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Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

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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

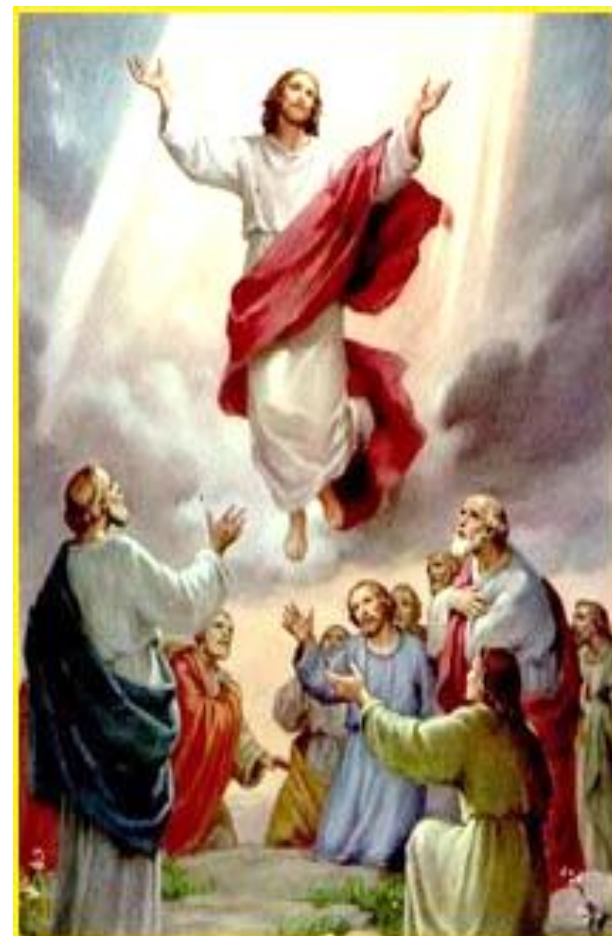
Anointing of the Sick every 1st Tuesday

Reflection

The Ascension took place forty days after Easter on the mount of Olives, between Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the presence of the Virgin and hundreds of disciples.

Jesus had fulfilled his mission among humankind. The time of the Holy Spirit had come. Jesus will send a Paraclete to his believers, so we may spread the Good news to all nations. Jesus is no longer visible among us, and it is left to us to follow Him.

Then the disciples put themselves in the hands of God waiting for the Holy Spirit in the presence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary was the only witness to her Annunciation, saw His First miracle, His Cross, His Tomb, His Ascension and Pentecost. She helped the disciples perceive the mystery of his personality.



Let us ponder:

If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God the Father; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with Him in Heaven even now through the faith, hope and love that unites us to Him? While in heaven He is also with us; and while on earth we are with Him.

READINGS:

- **2 Kings 2:1,8-13**
- **Acts of the Apostles 1:1-14**

GOSPEL:

† **Mark 16:15-20**

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, You said: "I will go to prepare a place for you."
You call us to our true home in heaven, where You await us.
Glory to You who ascended to heaven to send us
the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth
and consolation. To Him be glory forever. Amen



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What is an indulgence?

An indulgence is the remission in the sight of God of the temporal punishment due for sins. The guilt of which has already been forgiven. A member of Christ's faithful who is properly disposed and who fulfills certain specific conditions, may gain an indulgence by the help of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, authoritatively dispenses and applies the treasury of the merits of Christ and the Saints. "An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it partially or wholly frees a person from the temporal punishment due for sins."

When we sin, we commit an offense against God, who is infinite. Thus, the debt (of Punishment) we incur is infinite. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, our sacramental confession, prayers, sacrifices and good works restore our relationship with God and remove the eternal punishment we owe. That is, we make satisfactions in this life, but any debt that remains at the time of our death must be paid in purgatory. Where our souls are purified before entering heaven. Consequently, the treasury of Jesus' merits, combined with those of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all of the saints, is waiting to be distributed to the faithful. Jesus established the Church with the pope at its helm, to be the steward of these merits. Indulgences are one way the Church accomplishes this.

When, under the right conditions, we carry out an action to which the Church has attached an indulgence, we are drawing on the graces Jesus has already won for us and which He wishes the Church to dispense. How generous, how magnanimous is God! It is desire to be with us is so great that He directs the Church to help us arrive as quickly as possible at eternal life with Him.

