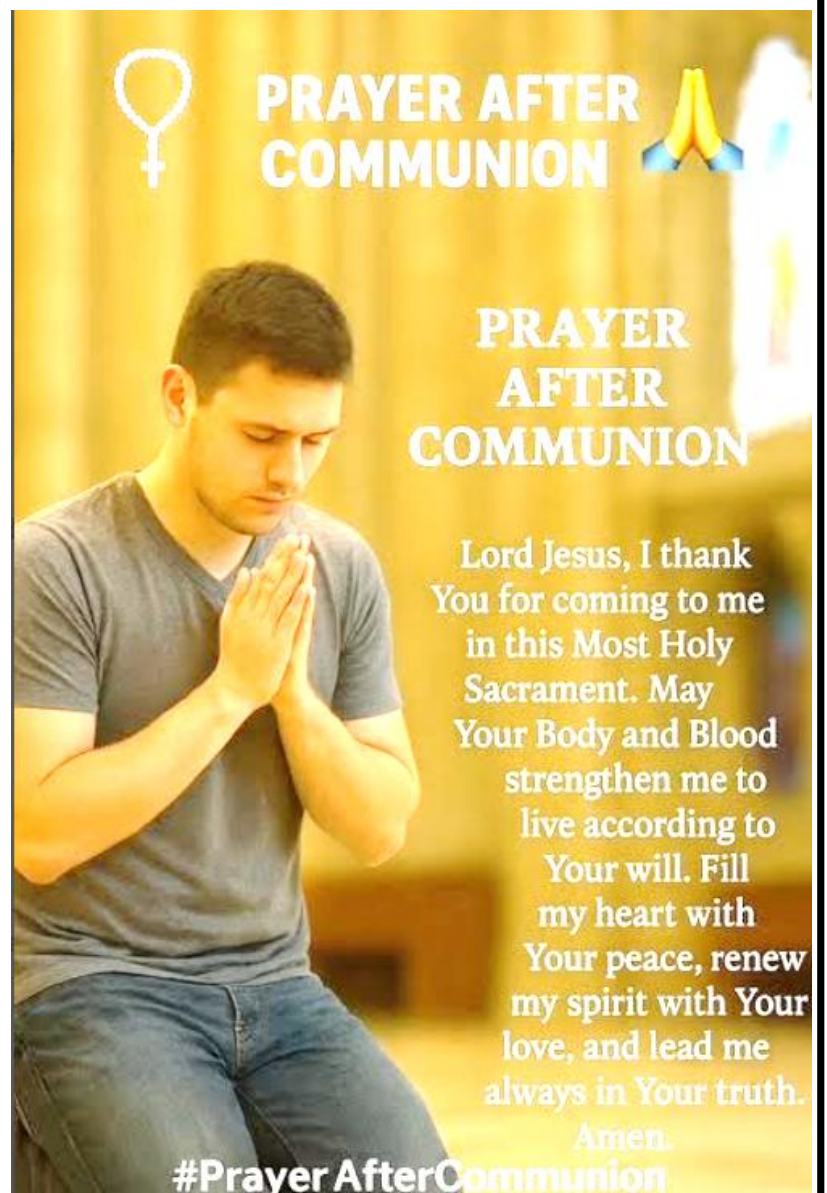


PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I thank You for coming to me in this Most Holy Sacrament. May Your Body and Blood strengthen me to live according to Your will. Fill my heart with Your peace, renew my spirit with Your love, and lead me always in Your truth.

Amen.

#PrayerAfterCommunion



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 "metamorphosis" 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 "morph" 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' Son ship 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 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.

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.

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



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 3 de Agosto del 2025

HORA: Rosario 4:30 pm Misa 5 pm

**DONDE: Iglesia Catolica de San Charbel
10325 Rancho Destino Rd,
Las Vegas, NV 89183**

Despues de la Misa te invitamos a que nos
acompañes a una pequeña recepcion donde
compartiremos: café, postres, y bocadillos con
todos los asistentes.

