



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

1st Sunday after Epiphany "Behold, the Lamb of God"

January 2024

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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 @ 5 pm Rosary & Bible

Anointing of the Sick every 1st Tuesday

It is said in Baptism that we are marked with the indelible seal of the Holy Spirit and so you are a Christian forever. If that is the case, then we need to correct false thoughts that many of us hear. We cannot be re-baptized, and we cannot decide we are no longer Christians. Both of these are not correct. At the same time, we see the usual patterns emerging in each national census. The number of Church goers is extremely low yet the number of people who call themselves Christian is much higher. It seems people want to be Christian, but they may not always be practicing. Perhaps this is telling us something we don't want to admit. That people choose to be followers of Jesus, but they don't feel attending Mass is important! It recalls to mind the following: *We can no more become Christian by going to Church, than we can become an automobile by sleeping in the garage. We can become more Christian when we accept our constant need of conversion; when we willingly desire to return time and time again to the Father through Reconciliation.*



How many people do you know who claim they are Christian but don't really practice their faith...but then again what does it mean to practice the faith? Let us go back to baptism...in today's Gospel John describes Jesus' baptism as, *"I saw the Spirit coming down on Him like a dove from heaven and resting on Him."* Being a Christian is about receiving God's very Spirit to be 'full of grace' as Mary was. It is to be joined with God in love. It is to walk in this world with God. When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he recognized Him as the One whom the Spirit rests on. When others see us, how do they recognize we are Christians? We have the seal of Baptism but how is it expressed in our Christian lives? Richard Rohr in "Hope against darkness" gives us an answer to how a Christian might be: *We can only give away who we are. We can only offer to others what God has done in us. We have no real answers, we must be an answer...only the forgiven can forgive, only the healed can heal, only those who stand in daily need of mercy can offer mercy to others.*

READINGS:

Isaiah 40:6-11

2 Corinthians

10: 1-11

GOSPEL:

John 1:29-34



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OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS PRAYS FOR VICTIMS OF WAR AND VIOLENCE

At the end of his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis prays for those suffering from violence in Palestine, Israel and Ukraine, and asks for prayers for an end to all war.

Speaking at the end of his General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis renewed his appeal for peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine.

“Please, do not forget to pray for those suffering the terrible consequences of violence and war,” he said.

“Let us pray especially for martyred Ukraine and for the populations of Palestine and Israel. War is an evil. Let us pray for an end to war.”

Gaza ceasefire

Pope Francis has been calling for a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza since 29 October.

In his traditional Urbi et Orbi message on Christmas Day, the Pope pleaded for "an end to the military operations with their appalling harvest of innocent civilian victims" and called for "an opening to the provision of humanitarian aid" in Gaza.

He also said that his "heart grieves for the victims of the abominable attack of 7 October," and he repeated his "urgent appeal for the liberation of those still being held hostage."

The Pope expressed his hope that sincere dialogue with strong political will and international support might lead to a resolution of the "Palestinian question."



Palestinians evacuate a refugee camp as Israeli military operations in Gaza continue

Peace in Ukraine

In his Urbi et Orbi address, Pope Francis also prayed for an end to the war in Ukraine.

“Contemplating the Baby Jesus,” the Pope said, “I implore peace for Ukraine.”

“Let us renew our spiritual and human closeness to its embattled people,” he urged, “so that through the support of each of us, they may feel the concrete reality of God’s love.”

OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS: MAY THOSE WITH A STAKE IN CONFLICTS HEED THEIR CONSCIENCES

Pope Francis prays for the thousands of lives, shattered by violence and war in 2023 across the globe and appeals to those who have a "stake" in armed conflicts to listen to the voice of their conscience.

“At the end of the year, let us have the courage to ask ourselves: "How many lives have been shattered by armed conflict? How many deaths? And how much destruction, how much suffering... how much poverty!"

Pope Francis uttered this poignant invitation to all men and women of goodwill after the Angelus prayer on Sunday 31 December 2023, calling on those who have interests in armed conflicts across the world to “listen to the voice of their conscience.”

“May those who have a stake in conflicts listen to the voice of conscience!”

The Pope’s appeal followed his sad reflection on a year blighted by violence, death, destruction and displacement.

