



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

2ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Holy Trinity Sunday

June 2023

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Pastor: Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid

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

1st Sunday: 4:30 PM

Rosario y la Misa en Español

2nd Sunday: 4:30 PM

Tagalog Mass

Tuesday @ 6 pm Rosary & Bible

Anointing of the Sick every 1st Tuesday

Today is the feast of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Trinity is the center of our faith, and when we hear the names of the blessed Trinity, we spontaneously think about God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are the names of the three Divine Persons. The Father is the Creator of the universe. He sent His only Son, to save us. We call Him “ABBA”. The Son is the Redeemer, who redeems us from our sins. He gave us His Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Mediator, the Counsellor, the giver of life who we believe, and in whose name we are baptized and confirmed.

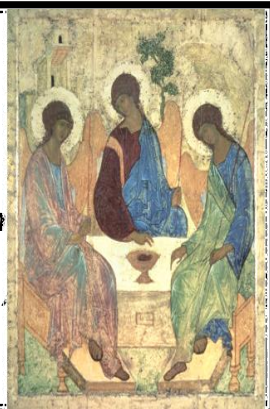


“O Father who sought me
O Son who bought me
O Holy Spirit who taught me.”

Celtic Prayer

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...”

(Matthew 28:19-20)



“I am with you all the days.” Yes, Christ God and Lord, is with the Church in the painful and fruitful experiences that she goes through. Remember always the presence of the Holy Trinity. When we make the sign of the Cross, we cross ourselves using those names, because we are God’s children, a part of God’s family, and we share God’s life. We say, “In the name of the Father” and we touch our foreheads, indicating that we are speaking of ourselves. “In the name of the Son” and we touch our chest. “In the name of the Holy Spirit” and we cross ourselves from one shoulder to the other. This sign follows us from our baptism to our death. It is a sign for all occasions. We make the sign of the cross before travelling, or eating, or before exams, when we need God’s help and strength in our lives and before entering and leaving His Church.

READINGS:

Genesis 18:1-8

Romans 11:25-36

GOSPEL:

Matthew

28:16-20



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OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS GIVES SUPPORT TO LAUNCH OF FAMILY GLOBAL COMPACT

In a message for the launch of the Family Global Compact, Pope Francis gives his support to the initiative that aims to bring the pastoral care of families into dialogue with centers of study and research on the family in Catholic universities around the world.

Pope Francis has expressed his support for the **Family Global Compact** that is being launched as a way to support the welfare of the family, "decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church." In a message released on Tuesday 30 May, the Pope lauded the goals of the Compact, an initiative of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and the Pontifical Academy for Social Sciences.

Pastoral care in dialogue

The Family Global Compact aims to bring the pastoral care of families into dialogue with centers of study and research on the family located in Catholic universities around the world, especially in view of the new challenges families face today. The goal is also mutually beneficial, the Pope writes in his message, "to enable the pastoral care of families in the particular Churches to benefit from the research and the educational and training programs in Catholic universities."

The Pope notes how by uniting together universities and programs of pastoral ministry, both can better promote a culture of family and life in these times of uncertainty and worry. The hope is to assure people today and new generations can greater appreciate the beauty, value, and essential importance of marriage and family life, and generating and nurturing human life.

Citing his **Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia**, the Pope sums up the goal: to make "a more responsible and generous effort to present the... motivations for choosing marriage and the family and in this way, to help men and women better respond to the grace that God offers them."

Families in crisis

Today we witness more and more "a crisis in family relationships" caused by many and sometimes unforeseen challenges, as well as at the level of society and policies, putting pressures on family life, the Pope observes. And research shows that "the family continues to be the primary source of social life and point to the existence of good practices that deserve to be shared and promoted globally," he underscores. He calls on families themselves to be witnesses and leaders in these efforts.

Four goals

The Pope outlines four goals adopted by the Family Global Compact, as part of a long-term process.