- ❖ **Partial indulgences** remove some temporal punishment.
- ❖ **Plenary indulgences** remove all temporal punishment.

How do I obtain a partial indulgence ?

To gain a partial indulgence, we must:

1. Have the intention to gain the indulgence.
2. Perform the work specified in the manner prescribed. For example, devoutly making the sign of the cross has a partial indulgence attached to it (Yes—It's true!)

How do I obtain a plenary indulgence ?

To gain a plenary indulgence, we must fulfill the requirements for gaining a partial indulgence, and we must also:

1. Receive the sacrament of confession (usually with several days of performing the prescribed work).
2. Receive holy Communion (usually on the day of performing the prescribed work).
3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (usually by reciting an Our Father and a Hail Mary).
4. Be completely detached from our sins (including venial sins). If we are not completely detached, we may still receive a partial indulgence.

What are some examples of plenary indulgences we receive every day?

Praying the rosary as a family, in a group or with the Holy Father (including on the radio or television), spending 30 minutes praying before the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Stations of the Cross, and reading Scripture for 30 minutes.

Can I give my indulgences to someone else?

Yes! But not to someone who is still alive. We can apply our indulgences to the Holy Souls in purgatory. This is a work of mercy for which they will be very grateful.

OUR HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIV: OUR PRAYER EMBRACES ALL THOSE SUFFERING FROM WAR

Following the Regina Caeli, Pope Leo XIV remembers Blessed Stanislaus Streich, beatified on Saturday, as well as the Day of Prayer for the Church in China and the anniversary of the Encyclical “*Laudato sì*”, and invites the faithful to pray for all peoples suffering from war.

“May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary obtain for [Chinese Catholics] and for all of us the grace to be strong and joyful witnesses of the Gospel, even in the midst of trials, in order to always promote peace and harmony,” Pope Leo XIV said on Sunday at the conclusion of the weekly *Regina Caeli*. Taking note of the observance on Saturday of the Day of Prayer for the Church in China – which was instituted by Pope Benedict XVI – Pope Leo highlighted the prayers raised up to God throughout the world “as a sign of concern and affection for Chinese Catholics and their communion with the universal Church.”

He went on to say that “with these sentiments, our prayer embraces all peoples suffering from war,” adding, “we invoke courage and perseverance for those engaged in dialogue and the sincere search for peace.”



***Beatification of Fr Stanisław Streich in
Poznań***

Blessed Stanislaus Streich

Pope Leo also recalled the beatification of Fr Stanisław Streich, which took place Saturday in the city of Poznań, Poland.

Blessed Stanisław was a Polish diocesan priest who was killed *in odium fidei* in 1938 “because his work on behalf of the poor and of workers annoyed the followers displeased the followers of communist ideology,” the Pope said.



***Pope Leo
XIV at
the
Regina
Caeli***

The Holy Father expressed his hope that the example of Bd Stanisław Streich would “inspire priests in particular to spend themselves generously for the Gospel and for their brothers and sisters.”

Anniversary of *Laudato sì*

March 24 is also the anniversary of Pope Francis’ landmark encyclical *Laudato sì*, which Pope Leo noted has been “extraordinarily popular, inspiring countless initiatives and teaching everyone to listen to the twofold cry of the earth and of the poor.”

The Pope went on to greet and encourage “the *Laudato Sì* Movement and all those who carry this commitment forward.”

Greetings to pilgrims and visitors

Finally, Pope Leo offered warm greetings to pilgrims and visitors from around the world, including pilgrims from Valencia and Poland.

He offered a special blessing to those in Poland taking part in “the great pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine of Piekary Śląskie.”

The Pope also faithful from various towns in Italy, including confirmands from the Archdiocese of Genoa and the Diocese of Tempio Ampurias as well as cyclists from Paderno Dugnano, and “Bersaglieri” (marksmen in the Italian army) from Palermo.



Sanctuary of Our Lady of Sheshan in China

ROME HOSTS JUBILEE OF EASTERN CHURCHES

From May 12 to 14, the Vatican is hosting the Jubilee of the Eastern Catholic Churches, which features a series of Divine Liturgies in various Eastern rites.

The faithful and the hierarchy of the Eastern Catholic Churches are invited to a series of Divine Liturgies taking place in the Vatican from the 12th to the 14th May.