He recalled the sad Christmas celebrations in Nigeria’s Plateau state where over 140 people were killed and scores more injured on Christmas Eve in communal violence.

Nigeria and Liberia

“Sadly, the celebration of Christmas in Nigeria was marked by serious violence, in Plateau state, with many victims. I pray for them and their families: May God deliver Nigeria from these horrors,” he said.

His thoughts and assurances of closeness and prayer also went to “those who lost their lives in the fuel truck explosion in Liberia,” where 52 people died after a fuel tanker crashed and exploded on Tuesday near the capital, Monrovia. Many injured people remain in hospital in critical condition.

Ukraine, Holy Land, Sudan

Never forgetting to pray for those suffering from wars. Pope Francis yet again asked for prayers for “the tormented Ukrainian people, the Palestinian and Israeli people, the Sudanese people and many others.”

“And let us not forget,” he concluded, “the martyred Rohingya.”



Destruction in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip after an Israeli bombing

U.S. Bishops' International Justice and Peace Chairman Calls for Peaceful and Credible Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo

In anticipation of Democratic Republic of Congo's national elections December 20, Bishop A. Elias Zaidan of the Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace, has joined the Congolese Catholic Bishops' Conference (CENCO) in their call for free and fair elections.

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"For years the people of the Congo have worked to build a democratic country, in which the Congolese can participate freely and effectively in the political process of self-governance. The local Catholic Church has been in the forefront of these efforts to ensure free and fair elections. Our committee has been privileged to walk in solidarity with the Church in the Congo to support their efforts.

"In continuing support of the local Church during this tumultuous time of DRC's election, we call on all people of good will in the Congo to work tirelessly to hold peaceful and credible elections. We call on international partner countries and organizations monitoring the elections to support the Congolese bishops' efforts to ensure that the voice of the people is accounted for and fully respected.

"In this season of Advent, may the promises of Our Emmanuel, be among the people of the DRC – that peace and the furtherance of the common goodwill flourish."



*Blessed be the Child who today delights Bethlehem.
Blessed be the Newborn who today made humanity young again.
Blessed be the Fruit who bowed Himself down for our hunger.
Blessed be the Gracious One who suddenly enriched
All of our poverty and filled our need.
Blessed be He whose mercy inclined Him to heal our sickness.
-Saint Ephrem, the Syrian*



*My sincere best wishes to you and your loved ones for a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*While there is adversity in the world, may the Prince of Peace
guide us. He is the light when times seem darkest
and gives us the strength to persevere. Let us pray
for peace and stability in these troubled times.*

+ A. E. Zaidan

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

Homage to the Savior of All Nations!

Epiphany is the manifestation/revelation of Jesus as the King and Savior not just of the Jews, but also of all human beings. Today's feast reminds us that God loves all nations and cultures of the earth, and that He communicates with us in many, often unforeseen ways – through internal inspirations, through external events, through people, and through His Word. Many times, these factors are combined in an interplay that becomes clear only in hindsight. The challenge is for us to “decipher” God's message and respond to it with faith, persevering generosity and courage, just as the Magi did.