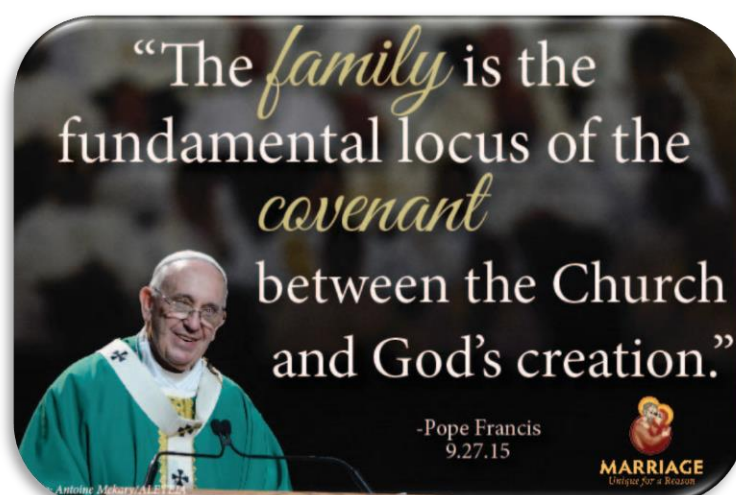
The first looks at initiating a dialogue and greater collaboration among university research centers dealing with family issues, with greater networking among them. **The second** goal looks at creating greater synergy in content and goals among Christian communities and Catholic universities. **Third**, is the promotion of the culture of family and life in society, also so that helpful public policy emerges. And **fourthly**, the goal is to advance proposals together so that the family can be better served in spiritual, pastoral, cultural, legal, political, economic and social spheres.

"It is in the family that many of God's dreams for the human community are realized."

In his message, the Pope calls on everyone to help the family and stop its decline due to uncertainty, individualism, and consumerism, or a future where individuals only look out for themselves.

"We cannot be indifferent to the future of the family as a community of life and love, a unique and indissoluble covenant between a man and a woman, a place where generations meet, a source of hope for society."

In conclusion, the Pope thanks all those who have joined the Family Global Compact and invites them to dedicate their creativity and confidence to efforts that help put the family once more at the heart of our pastoral and social commitment.



THE HOLY TRINITY EXPLAINED EASY



You and I live in a three-dimensional world. All physical objects have a certain height, width, and depth. One person can look like someone else, or behave like someone else, or even sound like someone else. But a person cannot actually be the same as another person. They are distinct individuals.

God, however, lives without the limitations of a three-dimensional universe. He is spirit. And he is infinitely more complex than we are.

That is why Jesus the Son can be different from the Father. And, yet the same.

The Bible clearly speaks of God the Son, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit, but emphasizes that there is only ONE God.

If we were to use math, it would not be, $1+1+1=3$. It would be $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$. God is a triune God.

Thus, the term: "Tri" meaning three, and "Unity" meaning one, Tri+Unity = Trinity. It is a way of acknowledging what the Bible reveals to us about God, that God is yet three "Persons" who have the same essence of deity. Some have tried to give human illustrations for the Trinity, such as H₂O being water, ice and steam (all different forms, but all are H₂O). Another illustration is an egg having a shell, egg yolk and egg white, but this egg illustration shows that there would be "parts" to God, which isn't the case.

God the Son (Jesus) is fully, completely God. God the Father is fully, completely God. And God the Holy Spirit is fully, completely God. Yet there is only one God. In our world, with our limited human experience, it's tough to understand the Trinity, but from the beginning we see God this way in Scripture. Notice the plural pronouns "us" and "our" in Genesis 1:26 -- Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Though not a complete list, here is some other Scripture that shows God is one, in Trinity:

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!" (Deut. 6:4)

"I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God." (Isa. 45:5)

There is no God but one. (1Cor. 8:4)

And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." (Matt. 3:16-17)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)

Jesus said: "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30)

"He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (John 14:9)

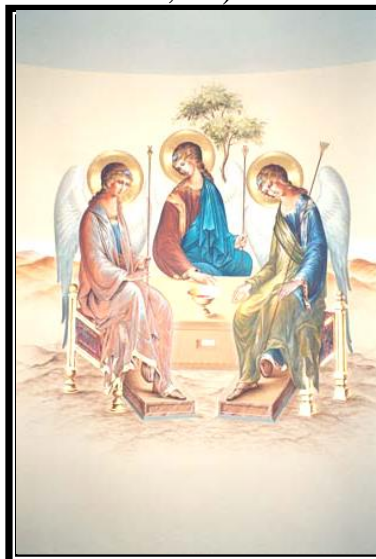
"He who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me." (John 12:45)

If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. (Rom. 8:9)

Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 1:20)

And the angel answered and said to her [Mary], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; and for that reason, the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)

Jesus speaking to His disciples: And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you." ... "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him." (John 14:16-17, 23)



One Holy Father,
One Holy Son,
One Holy Spirit.
Blessed be the name
of the Lord
for He is One in Heaven
& on Earth.
To God be Glory Forever

Maronite Liturgy

Congratulations!