Si tienes alguna duda communicate con:
Oficina de la Iglesia 702-616-6902



Ruega por nosotros



St. Sharbel Church Black Nazarene Statue

We are bringing back the grace and blessing of our Black Nazarene“ Poon Jesus Nazareno”, a House-to-House visit to be with you and your family for seven (7) days, Sunday to Sunday. A Novena prayer for your family's petition is available when you pick up the Black Nazarene Statue at St. Sharbel Church, after our Holy Mass on Sunday at 9:30 am. And, for courtesy, please return our Black Nazarene Statue the next Sunday before the 9:30 am Holy Mass, so it will be available for the next family on schedule. Your kind donation (Love Offering) to our Poon Jesus Nazareno intention will be greatly appreciated.

For registration and scheduling, please call the following members of the Black Nazarene Group to assist you:
Teresa Lacape 702-524-1086



ACT OF ADORATION

Jesus my God, I adore You, here present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, where You wait day and night to be our comfort while we await Your unveiled presence in heaven.

Jesus, my God, I adore You in all places where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, in reparation for sins committed against the Sacrament of Love. Jesus, my God, I adore You for all time, past, present and future, for every soul that ever was, is or shall be created. Jesus, my God, who for us has endured hunger and cold, labor and fatigue. I adore You, Jesus, my God, who for my sake has deigned to subject Yourself to the humiliation of temptation, to the perfidy and defection of friends, to the scorn of Your enemies. I adore You.

Jesus my God, who for us has endured the buffeting of Your passion, the scourging, the crowning with thorns, the heavy weight of the Cross, I adore You, Jesus, my God, who, for my salvation and that of all mankind, was cruelly nailed to the Cross and hung there for three long hours in bitter agony, I adore You.

Jesus, my God, who for love of us did institute this Blessed Sacrament and offer Yourself daily for the sins of men, I adore you. Jesus, my God, who in Holy Communion became the food of my soul. I adore You.

Jesus, for You I live. Jesus, for You I die. Jesus, I am Yours in life and death.

(John J. Cardinal Carberry)



ST. JOHN VIANNEY (ROMAN-August 14; MARONITE-August 4)

Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, known as John in English, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France and was baptized the same day. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney.

John was raised in a Catholic home and the family often helped the poor and housed St. Benedict Joseph Labre when he made his pilgrimage to Rome.

In 1790, when the anticlerical Terror phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed the priests were heroes.

He continued to believe in the bravery of priests and received his First Communion catechism instructions in private by two nuns who lost their convents to the Revolution.

At 13-years-old, John made his first communion and prepared for his confirmation in secrecy.

When he was 20-years-old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to learn at a "prsbytery-school" in Écully. There he learned math, history, geography and Latin.

As his education had been disrupted by the French Revolution, he struggled in his studies, particularly with Latin, but worked hard to learn.

In 1802, the Catholic Church was reestablished in France and religious freedom and peace spread throughout the country.

Unfortunately, in 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. He had been studying as an ecclesiastical student, which was a protected title and would normally have excepted him from military services, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers.

Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. As his troop continued, he stopped in at a church where he prayed. There he met a young man who volunteered to return him to his group but instead led him deep into the mountains where military deserters met.

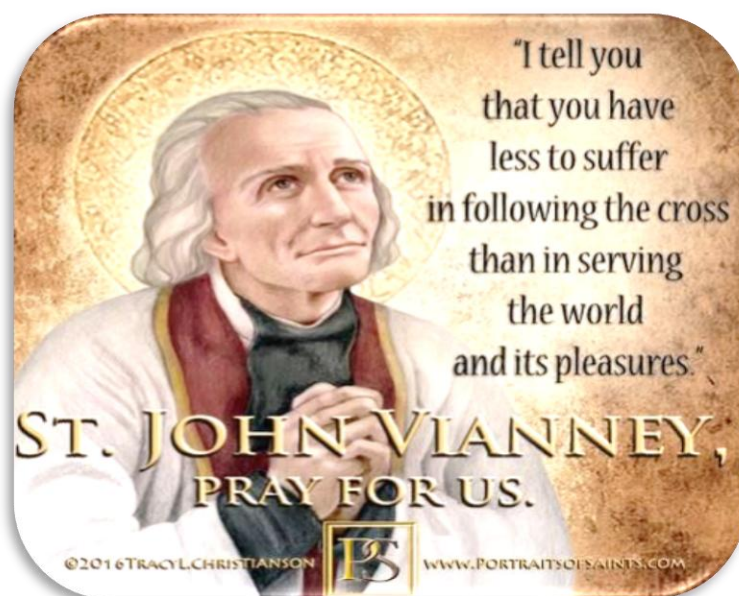
John lived with them for one year and two months. He used the name Jerome Vincent and opened a school for the nearby village of Les Noes' children.