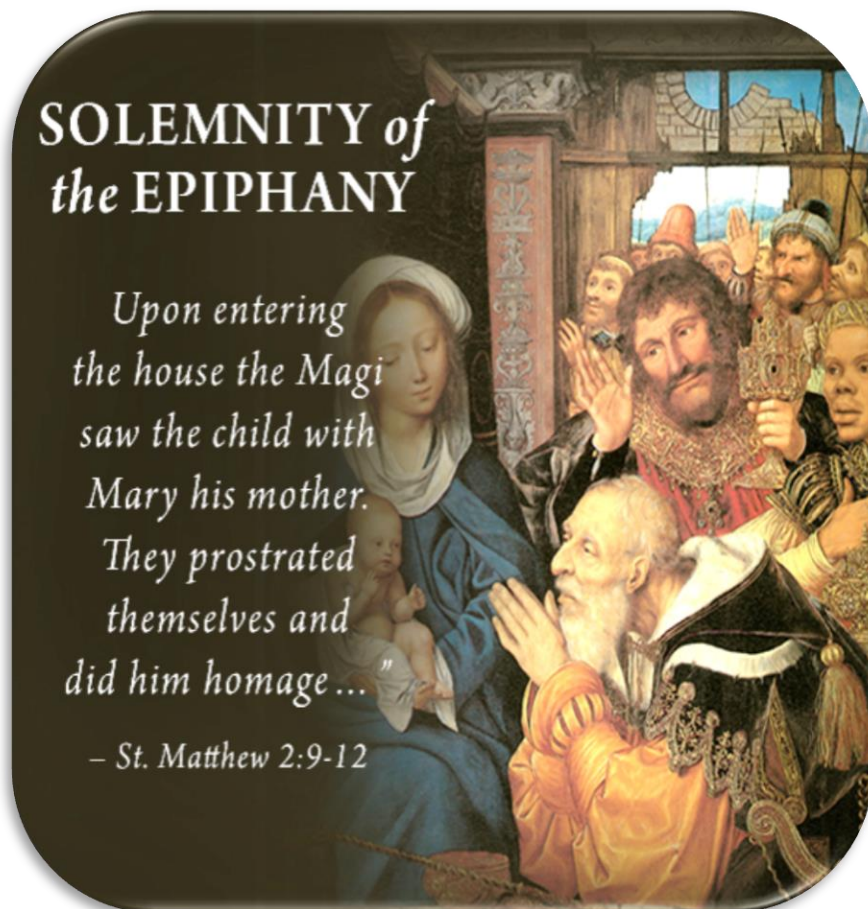
As we are about to start the Eucharistic celebration, let us include in our intention all the peoples of the world and especially those who are working hard to bring about harmony and cooperation among all human beings.

SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY

Upon entering the house the Magi saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage ...”

– St. Matthew 2:9-12



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (THEOPHANY) OF OUR LORD (BAPTISM OF JESUS)

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man. Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East, where it has been held from the beginning almost universally on January 6. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as Theophany—the revelation of God to man.

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of Christ; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's Divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1: 29



Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the twelve days of Christmas, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

Over the centuries, the various celebrations were further separated in the West, and now the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and the wedding at Cana is commemorated on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord.

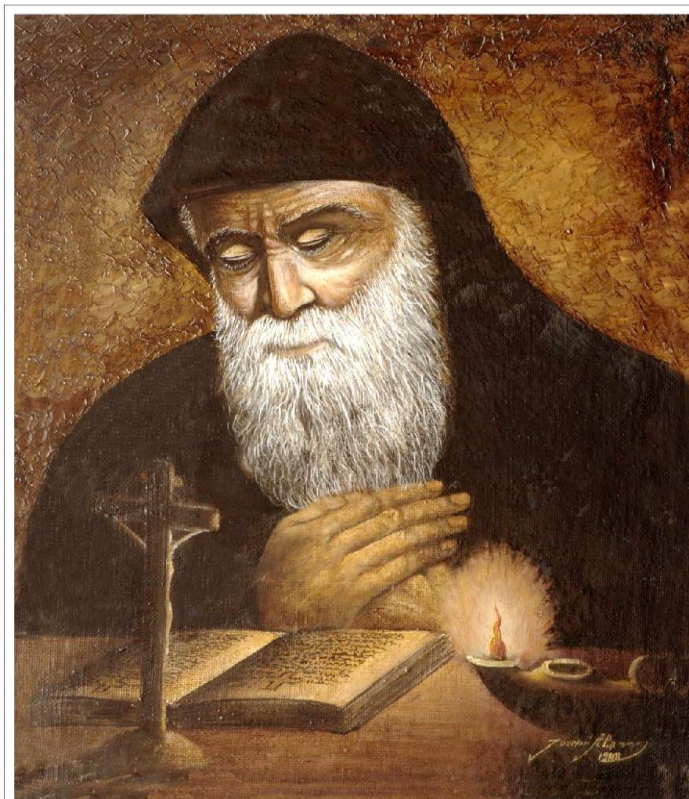
In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is at least as important as the celebration of Christmas. In Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child—while in Northern Europe, it's not unusual to give gifts on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between).