Avila, Maria
 Bautista, Athena
 Charoen, Sarah
 Chidiac, Elie
 Dagher, Christine
 Dagher, Nicolas
 De Vega, Eddard
 Encabo, Demetrio
 Faumuina, Judah
 Gallardo, Joseph
 Gargano, Giuseppe
 Hanach, Akiel
 Hunt, Zacharias
 Istefan, Aria



First Holy Communion Class 2023

Jameal, Adam
 Jelinsky, Mason
 Kamar, Laila
 Mapili, Aethon
 Martinez, Cesar
 Nader, Soleil
 Palmguist, Lily
 Ramos, Xandria
 Revote, Zaniyah
 Saro-Perez, Ivanna
 Sy, Jade
 Tiu, Darcy
 Tuitama, Journey
 Tuitama, Julian
 Yaacoub, Rebecca

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
JUNE 1

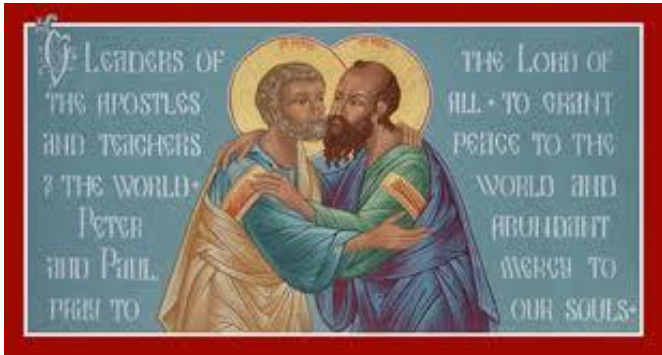
The **Feast of Saints Peter and Paul**, or the **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**, is a liturgical feast in honour of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, which is observed on 29 June. The celebration is of ancient origin, the date selected being the anniversary either of their death or of the translation of their relics.

In the Roman Catholic Church

In the Roman Catholic calendar of saints, it is celebrated as a solemnity. In the General Roman Calendar of 1962, it is a first-class feast. It is a holy day of obligation in the universal Church.

In England and Wales the feast is observed as a holy day of obligation while in the United States and Canada, it is not. In Malta it is a public holiday and in Maltese known as *L-Imnarja*.

This is the day of the liturgical year on which those newly created metropolitan archbishops receive the primary symbol of their office, the pallium, from the pope.



In Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches

For Eastern Orthodox and some Eastern Catholic Christians this feast also marks the end of the Apostles' Fast (which began on the Monday following All Saints' Sunday, i.e., the second Monday after Pentecost). It is considered a day of recommended attendance, whereon one should attend the All-Night Vigil (or at least Vespers) on the eve, and the Divine Liturgy on the morning of the feast (there are, however, no "Days of Obligation" in the Eastern Church). For those who follow the traditional Julian Calendar, 29 June falls on the Gregorian Calendar date of 12 July.

In the Russian Orthodox tradition, Macarius of Unzha's Miracle of the Moose is said to have occurred during the Apostles' Fast and the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul that followed it.

Ecumenical importance

In recent decades, this feast, along with that of Saint Andrew, has been of importance to the modern ecumenical movement as an occasion on which the pope and the Patriarch of Constantinople have officiated at services designed to bring their two churches closer to intercommunion. This was especially the case during the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, as reflected in his encyclical *Ut Unum Sint*.

Among Doukhobors

Although the Doukhobors do not venerate saints *per se*, the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul has traditionally been a day of celebration for them. Since 1895, it has acquired a new significance as a commemoration of the *Burning of the Arms*, the Doukhobors' destruction of their weapons, as a symbol of their refusal to participate in government-sponsored killing. It is celebrated now by their descendants as simply "Peters Day", sometimes referred to as the *Doukhobor Peace Day*.