John remained in Les Noes and hid when gendarmes came in search of deserters until 1810, when deserters were granted amnesty.

Now free, John returned to Écully and resumed his ecclesiastic studies. He attended a minor seminary, Abbe Balley, in 1812 and was eventually ordained a deacon in June 1815.

He joined his heroes as a priest August 12, 1815 in the Couvent des Minimes de Grenoble. His first Mass was celebrated the next day and he was appointed assistant to Balley in Écully.

Three years later, when Balley passed away, Fr. John Vianney was appointed parish priest of the Ars parish. With help from Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lerdet, *La Providence*, a home for girls, was established in Ars.



When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution. Many danced and drank on Sundays or worked in their fields.

Fr. Vianney spent much time in confession and often delivered homilies against blasphemy and dancing. Finally, if parishioners did not give up dancing, he refused them absolution.

He spent 11 to twelve hours each day working to reconcile people with God. In the summer months, he often worked 16-hour days and refused to retire.

His fame spread until people began to travel to him in 1827. Within thirty years, it is said he received up to 20,000 pilgrims each year.

He was deeply devoted to St. Philomena and erected a chapel and shrine in her honor. When he later became deathly ill but miraculously recovered, he attributed his health to St. Philomena's intercession.

By 1853, Fr. Vianney had attempted to run away from Ars four times, each attempt with the intention of becoming a monk but decided after the final time that it was not to be.

Six years later, he passed away and left behind a legacy of faith and was viewed as the champion of the poor.

On October 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Fr. Vianney as "venerable" and on January 8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him. St. John Vianney was canonized on May 31, 1925. His feast day was declared August 9 but it was changed twice before it fell to August 4.



LEBANESE AMERICAN FESTIVAL 2025

WHAT: 17th Annual Lebanese American Festival

WHERE: 10325 Rancho Destino Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89183

WHEN: October 10th, 11th & 12th, 2025.

Friday, October 10, 2025 - 4:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 11, 2025 - 4:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, October 12, 2025 - 1:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.



The Lebanese American Festival is a fun, low-cost event unlike any other festival in the area. Church tours and displays will showcase the rich history and tradition of the Maronite Catholic faith during the three days event. Additional planned activities include traditional dancing, live Arabic bands, dance performances, kids' activities and lots of homemade Middle Eastern food. Some of the delicacies that will be offered during the festival includes, Shawarma sandwiches, kibbee, hummus, tabouleh and much more! For dessert, the community can enjoy a variety of Arabic sweets including baklava.

All donated funds and proceeds will benefit St. Sharbel Church programs and community outreach program.

The church invites all media outlets to visit and see first-hand the preparations that go into a festival and the festival itself on October 10, 11 & 12 Father Nadim Abou Zeid, MLM and Juliette Hanache, spokesperson for the festival, will also be available for media interviews. For more information, visit www.lebaneseamericanfestival.com.