MIRACLES OF SAINT SHARBEL

Healing of Emilia Bou Dib

After suffering from a disease in her neck and back, Emilia had reached the point of not being able to get up without someone's help. The doctor decided to go for a surgery to prevent a total paralysis. She implored Saint Charbel to heal her because she lived alone and had no one to take care of her. One night, she got up to go to the bathroom, and there was no electricity, she looked for the cane that she always left near the bed but did not find it. She used the lighter to help her get to the bathroom. It happened three times in a row, and in the morning, she rose from her bed, perfectly cured; the cane was under the foot of the bed that she couldn't even lift. When she was sure of her recovery, she went to the monastery with her medical record and registered her healing on 4/11/2012.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Dec. 30 - Jan. 1

*4 Masses Collection	\$5,069
*General	<u>\$1,599</u>
	\$6,668

*Weekly Expense	\$8,750
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Shortfall	- \$2,082
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*Building Fund	\$ 762
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*Helping Hands	\$ 123
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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.***

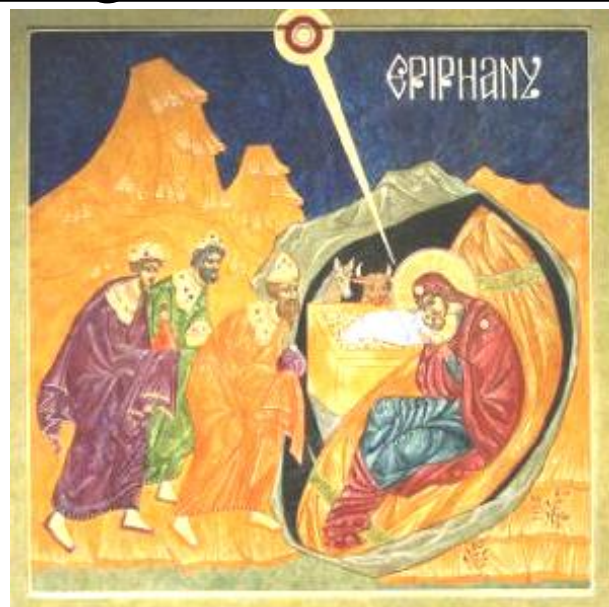
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF JESUS (THREE KINGS)

This Feast -- also known as the . "Theophany" or "Three Kings Day" -- recalls Christ revealing Himself as Divine in three different ways: to the Magi, at His Baptism, and with His miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

For families who practice traditions involving "the Magi" or "La Befana" leaving gifts for children, the day begins with the wee ones discovering what was left for them while they slept on Twelfth Night.

At today's Mass, there will be a blessing of gold, frankincense, myrrh, Epiphany Water, and, after Communion, a blessing of chalk. Bring small special items of gold to have with you during the Mass, and they will be blessed if they are exposed as you sit in your pew with them (wedding rings, rosaries, an heirloom piece of gold jewelry, for example).

When Mass is over, you will take some of the blessed chalk, frankincense, myrrh, and Epiphany Water home with you, so it's good to bring a container to transport Holy Water and one to put some grains of incense and a piece of chalk into. (Note: if you can, take and keep 5 pieces of blessed incense for your Paschal Candle this Easter),



When you get home, sprinkle some Epiphany water (otherwise and afterwards used as regular Holy Water) in the rooms of your house to protect it and bring blessings. This Holy Water recalls the waters of the Jordan, and is a visible reminder of Christ's Divinity, of Jesus's revealing Himself as God at His Baptism, when we heard the words from the Father: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

The Maronite Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Eastern Churches, this feast is known by two names: Epiphany and Theophany. The Greek word Epiphany means manifestation, or an apparition and the word Theophany refers to an appearance of God. On this day we celebrate the appearance or manifestation of Christ among us as God's Son.

The feast of the Epiphany was first celebrated in the East around the third century and eventually was dropped by the Western Church. In the Eastern Churches the celebration of the Epiphany originally centered on both the Birth of Our Lord and His Baptism.