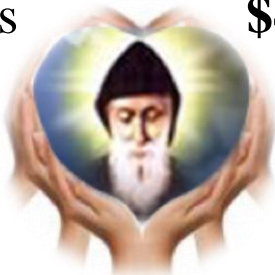
VIP TOURS

- Vegas to Hollywood & Los Angeles
- Breakfast (Pastry & Juice)
- Lunch in a restaurant (Cold Water)
- *Hollywood Sign
- *Santa Monica Pier
- *Walk of Fame Hollywood Blvd.
- *Beverly Hills Celebrity Homes
- *Warner Brother Studio
- *Rodeo Drive

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 27 & 28

*Mass Collection	\$5,271
*General	\$1,276
	\$6,547
*Weekly Expense	\$6,875
Negative	- \$328
*Building Fund	\$2,700
*Helping Hands	\$406



Festival Updates

15TH ANNUAL



2023

Friday: October 6 @ 4 pm – 11 pm

Saturday: October 7 @ 2 pm – 11 pm

Sunday: October 8 @ 1 pm – 8 pm

Don't wait Reserve your Booth today deadline is September 15.

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11th	\$500	12th	\$250	13th	\$250	
		14th	\$250	15th	\$250	
WELCOME to Fabulous LAS VEGAS NEVADA						
Donation \$100 per Ticket only 300 tickets Printed						
Drawing on Sunday October 8 (No need to be Present) Check To: St. Sharbel Church						

Total of \$10,000 in prizes. They are available in the gift shop and various parishioners

GOD AS OUR FATHER

Father to the fatherless:

How wonderful that He can fill that father role in the lives of those who don't have one!

Psalm 68:5, *"Father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation."*

Provider:

He provides even the most basic of our needs.

Matthew 6:26, *"Look at the birds of the air; for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more value than they?"*

Comforter and Protector:

In times of trouble, we can run to Him for comfort.

Psalm 32:7, *"You are my hiding place; you shall preserve me from trouble; you shall surround me with songs of deliverance."*

Psalm 34:17, *"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart and saves such as have a contrite spirit."*

Psalm 94:18-19, *"If I say, 'My foot slips,' your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up. In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul."*

PRAYER TO GOD THE FATHER

**Oh! My God who loves me infinitely...
I Worship You, I Praise You, I Love You**

**Oh! My God who created the beautiful universe for me...
I Worship You, I Praise You, I Love You**

**Oh! God who set apart on this earth everything I need...
I Worship You, I Praise You, I Love You**

**Oh! God who shaped me in Your image...
I Worship You, I Praise You, I Love You**

**Oh! My God who is ready to accept me as I am...
I Worship You, I Praise You, I Love You**

**Oh! My God who is mindful of my smallest needs...
I Worship You, I Praise You, I Love You**

Oh! My God who loves me as much as He loves His own Son...

I Worship You, I Praise You, I Love You

Oh! My dear God who eagerly waits for my return when I stray away from Him...

I Worship You, I Praise You, I Love You

**Oh! My God who is ever eager to be charitable to me...
I Worship You, I Praise You, I Love You**

**Oh! My God who loves me to the extent
of giving me His dearest Son...**

I Worship You, I Praise You, I Love You



ABBA OUR FATHER, THE OMNIPOTENS FATHER, image base on the vision of Mother Eugenia when she received the message.

Disciplinary:

Just as an earthly father is there to instruct and correct, so is our heavenly Father.

Psalm 94:12, *"Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, and teach out of Your law."*

Proverbs 3:11-12, *"My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor detest His correction; for whom the LORD loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights."*

Who loves us:

I believe the greatest love was shown to us when Jesus died on the cross to save us from our own sins. He became that living sacrifice for us. Jesus tells us that the Father was in Him (John 10:38).

Romans 8:38-39, *"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

It is wonderful to know we have a loving Father who is with us and wants to help us in our time of need. When we are in need of Him, we know we can run into His arms in prayer.

