



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

World Day of Peace January 1, 2022

January 2022

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Pastor: Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid
Our Services HOLY MASSES
DAILY: Monday–Friday 8:00 AM Eng,
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
1st SUNDAY /YOUTH MASS
 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Tuesday @ 6 pm Rosary & Bible
 Anointing of the Sick every 1st Tuesday

The Church teaches that religious freedom is grounded in the inherent dignity of the human person. The Holy Father's message affirms that all people have a duty and a right to seek religious truth and to practice religion in accordance with their conscience. Religious freedom allows deep and healthy relationships with God, oneself, others, and the world, and helps to form a society where peace can prevail, human development can occur, and the life and dignity of all can be respected.

The world needs God. It needs universal, shared ethical and spiritual values, and religion can offer a precious contribution to their pursuit, for the building of a just and peaceful social order at the national and international levels. *Peace is a gift of God and at the same time a task which is never fully completed.* A society reconciled with God is closer to peace, which is not the mere absence of war or the result of military or economic supremacy, much less deceptive ploys or clever manipulation. **Rather, peace is the result of a process of purification and of cultural, moral and spiritual elevation involving each individual and people, a process in which human dignity is fully respected.** *I invite all those who wish to be peacemakers, especially the young, to heed the voice speaking within their hearts and thus to find in God the stable point of reference for attaining authentic freedom,*



the inexhaustible force which can give the world a new direction and spirit, and overcome the mistakes of the past. In the words of Pope Paul VI, to whose wisdom and farsightedness we owe the institution of the World Day of Peace: "It is necessary before all else to provide peace with other weapons – different from those destined to kill and exterminate mankind. What are needed above all are moral weapons, those which give strength and prestige to international law – the weapon, in the first place, of the observance of pacts". Religious freedom is an authentic weapon of peace, with an *historical* and *prophetic mission*. Peace brings to full fruition the deepest qualities and potentials of the human person, the qualities which can change the world and make it better. It gives hope for a future of justice and peace, even in the face of grave injustice and material and moral poverty. May all men and women, and societies at every level and in every part of the earth, soon be able to experience *religious freedom, the path to peace!*

Rev. Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid



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Homage to the Savior of All Nations

Epiphany is the manifestation/revelation of Jesus as the King/Savior not only of the Jews, but 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 all those who are working hard to bring about harmony and cooperation among all human beings.



Circumcision of Our Lord January 1

On January 1st, we commemorate an event in the life of Jesus which took place eight days after His Birth: His Naming and Circumcision. According to Hebrew Law, every male child was to be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth (*Genesis 17: 11-12*). Circumcision was the sign God gave to Abraham of His Covenant with His chosen people. Through Circumcision the Hebrew child receives the physical sign of his membership in the chosen people of God. At the time of circumcision the child was also given the name by which he was to be known among God's people. It is thus that Jesus is circumcised and given His name which means, “The Lord is Savior”. Jesus, as God's True Son had no need of circumcision and yet, in order to show that He was the fulfillment of the Law, He submitted to its prescriptions. Jesus was already a member of God's chosen people; for, in fact, He was God's Chosen One, the Son of the Most High. And yet, Jesus not only observed the prescriptions of the Law, He also surpassed them since after His Death & Resurrection, the New Covenant would be established abolishing the Old Covenant.

FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE January 2

A strange joy – following a time of deep anxiety probably bordering on panic: Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple. Their reaction of bewilderment is easily understandable – what does he mean about needing to be about his Father's business? Especially when it has caused them so much distress?

As a terminal illness progresses, there can come a time when the person who is dying may begin to focus on their inner world, deepening their relationship with God. For their loved ones, it can feel as if they are already losing them. It is a grace when people can pray together and gently let the person they love go into the hands of the God who is preparing to bring them home.

OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS APPEALS FOR JOINT POLITICAL ACTION FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

In the wake of continuing migrant tragedies at sea, Pope Francis appeals for urgent and concrete political action to tackle migration issues.