The feast of the Epiphany is intimately connected with the mystery of our Lord's birth. The Child who was born for us and the Son who was given to us is manifested before us to be the Son of the Most High. Christ begins his public life with his baptism by John in the Jordan river. At his baptism Christ is seen as the fulfillment of John's preaching: He is the Messiah and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The Father and Holy Spirit are witnesses to Christ for he is the beloved Son of the Father and upon him the Spirit rests. Thus, at the baptism of the Lord we have not only an epiphany or manifestation of Christ as God's Son, but also Theophany or Manifestation of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (THEOPHANY) OF OUR LORD (BAPTISM OF JESUS) January 6



The feast of the Epiphany reminds us not only of the baptism of Christ, but also of our own baptism. St. Ephrem in his Hymn of Epiphany says: "...our blessed Lord came to be baptized with sinners and because of his glory the heavens were opened. The One who purifies all creatures, desiring to cleanse them, went into the waters and sanctified them for our baptism." It is for this reason that we bless water on this day. Originally, the mystery of baptism was celebrated on this feast and the waters blessed were those of baptism.

Today we celebrate the manifestation or epiphany of the Trinity at the baptism of Christ as well as the manifestation of the glory of God in the person of the Lord come into the world, that is to say, the manifestation of Christ, the Word of God, among us. Let us then call to mind the grace of God who has appeared for the salvation of all, and thank him for the baptism through which we have been begotten in the Spirit and through which we have put on Christ and become children of the Father.

A 30-DAY GUIDE FOR NEW BELIEVERS

by JOHN D. BECKETT



DAY 14: RESISTING THE DEVIL

How do I deal with the devil?

One day a heated argument broke out between two senior managers at our company. Normally these two got along well. What caused the outburst? I didn't have a clue!

Then I happened to read a book called Dealing with the Devil and realized we may have encountered Satan at work in our business—a new thought for me! The book went on to describe the authority we have in Christ with this analogy: Suppose a person, dressed normally, is standing in a busy traffic intersection—cars coming from all directions. He waves his arms wildly trying to stop traffic, but the cars keep whizzing by. Then he makes one change. He puts on a policeman's uniform. The results are totally different. Drivers immediately comply.

Here was the clue I was looking for. If I were "clothed with Christ" I would have authority to deal with spiritual opposition, just as the policeman does in traffic. So, I "put on my uniform" and prayed in Jesus' name, taking authority over the unseen forces stirring up trouble. To my amazement, the problem with the managers evaporated just as quickly as it had erupted.

The devil, or Satan, is a real adversary we must reckon with. Though once a high-ranking angel, he rebelled and was cast out of heaven. He has been in total opposition to God ever since. Jesus called him a thief who steals, kills and destroys.

Satan was defeated when Jesus went to the Cross, yet he continues to exert influence on the earth. What are we to do? The Bible says: "Resist him and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). In other words, put on the policeman's uniform!

KEY VERSE: "I (the Lord) will contend with him who contends with you" (Isaiah 49:25).

Taoist Prayers for Peace

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace
between neighbors.
If there is to be peace
between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.
If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart

Lao-Tse

LIFE IS A GIFT

Today...Before you say an unkind word—
Think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food—
Think of someone who has nothing to eat..

Before you complain about your husband or wife—
Think of someone who's crying out to GOD for a companion.

Today..Before you complain about life—
Think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before whining about the distance you drive—
Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet..

And when you are tired and complain about your job—
Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down at Christmas—
Put a smile on your face and think: you're alive and still around.

And this Christmas, I want to wish you enough peace and joy
And confidence to last you all year long.

I send you my love,
Abouna Paul Mouawad

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Then Eucharistic Adoration is for You!

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

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

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DIA: Domingo 7 de Enero del 2024