I'll close with a verse from Matthew 7:11, in the words of Christ, *"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"*

My hope for any dads reading this is that your children might look at you and see Christ in you; that they might have a better understanding of God's love for us. My hope for others that have no fathers is for you to know, God wants to fill that role in your life as a father to you.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Then Eucharistic Adoration is for You!

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

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

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



Raffle Winners

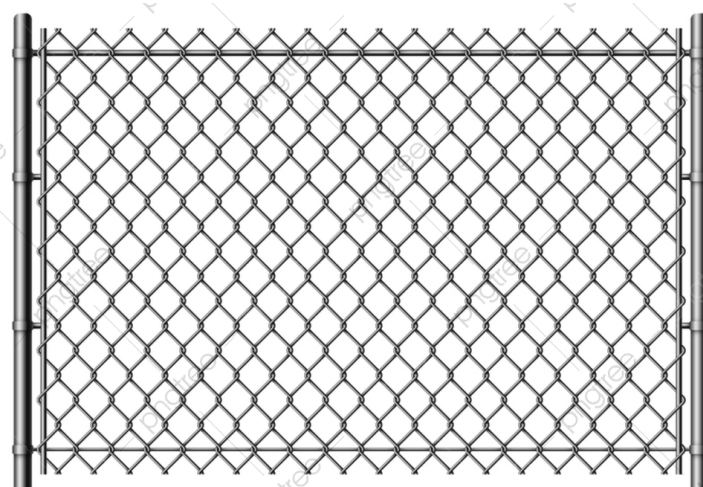
- 1st Prize/Silver St. Jude
Seto Sempadian
- 2nd Prize/Holy Family
Carla Rivers
- 3rd Prize/Agronomical Chair—
no name #6982629
- 4th Prize/Car Roof Bag
Joe Serhal
- 5th Prize/Foot Spa
Gladys



NEW PARKING

Temporary Fence
Sponsorship

\$250 / \$500 / \$1,000



Christian and Elie El Chartouny

After buying them a new car, their mother took them to participate in the Holy Mass in Abidjan for it was Saint Charbel's Day, on May 8. However, Christian and Elie refused to go into church and decided to go for a round. Their mother knelt in front of the Saint's photo asking him to protect them so that they come back safe. At about 11:30 p.m., she heard them when they came back home so she could sleep. When she woke up in the morning, she found them on the balcony, still awake, then they called her. When she got out, she saw the new car damaged. They told her that they were driving too fast, and their car deviated and hit an electrical post, 10 km away from home.

If you have been blessed and healed by St. Sharbel and experienced his miracles, report them at the Church Office.

ST. SHARBEL MIRACLES

At that moment, an old monk showed up, but they didn't see his face, he got close to the car and pulled it away from the post. He tied it to a cord and pulled it extremely fast, crossing these 10 km in two minutes. He stopped the car in front of their house, he removed the cord and disappeared.

The mother thanked Saint Charbel for saving her sons. She came on May 8, 2011, to the convent and got this miracle registered.

For more about St. Sharbel, visit www.saintcharbel-annaya.com

OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS ELEVATES LAS VEGAS TO A METROPOLITAN ARCHDIOCESE

Pope Francis created a new ecclesiastical province in the United States on Tuesday by elevating Las Vegas to a metropolitan archdiocese.

The Vatican announced on May 30 that Bishop George Leo Thomas will be the first metropolitan archbishop of Las Vegas. Thomas has served as the bishop of Las Vegas since 2018.

The new Ecclesiastical Province of Las Vegas will include the suffragan dioceses of Reno and Salt Lake City.

Las Vegas, which has had the notorious nickname "Sin City" since the 1930s, is one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S.

The Archdiocese of Las Vegas has a total population of 2.3 million people, of whom 620,000 are Catholics, according to the U.S. bishops' conference.

In the Catholic Church, an ecclesiastical province is a territory consisting of at least one archdiocese and several smaller dioceses known as "suffragan sees."

Formerly, the dioceses of Las Vegas, Reno, and Salt Lake City were all suffragan dioceses of the ecclesiastical province of the metropolitan Archdiocese of San Francisco. With the new changes, the ecclesiastical province of San Francisco still has 14 million people, 3.3 million of whom are Catholics.