Pope Francis on Wednesday appealed for a joint effort between Europe's political leaders and authorities to find concrete solutions to safeguard the lives and dignity of migrants arriving on the continent.

Speaking during the General Audience the Pope recalled his recent journey to Cyprus and Greece in which, he said, he "touched, yet again, the wounded humanity of refugees and migrants."

"I also ascertained that only some European countries are bearing the majority of the consequences of the migratory phenomenon in the Mediterranean area, while in reality, it requires a shared responsibility, from which no country can exempt itself," he said.

The Pope's reiterated appeal comes in the wake of yet another migrant tragedy in the Mediterranean that saw at least 160 people drowning in the stretch of sea between Libya and the Italian island of Lampedusa.

It also comes as increasing numbers of desperate men, women, and children attempt the dangerous Channel crossing between England and France or undertake the freezing "Balkan route" path in eastern Europe.

A shared responsibility

Pope Francis noted that "thanks to the generous openness of Italian authorities," he was able to bring a group of people whom he had met during his apostolic visit to Rome. "Some of them are here in our midst today. Welcome! We will take care them, as Church, in the coming months," he said, noting that this is "a small sign that I hope may serve as a stimulus for other European countries, so that they may allow local ecclesial realities to take charge of other brothers and sisters who urgently need to be relocated."

The next step: integration

The Pope went on to say that after receiving people in need, it is necessary to pave the way for their integration.

"There are many local Churches, religious congregations, and Catholic organizations that are ready to welcome them and accompany them towards a fruitful integration," he said: "All that is needed is to open a door, the door of the heart!"

Peace is a precious gift,
which must be promoted
and protected...
Never has the use of
violence brought peace
in its wake.
War begets war,
violence begets
violence.

Pope Francis
Reflecting on Syria, 9/1/13

#PrayforPeace



Meeting with Afghan child

At the end of the General Audience, Pope Francis took time to greet the one-and-a-half-year-old child he had come into contact with during his visit to a refugee camp in Greece at the beginning of December.

Thanks to the efforts of the Sant'Egidio Community, the child who is in need of medical care, was flown to Rome with his family and is undergoing treatment at the Vatican's Paediatric Bambino Gesù Hospital. The child, from Afghanistan, and his family were amongst the many gathered at the Mavrovouni refugee camp on the island of Lesbos to welcome Pope Francis on the morning of 5 December. On that occasion the Pope issued an appeal for coordinated actions to remove the root causes of poverty, underlining that migration is a humanitarian crisis that concerns everyone.



*Pope Francis meets with Afghan child
cared for by Bambino Gesù Hospital and
family*

CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT STRUGGLING LEBANESE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Without the financial support of generous benefactors and small donors, Catholic schools in Lebanon would be forced to close. The crisis has made it impossible for the majority of families to pay for their children's schooling. Vatican News has visited a school in Beit Hebbak, a small town in the center of the country.

The economic situation in Lebanon, which has further worsened after the COVID-19 outbreak and the 2020 blast in the Port of Beirut, has plunged the Lebanese people into unprecedented poverty levels. More than three families out of four face food insecurity in the country. The Lebanese Lira has lost over 90 percent of its value and inflation is approaching triple-digit rates. In this context, families have to choose between eating, healthcare, keeping warm, or sending their children to school.

The vast majority of Catholic schools across the country have prioritized education no matter the price. In Beit Hebbak, a Maronite village in the central district of Byblos, nuns from the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Most Blessed Sacrament run a school which accommodates 1,500 students from around thirty surrounding villages. The majority are Christians, but Muslims are also enrolled in this school. Their ages are between 4 and 18, and 80 orphan girls are boarded and lodged.

The institute is a direct-grant school. State had pledged \$40 per year for each of the 700 children in primary school, but the school has not received public funds since 2019. Families who could afford it were expected to contribute up to \$ 55 a year for school fees but, again, their financial situation made it difficult for most parents to pay.