Today, a liturgy in the Ethiopian rite was celebrated on May 12 at 8:30 a.m. in Saint Peter's Basilica, led by the Churches of Ethiopia and Eritrea, and at 1:00 p.m., the Armenian Church celebrated the Divine Liturgy in the Armenian rite in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. Then, at 3pm in the same basilica, a Coptic liturgy was held.

The schedule for the 13th May

On May 13, the celebrations will return to Saint Peter's with, at 1:00 p.m., a Divine Liturgy in the East Syriac rite, with the Anaphora of Addai and Mari, the ancient Eucharistic prayer of the Church of the East. That celebration will be led by the Chaldean and the Syro-Malabar Churches.

In the evening, at 6:45 p.m., the St Mary Major will host Vespers organized by the Syriac Catholic Church, the Maronite Church, and the Syro-Malankara Church.

And finally, at 9:00 p.m., the Akathist hymn —a song of praise to the Mother of God from the Byzantine liturgy — will take place on the forecourt of the same basilica.

Audience with Pope Leo

On Wednesday, May 14, the final day of the Eastern Churches' Jubilee pilgrimage, an audience with Pope Leo XIV is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. in the Paul VI Hall, followed by a return to Saint Peter's for a Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine rite at 2:00 p.m., celebrated by the Greek Melkite Catholic Church, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, the Romanian Greek Catholic Church, and the other Byzantine rite Churches.

The Eastern Catholic Churches

There are 23 Eastern Catholic Churches, which are self-governing and in full communion with the Pope, and preserve distinct liturgical rites, theology, and traditions rooted in Eastern Christianity.

Most of these Churches originated from historical reunions between Eastern Orthodox communities and the Roman Catholic Church, and they can be found across Eastern Europe, the Middle East, India, and parts of Africa, with communities in the diaspora worldwide.

THE PASSING OF MRS. NOHAD EL-SHAMI, MESSENGER OF SAINT SHARBEL'S MOST FAMOUS MIRACLE

On Wednesday, May 14, 2025, we mourns the passing of Nohad El Shami, a humble woman whose extraordinary encounter with Saint Sharbel became a powerful testament to faith and divine healing.

Mrs. Nohad El-Shami, the woman who witnessed one of the most famous miracles of Saint Sharbel in modern times and became a living testimony to the power of faith and heavenly intercession, has departed to the house of the Heavenly Father.

In 1993, Nohad El-Shami became known for the miraculous healing* of her partial paralysis at the hands of Saint Sharbel, after he appeared to her in a dream and performed a surgical operation, leaving marks on her body that remain visible to this day.

Since that time, she dedicated her life to serving the mission of Saint Sharbel. She would recount her experience with humility and faith, spreading light into the hearts of believers in Lebanon and around the world.

The passing of Mrs. Nohad El-Shami leaves a deep impact on the hearts of all who knew her or heard her testimony. We pray that Saint Sharbel accompanies her on her journey to heaven, as he did in her suffering and healing, and that he grants comfort and hope to her family and loved ones through the promise of the resurrection in glory.

Eternal Rest grant unto Nohad, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

*In 1993, after suffering a debilitating stroke that left her paralyzed, Nohad El Shami experienced a miracle that would inspire countless souls worldwide. One night, she dreamt of two Maronite monks—one of them St. Sharbel—performing surgery on her neck.



When she awoke, she was healed. Two surgical wounds marked her neck, and the paralysis was gone. This miraculous event revived faith in the hearts of thousands and became a beacon of hope for those seeking God's grace.

Following her dream, Nohad faithfully visited St. Sharbel's monastery in Annaya every 22nd of the month, as instructed by Saint Sharbel. To this day, pilgrims gather monthly to continue this tradition of prayer and devotion in Lebanon and here at St. Sharbel Church in Clinton Township, Michigan.

Nohad's quiet life became a living testimony of faith, surrender, and the power of intercession. She inspired believers and skeptics alike, showing that miracles are not just moments of healing but reminders of God's love and presence in our lives.

As we bid farewell to Nohad, let us honor her legacy by deepening our faith and trusting in God's will. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may her story continue to shine as a light for all who need a miracle.

St. Sharbel, pray for us.