The Diocese of Las Vegas was created in 1995 when Pope John Paul II divided the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas into the two separate dioceses of Reno and Las Vegas.

The Vatican has announced that Bishop George Leo Thomas will be the first metropolitan archbishop of Las Vegas.



Thomas, 73, is the third bishop of Las Vegas. He was consecrated as a bishop in 2000 and spent four years as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Seattle before John Paul II appointed him bishop of Helena, where he **ordained Father Stu Long** to the priesthood.

Originally from Montana, Thomas wrote a doctoral dissertation on "Catholics and the Missions of the Pacific Northwest" while completing his Ph.D. at the University of Washington. He also received a master's degree in counseling and community mental health after being ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Seattle in 1976.

The Catholic Church in the United States now has 35 metropolitan archdioceses, including two Eastern-rite metropolitan archeparchies.

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 4 de Junio del 2023

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

EL MILAGRO DE SAN CHÁRBEL: UN JOVEN SUNÍ

Después de un accidente de tráfico, el joven sufrió de tres fracturas en el cráneo y entró en estado de coma en un hospital en Siria. Los médicos no tenían ninguna esperanza de verlo curado. Su hermano, que trabaja en una obra de construcción en la ciudad de Mechmech aclaró al propietario de la obra el estado de su hermano. El propietario visitó el tumbo de San Charbel y trajo un pequeño copo de aceite santo de San Charbel para darle al joven y le dijo: « limpia el frente de tu hermano con este aceite y te aseguro que va a curar ». Cuando limpió el frente de su hermano con el aceite de San Charbel, su estado comenzó a mejorar y se curó gradualmente. El joven visitó el monasterio para agradecer a Dios por la curación de su hermano e inscribió la curación en el 29/08/2012.

SAN CHARBEL **PATRONO DE LOS QUE** **SUFREN EN CUERPO Y ALMA**

1 Nació el 8 de mayo de 1828 en Beqakafra, Líbano.

2 Desde niño fue muy devoto de la Virgen María.

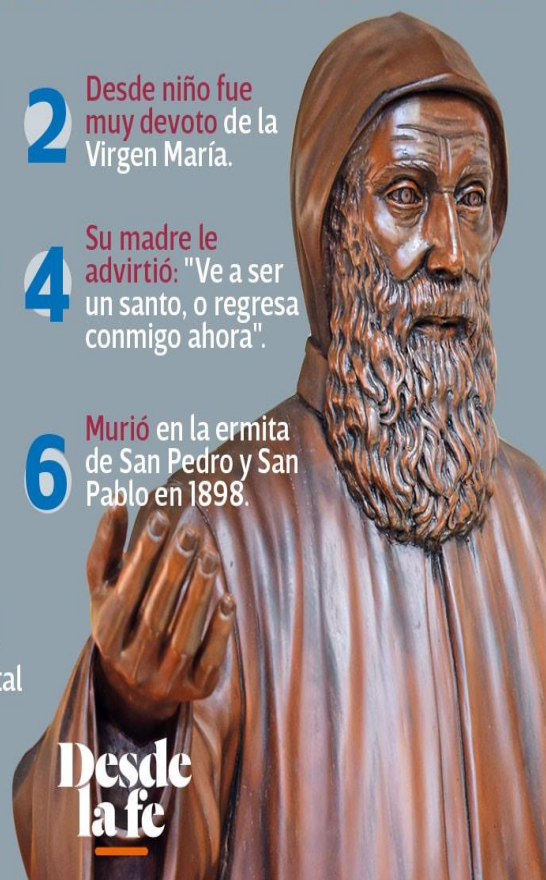
3 A los 23 años ingresó al convento sin informarle a su familia.

4 Su madre le advirtió: "Ve a ser un santo, o regresa conmigo ahora".

5 Fue ordenado sacerdote y vivió como ermitaño durante 13 años.

6 Murió en la ermita de San Pedro y San Pablo en 1898.

7 Fue canonizado en 1977 y fue el primer santo del rito oriental desde el Siglo XIII.



Desde la fe



Filipino News



CATHOLIC EXORCISTS RALLY BEHIND PRIEST CHARGED FOR 'OFFENDING RELIGIOUS FEELINGS'

An association of Catholic exorcists has expressed support for Dominican Fr. Winston Cabading, who is facing a court case for "offending religious feelings".