Ensuring children's education

Sr. Maguy Adabashy, the school's principal, has refused to send children back to their families and she struggles every day to find funding. Each month, the school must pay the salaries of 80 professors and 15 administrative employees. Teachers have also asked for a raise in pay, as they too have to face financial difficulties. They often have to travel many kilometers to get to school and petrol is overpriced. To reduce expenses they carpool together or take the school bus, otherwise many students wouldn't be able to attend the classes.

To further reduce the financial burden on families, Sr Maguy has allowed students to abandon the school uniform which was compulsory until last year.

Paradoxically, "the devaluation of the currency has helped us, because the small donations made in US Dollars represent a sum which has enabled us to take several initiatives", explains Sr. Charlotte, one of the principal's assistants. Indeed, thanks to small donations in Euros or US Dollars, the nuns have managed to equip several families with Internet connections and also provide some fifty touch pads allowing students to follow the classes remotely.



*Missionaries of
the Most
Blessed
Sacrament in
the Catholic
school of Beit
Hebbak, in
Lebanon*

The school is presently open only twice a-week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. On the other days students follow the classes online.

Relying on international aid for survival

However, all this is not enough. Sr Maguy submits her yearly projects to obtain financial support from international organizations linked to the Church, such as Aid to the Church in Need, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient and various national Caritas organizations. So far many have responded to her plea for funds. The ongoing crisis demands that the school's needs are planned carefully in the long term so that funding is assured every year. In fact, like so many other schools in Lebanon, the Beit Hebbak Catholic school is totally dependent on external aid without which it would not survive and would be forced to close.

Not giving up hope

All these endeavours are supported by hope. Difficulties have not discouraged the nuns who have kept their smile. At the boarding school, 80 young girls, who need to be lodged and fed, are helped by volunteers, including Marine, a French pensioner who comes here two or three times a year to devote a month and a half of her time to work for the school. Teachers, nuns, administrative staff, and volunteers are all together to ensure the education of the new generations continues during the crisis. They all feel tired, at times even exhausted, but they don't show it and are totally devoted to this cause.

*School
children at
the
Catholic
school of
Beit
Hebbak, in
Lebanon*



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.

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 he 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.

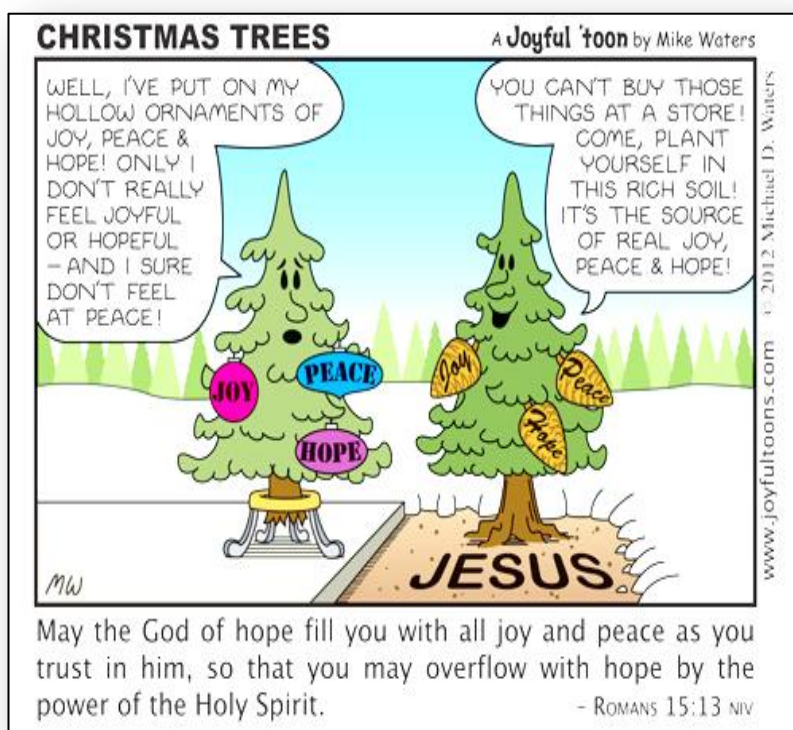
The feast of the Epiphany is intimately connected with the mystery of our Lord's birth. The Child who was born for us and the Son who was given to us is manifested to be the Son of the Most High. Christ begins his public life with his Baptism by John in the Jordan river. At his Baptism Christ is seen 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.