ASCENSION, OUR HOPE AND OUR CHALLENGE

Today, Ascension Sunday, we recall the glorification of Jesus Christ who, as a man, has been called to share in the glory of God. His ascension also reminds us that heaven is our destiny. That is what we have been created for. That is where we will find the perfect fulfillment of all our aspirations.

But before we reach such a glorious destination, we have to do our share in the fulfillment of God's plan for ourselves and the rest of humankind. Jesus wants that we become more and more involved in the building of the Kingdom. That's why Jesus' ascension is also the indispensable premise for the beginning of the evangelization of the world through the Church.

Today is also "World Communications Day," an observance that emphasizes the importance of communications in the work of evangelization and catechesis, the need to pray for all those involved in the field of social communications. Let us include them in the intentions for which we offer this Eucharist.

Luke 24:46-49 KJV

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

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“LIGHTS IN OUR WORLD”: POPE LEO XIV’S MESSAGE TO THE EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THE USA AND BEYOND

Eastern Catholic Churches in the USA are a vibrant part of the Catholic communion, deeply rooted in ancient traditions and spiritual depth. On May 14, 2025, Pope Leo XIV addressed the participants in the Jubilee of Oriental Churches with a powerful message of unity, hope, and cultural preservation. His speech underlined the importance of the Eastern Catholic diaspora, especially in the West, where the richness of their liturgy and spirituality faces the challenge of integration and continuity.

For American Catholics seeking to understand Eastern traditions, this address offers both spiritual insight and practical encouragement. It’s also a call to Latin-rite Catholics and bishops to actively support their Eastern brothers and sisters.

The Heart of the Message: A Call to Honor and Preserve Eastern Catholic Identity

Pope Leo XIV opened with a joyful Easter greeting, echoing the familiar words: “Christ is risen. He is truly risen!” — a phrase cherished across Eastern Catholic liturgy in the USA. He reminded the faithful of the unique spiritual treasures that Eastern Catholic Churches offer ancient monasticism, mystagogy, divine liturgy, fasting, intercession, and synodality.

The Pope highlighted the challenges faced by many Eastern Catholics in America, often descendants of immigrants or refugees who fled war and persecution. As generations settle in the U.S., there is a real risk of losing traditional Eastern Catholic practices, especially when local communities are small or dispersed.

Pope Leo XIV’s Vision for Eastern Catholics in the Diaspora

The Holy Father emphasized three priorities for supporting Eastern Catholics, particularly in places like the United States:

1. Create and Sustain Eastern Catholic Circumscriptions

Wherever possible, new eparchies and parishes should be created to ensure that Eastern Catholics can practice their liturgies and customs without dilution.

2. Educate Latin-Rite Bishops and Communities

The Pope urged the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches to define clear principles so that Latin bishops across the U.S. can support Eastern Catholics in the diaspora, helping them maintain their spiritual traditions rather than assimilating fully into Roman Catholic practice.