HORA: Rosario 4:30 pm Misa 5 pm

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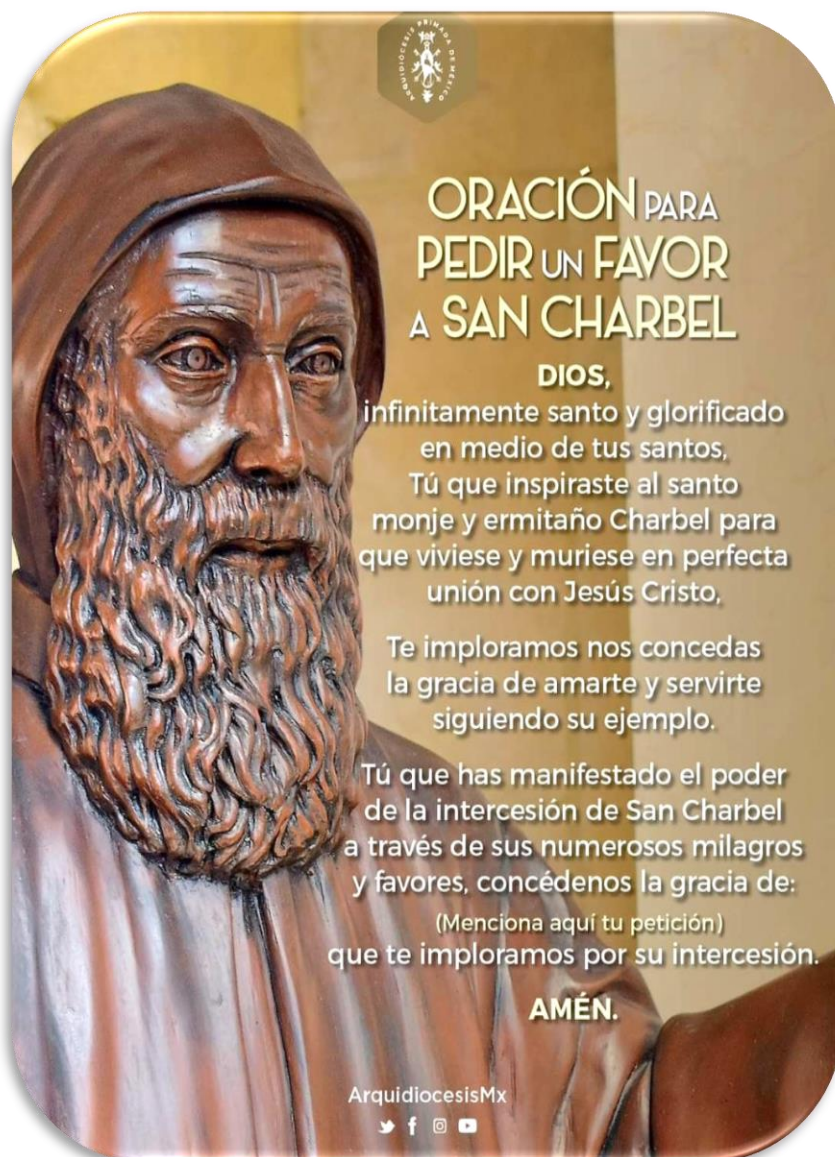


Ruega por nosotros

MILAGROS DEL SAN CHARBEL

Emilia Bou Dib

Emilia sufrió de disco en el cuello y la espalda. Ella había llegado al punto de no poder levantarse sin la ayuda de otra persona. El médico decidió la necesidad de una operación para prevenir la parálisis total. Emilia imploró a San Charbel para sanarla porque ella vivía sola y no tenía a nadie para darle el ayuda. Por la noche, cuando se levantó para ir al baño, no había electricidad, buscó la caña que siempre dejó cerca de la almohadilla pero no le encontró. Encendió el mechero para ayudarle a llegar al baño. Esto se repitió 3 veces, y por la mañana se levantó de la cama perfectamente curada. Cuando buscó la caña, la encontró bajo el pie de la cama que siempre no podía tomar. Cuando se aseguró de su curación, visitó el monasterio con los expedientes médicos e inscribió su curación en el 4/11/2012.





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Nuestro Padre Jesus Nazareno



Kaawan mo po kami



*St. Pedro
Calungsod*



*St. Lorenzo
Ruiz*

**Celebrating Mass for the
Feast of The Black Nazarene
Tuesday January 9, 2024
At 8 am followed
by procession**



Our Filipino Community News



FEAST OF THE BLACK NAZARENE QUIAPO, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