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



Marriage Banns

We announce the upcoming marriages:

- ❖ Ethan Patrick Budner of Las Vegas, NV to be married to Alexis Lea Harris of Las Vegas, NV on February 26, 2022
- ❖ Khaled Awwad of Roseville, MI to be married to Michelle Nicholas Massis of Las Vegas, NV on April 23, 2022

*Congratulation
 To Raul
 & Emee
 Abejuela
 on their
 41 years
 Wedding
 Anniversary.*



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MIRACLES OF SAINT SHARBEL***Pierrot Barakat***

He got a stomach ache and an infection in the large intestine. He asked the intercession of Saint Charbel to heal him. It is worth noting that before he got ill, he was far away from God and faith. A doctor came from Beirut and asked him to undergo new tests. Then, he implored Saint Charbel saying: "Only you can heal me. I count on you." Afterwards, the doctor extracted a gallstone.

When he left the hospital, he felt a pain and he went to see the doctor. The latter decided to extract the gall for it was infected. Pierrot disliked surgeries and he went to his parental house in Khalidiyeh where he knelt in front of Saint Charbel's picture and prayed: "Father Charbel, how can you accept that a young man cannot walk up the stairs? You will heal me because Jesus answers your prayers."

The following day, he was healed. He visited the convent of Saint Maroun in Annaya and he got his healing registered on April 14, 2011.



Statue of St. Sharbel praying the Bible in Annaya, Lebanon

Saint Sharbel Healing Oil of Gladness & Novena booklets are available at the St. Sharbel Gift Shop.
If you have received graces of healing & blessing through St. Sharbel, write or email us

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).



The Joy of Giving



Year-End Gift to Your Parish!

Please remember your spiritual home of St. Sharbel at the end of this year. Please, consider giving a year-end tax-deductible gift to your parish of St. Sharbel.

We all need to give and the Church is one of the best places to give an offering. Check with your accountant to find out what tax-deductible gift you can give before December 31st. Please, note that we also accept stock donations. For more details, please contact our parish office 702-616-6902

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS (Auto pay)



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You are highly encouraged to consider using this program to give to your Church. Please note that this transaction is free of charge and confidential

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Signature

Date



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 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.

Filipino News



*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 performed a lot of miracles. 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.

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 2 de Enero del 2022

HORA: Rosario 6pm Misa

**DONDE: Iglesia Catolica de San Charbel
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Si tienes alguna duda communicate con:
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Flood In The Philippines Didn't Stop People From Going To Church For Early Morning Mass



WISDOM OF THE WEEK



To one who has faith,
no explanation is necessary.
To one without faith,
no explanation is possible".

Thomas Aquinas

ABOUNA'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

As the new year approaches, predictions abound, coming from astrologers and astronomers and amateur seers...

Because the **TRUTH** and the **TRUE** prophecies are found in the Bible, we offer you herein a written expectations for this new year :

If the date of your birth between January 1 And 31 December, You are under the influence of " the grace of God that has appeared giving salvation to all people " (Titis 2: 11) .

The Controlling planet is:

The morning star , Jesus Christ , The Light of the world " because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high visited us " (Luke 1:78) .

In love:

Your Happiness is in loving God and being loved by him, because " neither death, nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord " (Rom :8:37-39) .

Excursions:

"The Lord will guard your coming and going both now and forever" (Psalm 121:8)

Health :

" The saying of the Lord is a faithful saying : If we have died with him we shall also live with him " (2 Tim 2: 11) ;

"Do not worry, but in everything, by prayers and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God " (Phil 4:6) .

Money:

"My God fills all your needs , according to his riches " (Phil 4:19) ;

"For I have learned in whatever situation I find myself, to be self-sufficient. I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance " (Phil 4:11-12) .