The Philippine Association of Catholic Exorcists (PACE) came out with a statement Friday, rallying behind the priest for preaching "the truths behind our Catholic faith".

Arrested and detained on a warrant issued by Quezon City regional trial court on May 13, a Saturday where offices are closed, the priest was only able to post bail on Monday morning, May 15.

The case against the priest, who is also an exorcist of the Manila archdiocese, was filed by Atty. Harriet Demetriou, the country's former elections chief and former justice of the anti-graft court Sandiganbayan.

Demetriou's Facebook post said the bottom line in her legal fight against Cabading "is the vindication of truth" in the 1948 alleged Marian apparition in the Carmelite Monastery in Lipa City, Batangas.

She claimed the priest, among others, "are the purveyors of lies and falsehoods against Our Lady, Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace".

But PACE secretary general Fr. Jose Francisco Syquia said Cabading's position has always been consistent "with the mind and stand of the Church".

The Vatican had already decreed in 1951 that the alleged Marian apparition in Lipa did not have a supernatural origin and character.

In 2015, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith reiterated the ruling that the "Lipa apparition" is not worthy of belief.

"We therefore stand with Fr. Winston Cabading in his obedience and union with the Pope and the Philippine Bishops of the Catholic Church with regards to this issue," said Syquia.

The chief exorcist of the Manila archdiocese also said they issued the statement "with permission and blessing" of Cardinal Jose Advincula, the archbishop of Manila.

Cabading said the case filed against him all boils down to the fact that "some people do not want to accept the judgment of the Church".

"We admonish the Catholic faithful to read the official Church document and discover that the Church has already spoken," he said. "The case is closed."

LIPA APPARITIONS

Q: What is the history behind the apparitions at Lipa? Have they been approved by the Catholic Church?

A: The apparitions of Lipa occurred in the Philippines in 1948 to a religious woman, Sr. Teresita, Carmelite novice, of nineteen years. There were a total of fifteen reported apparitions. Mary appeared in white robes and held a golden rosary. Hovering on a cloud, hands folded or outstretched, she told the seer: "I am Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace."



On September 15, 1948 [the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows], rose petals fell from heaven, the petals sometimes bearing effigies of Jesus and Mary. Reportedly, many conversions and healings occurred. Initial recognition by the Bishop of Lipa was followed by a subsequent negative final decision. There exist attempts to reopen the case and reinvestigate these events.

See for example, June Keithley, *Lipa*, with the original account of the events at Lipa Carmel in 1948 by Mother Mary Cecilia of Jesus, O.C.D., Manila 1992.

WEEKEND**Saturday 4:30 pm June 3**

+Ben DeBlasi

Healing-Alison Abella

+Alfredo Abella

Sunday 9:30 am June 4

Healing-Corey Lawrence

+Marceliano Delim

+Augustinus Susanta

Sunday 11:30 am

All Graduates

Sunday Spanish Mass**4:30 pm**

Catholic Church

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**DAILY 8AM****MONDAY June 5**

+Connie Small

TUESDAY June 6

*+ Johanha Tomelden

WEDNESDAY June 7

Faithful Departed

THURSDAY June 8

World Peace

FRIDAY June 9

Unborn Babies



*Pray for
Healing of the Sick*

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. TUESDAY: 5:30 P.M. Praise and worship followed by Rosary & Anointing of the sick in the Chapel.

2. GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTION: Sunday, June 4th after the 9:30 Mass.

3. MONTHLY SPANISH MASS: Sunday, June 4th 4:30 PM Rosary & Mass.

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

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

6. HOLY BIBLE ENTHRONMENT:

- Posters of the complete Bible are available in our Gift Shop.
- Fr. Nadim will come to your home to enthrone the Holy Bible.
- Call the Parish Office and schedule any Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

7. BLESSING OF ASHES, USE OF GARDEN AREA, BAPTISM, FUNERALS, MEMORIAL MASS & HOUSE BLESSINGS – must be scheduled with Juliette, Secretary to fill out all necessary paperwork and reserve the date.