The Black Nazarene (Nuestro Padre Jesús Nazareno) that has come all the way from Mexico through a galleon is a life-sized, dark-colored, wooden sculpture (carver is an Aztec carpenter) of Jesus Christ which has been known to be miraculous by majority of the people, especially its Filipino devotees. The black Nazarene is currently enshrined in the Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene in Quiapo, Manila, Philippines where novena celebrations are held every Friday throughout the whole year. Roman Catholic tradition holds that the Black Nazarene came from a boat that caught fire, turning it from its original white into black or burnt complexion. For almost 200 years, the Black Nazarene is carried into the streets for procession in a "Caroza" or golden red carriage pulled through the streets of Quiapo by male devotees clad in maroon. Every 9th of January, the feast of the Most Holy Black Nazarene is celebrated while Novena Masses begin on the first Friday day of the year, in honor of its weekly Novena Mass held every Friday. This also celebrates the Translacion or the transfer of the image to its present shrine in Quiapo. The devotion to the miraculous Black Nazarene (Nuestro Padre Jesús Nazareno) has attracted huge following among the public. Its popularity, which initially spread to the northern and southern provinces of Luzon, spread over time throughout the country. Devotees pay homage to the Santo Cristo Jesus Nazareno by clapping their hands in praise at the end of every Mass performed at the Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene. On its feast during January 9, people believed that whoever touched the Nazarene sometimes has been healed of their diseases. Catholics come from all over Manila for the chance that they will be able to get close enough to touch the image and perhaps even receive a miracle. Some devotees also throw towels or handkerchiefs to the people guarding the statue and ask them to rub them on the statue in anticipation of carrying some of that power away with them.



***The Original
Miraculous Image of
the Black Nazarene
in Quiapo, Manila***

History of the Black Nazarene Festival

The Black Nazarene statue was brought to Manila by the first group of Augustinian Recollect friars on May 31, 1606. The image was originally housed in the first Recollect church in Bagumbayan (now part of the Rizal Park), which was established on September 10, 1606, and placed under the patronage of Saint Juan Bautista, Saint John the Baptist.

In 1608, the image of the "Nazareno" was transferred to the second, bigger Recollect church dedicated to San Nicolas de Tolentino (Saint Nicholas of Tolentine). The Recollect Fathers dynamically promoted devotion to the Suffering of Our Lord represented by the image that in fifteen short years, the Cofradia de Santo Cristo Jesús Nazareno was established on April 21, 1621. The confraternity obtained Papal approval on April 20, 1650, from Pope Innocent X.

Sometime in the year 1787, then Archbishop of Manila, Basilio Sancho de Santas Junta y Rufina, ordered the transfer of the image of the Nazareno to the church in Quiapo, again providently placed under the patronage of Saint John the Baptist. The Black Nazarene made a lot of miraculous things. These are the survival of the image from the great fires that destroyed Quiapo Church in 1791 and 1929, the great earthquakes of 1645 and 1863, and the destructive Bombing of Manila in 1945 during World War II. Today the head and the cross stay on the Altar Mayor of the Minor Basilica, and the original body image of the Black Nazarene is used in the processions. Other, even smaller replica can be found in other churches.

WEEKEND**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS****DAILY 8AM****Saturday 4:30 pm Jan 6**Natalie De Blasi
+Jericho Mamuyac**Sunday 9:30 am Jan 7**

+Creston O'Bryan (1 yr)

Sunday 11:30 am+Mikhael Moalem
(Blessing of Ashes)**Sunday Spanish Mass****4:30 pm**

Para los Paz del Mundo

**MONDAY Jan 8**

Family Unity

TUESDAY Jan 9

Feast of Black Nazarene

WEDNESDAY Jan 10

Healing of the Sick

THURSDAY Jan 11

Faithful Departed.

FRIDAY Jan 12

Unborn Babies

1. TUESDAY: 5:00 P.M. Rosary and reflection.**2. GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTION:** Sunday, January 7th after the 9:30 Mass.**3. MONTHLY SPANISH MASS:** Sunday, January 7th at 5:00 PM and Rosary at 4.30 PM.**4. FEAST OF THE BLACK NAZARENE** - will be held on Tuesday, January 9th At 8:00 AM Mass and procession.**5. SANTO NINO CELEBRATION** – will be held on Sunday, January 21 after the 9:30 AM Mass.**6. 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 next year to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Book price - \$25.**7. BLESSING OF ASHES, USE OF GARDEN AREA, BAPTISM, FUNERALS, MEMORIAL MASS & HOUSE BLESSINGS** – The Office must be called in advance so that we can check Father's calendar for availability. All necessary paperwork must be filled out to reserve the date.