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**October 10, 11 & 12
2025**



17th Annual



**Donation of
Water,
Soda cans**

**Be a Sponsor and help us
achieve our goal. Please
pick up a sponsorship
form in front of the Church.
Estimate Festival expense
is \$105,000
for this year.**



**Buy a Raffle
Ticket only
300 Printed
Grand Prize
\$5,000**



www.lebaneseamericanfestival.com

Michael Garofano's
South Point



Friday Oct. 10 @ 4 pm – 11 pm

Saturday Oct. 11 @ 4 pm – 11 pm

Sunday Oct. 12 @ 1 pm – 9 pm

- ❖ *Lebanese Cuisine*
- ❖ *Live Music & DJ*
- ❖ *Variety of Vendors*
- ❖ *Kids Zone*
- ❖ *Free Parking*



Admission \$10

Kids Under 9 Free

RAFFLE

*\$10,000 In Cash Prizes
Drawing Sun. Oct. 12*



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WEEKEND**Sat. 4:30 pm Aug 2**

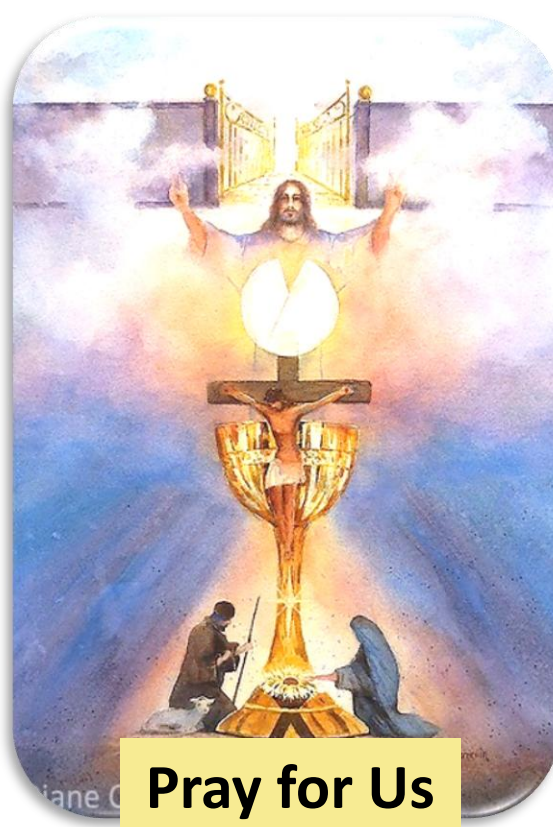
All the Priests & Clergy

Sun. 9:30 am Aug 3

Serna Family

Sun. 11:30 am

Victims of Wars

Sun. Spanish Mass 4:30pmA todos nuestros sacerdotes,
clérigos y líderes de nuestra
Iglesia Católica**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS****Pray for Us****DAILY 8AM****MONDAY Aug 4***Fr. David Guzman
+Frank Rody**TUESDAY Aug 5**

Healing of the Sick

WEDNESDAY Aug 6

Faithful Departed

THURSDAY Aug 7

+Gloria Bennan

FRIDAY Aug 8

Unborn Babies

SAINT SHARBEL COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**1. Tuesday:** 5:30 p.m. Rosary and anointing of the sick.**2. Monthly Spanish Mass:** Sunday, August 3rd at 5:00 p.m. & Rosary at 4:30 p.m.**3. Feast Day of God the Father:** Sunday, August 3rd, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome.**4. Sponsor a Food Item for the Festival:** Please pick up a copy of the list of food items in the main church. This will help reduce our expenses.**5. Festival Raffle Tickets:** are available at the Gift Shop. They cost \$100 each and there are only 300 copies printed. Total prizes \$10,000.**6. Soda and Water:** Please donate cases of 16 oz. bottled water and can soda for our annual festival.**7. Registration for Religious Education:** This will be held during the months of July and August on Wednesday & Friday from 9a.m. to noon. Class will begin Sunday, September 7, 2025. We will also have "Continue Formation" for ages of 12 to 18 years old. This class is free, except for the cost of the books but limited space.**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS****July 26 & 27**

*Weekend Masses Collection	\$3,240
*General	\$3,083
*Building Fund	\$635
*Helping Hand	\$270

Weekly Church**Estimate Expenses \$ 10,558**