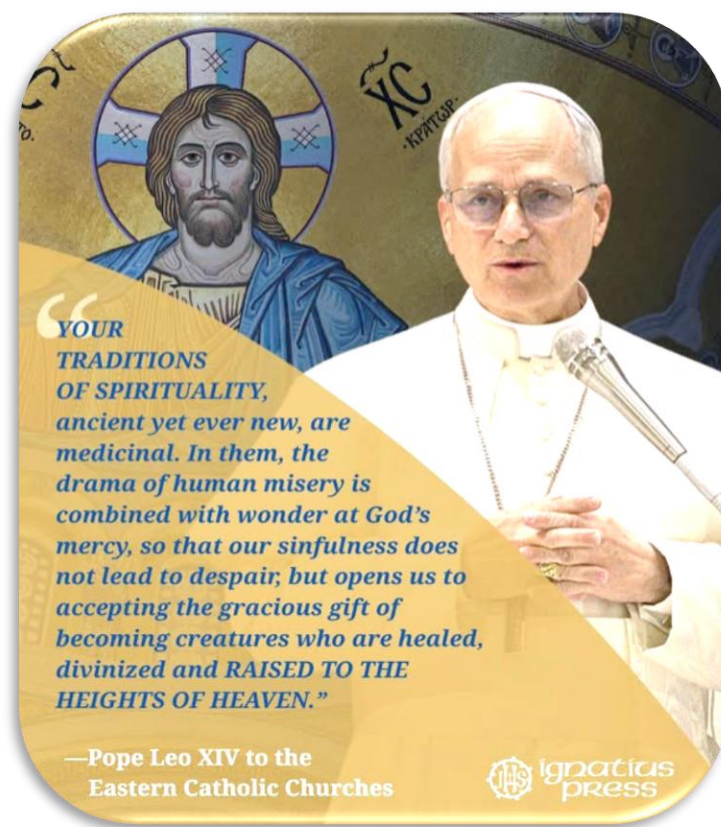
3. Combat Cultural Erosion

In an age of consumerism and individualism, Pope Leo XIV warned against weakening ancient traditions for convenience. Instead, he called for the preservation of authentic Eastern Catholic spirituality, which offers healing, awe, and depth.

Why Eastern Catholic Churches Matter in the USA Today

How to find an Eastern Catholic Church near me is a question many American Catholics ask when seeking a deeper, more mystical form of worship. From Byzantine to Maronite parishes, these communities maintain a profound sense of liturgical beauty and theological insight.

Pope Leo’s message reaffirmed that these churches are not peripheral, but central to the universal Church’s mission. He recalled the words of Pope Leo XIII, who more than a century ago decreed that no Latin clergy should pressure Eastern Catholics to convert to the Roman Rite — a principle still vital today.



Eastern vs. Roman Catholic Churches: Complementarity, Not Competition

The Pope’s remarks also help clarify the differences between Eastern and Roman Catholic Churches:

- Liturgy:** Eastern rites often use ancient languages (like Aramaic or Greek) and emphasize mysticism and symbolism.

- Spirituality:** Eastern Catholics highlight fasting, intercession, and inner transformation (Penthos).

- Governance:** Eastern Churches are synodal, with strong communal decision-making rooted in centuries-old traditions.

Rather than divide, these differences enrich the whole Church. Pope Leo XIV stressed that the Christian East has much to teach the West, especially about mystery, beauty, and communal prayer.

A Message of Peace from the East

The Pope did not ignore the ongoing suffering of many Eastern communities, mentioning conflicts in Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Caucasus. Yet, he asked: “Who better than you can sing a song of hope amid the abyss of violence?” This was not just a rhetorical flourish — it was a deep recognition of the resilience of Eastern Catholics.

He invoked the example of Eastern martyrs and called all Catholics to pray for a peace that heals and reconciles, rather than silencing dissent.

Conclusion: A Call to Action for American Catholics

For Catholics in the U.S., supporting Eastern Catholic Churches is not optional — it’s essential. Whether by attending a Divine Liturgy, encouraging inter-parish cooperation, or learning about Eastern Catholic traditions in the United States, the time to act is now.

Pope Leo XIV concluded with a powerful blessing, urging Eastern Churches to remain “lights in our world.” American Catholics, both Eastern and Latin, are called to receive that light and reflect it into a world in need of mystery, beauty, and peace.

THE POWER OF ALMSGIVING: WHY FEWER CATHOLICS DO IT TODAY

Ever wonder why your prayers go unanswered? St. John Chrysostom once said that it is because you deny the needs of the poor when they ask for help. He taught that when someone asks for alms, we should not worry about how they will use it—our duty is simply to give.

Yet today, many Catholics hesitate—or outright refuse—to give alms. Why? Why Are There Fewer Catholics Doing Almsgiving?

Despite the Church's long-standing tradition of almsgiving and its powerful spiritual benefits, fewer Catholics practice this act of mercy. Many do not realize:

- *Almsgiving is a powerful way to be forgiven from sin, especially in reducing temporal punishment.*
- *It assists the holy souls in Purgatory, who cry out in need of spiritual help.*
- *It protects the giver from harm and evil, as Scripture and saints teach.*
- *It is a spiritual bank, where what you give today will bless you tomorrow—sometimes in unexpected and miraculous ways.*

Selfish and Demonic Excuses That Stop Almsgiving

Here are some of the most common bad and selfish reasons Catholics fall into for neglecting almsgiving:

1. *"I might need it later."*

This fear-driven excuse forgets the providence of God. Clinging to money as security is a form of distrust.

2. *"They might misuse the money."*

St. John Chrysostom rebukes this excuse. Our job is to give; what they do is between them and God.

3. *"I give in other ways."*

While time and service matter, monetary alms is uniquely sacrificial and impactful—especially for the poor and suffering souls.