Global Events:

"You will hear of wars and news of wars. Look, do not be dismayed, for these things Must happen " (Matthew 24:6) ; " and this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world , as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come " (Matthew 24:14) .

Sporadic events:

" The hours of my life are in your hands " (Psalm 31:16) ;

" We know that God works everything for the good of those who love Him " (Rom 8:28) .

Note:

As the texts of the references listed above are independent of each lunar effect , they may be used in all seasons and everywhere.

Go and live in peace, and may the joy of the Lord be with you always.

Happy New Year to all of you

Fr . Nadim Abou Zeid

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**WEEKEND****Saturday 4:30 pm****Jan 1**

+Emelita Santiago (40 days)

Sunday 9:30 am**Jan 2**

+Mercedez Spiritu

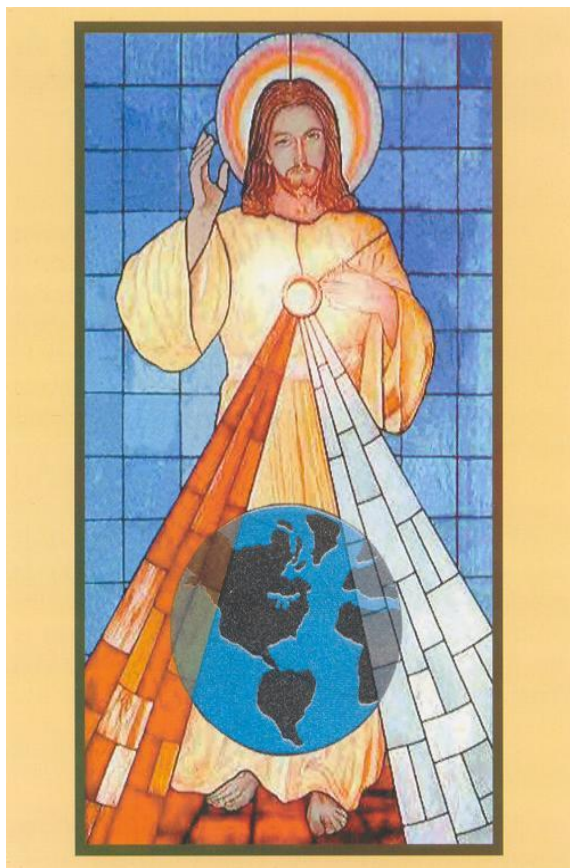
+Virgilia Carlos

Sunday 11:30 am

Unity of Families

Sunday 4:30 pm**Spanish Mass**

Paz del Mundo

*Healing of the Sick***DAILY 8AM****MONDAY Jan 3**

+Mary Ann Redhead

TUESDAY Jan 4

Healing of the Sick

WEDNESDAY Jan 5

Faithful Departed

THURSDAY Jan 6

+Pat Salvador (1 year)

FRIDAY Jan 7

Unborn Babies

**COMMUNITY LIFE
ANNOUNCEMENTS****2022**

1. GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTION: Sunday, January 2nd after the 9:30 Mass in the Chapel. All are welcome!

2. MONTHLY SPANISH MASS: Sunday, January 2nd at 4:30 PM & Rosary & Mass.

3. TUESDAY: 6:00 P.M. Rosary in the Chapel followed by Anointing of the sick.

4. EPIPHANY - BLESSING OF WATER: Thursday January 6 @ 8 am. Saturday January 8 @ 4:30 pm & Sunday January 9 @ 9:30 am & 11:30 am. Please bring your bottles of water to be blessed and take home.

5. FIRST FRIDAY YOUTH GROUP Friday, January 7th @ 6:00 PM – All are welcome!

6. MONTHLY TAGALOG MASS: Sunday, January 9th at 5:00 PM & Rosary at 4.30 PM.

7. FR. NADIM'S BOOK "MARONITE MAGNIFICAT": is on sale for \$30. Every family should have a copy of the book that contains all the Sunday's readings, reflections, intercessions and thanksgiving prayer.