4. *"I'm not rich enough to give."*

The poor widow in Scripture gave all she had and was praised by Christ. Almsgiving isn't about amount—it's about love.

5. *"Let someone else help them."*

This mindset ignores personal responsibility. You are called to be a channel of God's mercy, not a bystander.

6. *"I'll give when I'm more financially stable."*

If you don't give when you have little, you won't give when you have much. Charity grows through practice, not wealth.

7. *"What if I don't get anything in return?"*

This is a demonic temptation to doubt God's promises. The Lord repays, sometimes spiritually, sometimes materially—but always abundantly.

8. *"It's not my problem."*

The soul that hardens itself to the cry of the poor is resisting grace and mercy. This coldness is a step toward spiritual death. Scriptural and Saint Warnings

"For alms deliver from all sin, and from death, and will not suffer the soul to go into darkness."

— Tobit 4:11, Douay-Rheims

"The gate of heaven is opened by alms."

— St. John Chrysostom

"Give, and it shall be given to you: good measure, and pressed down, and shaken together, and running over..." — Luke 6:38

Almsgiving does not replace confession, but it lessens temporal punishment, especially when done after a good confession or in a state of grace. When done in mortal sin, it earns no merit—but when grace is restored, past acts of almsgiving are applied retroactively.

Examples of the Power of Almsgiving

The Mysterious Poor Soul

A woman gave all she had to offer a Mass for a poor stranger. Afterward, she delivered a letter to a young man who realized the letter was from his deceased father. Her almsgiving helped a soul in Purgatory and returned a blessing a hundredfold.

St. Martin of Tours

He gave his cloak to a shivering beggar, later seeing Christ in a vision wearing the same cloak. From then, God repaid his charity with overflowing blessings, allowing him to care for thousands of poor.

St. John the Almsgiver

He gave to a beggar not once, not twice, but three times—each time doubling the amount—even though he knew it was the same man in disguise. His reason? "It may be my Lord Jesus Christ is testing me." Would you pass that test?

Almsgiving and Financial Blessings

"He that hath mercy on the poor, lendeth to the Lord: and he will repay him."
— Proverbs 19:17

"Almsgiving causes an increase in spiritual and even temporal goods."
— St. Thomas Aquinas

Many Catholics who give generously have witnessed divine help in their financial or personal struggles. Those who sow generously, reap generously—not always in money, but in grace, protection, peace, and unexpected blessings.

The Choice Is Yours

When was the last time you gave without overthinking it? Do you find yourself hesitating—perhaps out of fear, judgment, or selfishness?

These are not just human doubts—they are often temptations inspired by the enemy of souls, who fears the power of charity. Every soul you help lifts the weight of your own sins. Every act of mercy makes you more like Christ.

"There is no excuse for not giving, as a widowed woman gave all her money in the temple of God. No rich person is too wealthy to receive, and no poor person is too poor to give."

Final Reflection:

Almsgiving is not about money—it's about love.

It is the medicine for a cold heart, a ladder for souls in purgatory, a sword against evil, and a mirror of God's mercy.

If you want to see Heaven open its doors to you, start opening your hand to the poor.

God is watching. And He will not forget.



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- 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



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WHEN YOU VISIT A PRIEST, PLEASE REMEMBER...

That a priest isn't married, nor will he have a family of his own. No wife, no children. His family is his parishioners. He is a spiritual father in faith to the community he serves. His future is in celebrating the Eucharist at mass every day, listening to confessions, anointing the sick, serving those who come to him for help. A priest may serve a parish only for a minimum of five to seven years. After that he may be transferred to another parish or assigned a different role in the Church. He relies on his team of volunteers, staff and the lay faithful. Don't expect him to be there all the time for you.

When you give money to the Church, you may be surprised to know that the money isn't for him because no priest earns a fixed salary. They receive a stipend to meet their basic expenses of food, clothing and travel. They save every penny to go for a vacation and much of the money is gifted by friends, relatives and well wishers as they don't get paid leave like the rest of us who work.

While we work for a fixed number of hours with two days off a week, priests are expected to be on standby 24/7. So don't be angry if they don't respond to you when you need them. They are humans as well with the same frailty as us.

If you hear anyone speaking badly about a particular priest, please correct that person and don't engage in idle gossip without knowing the facts. Remember that they are alone and at times would need company. Pay attention to their emotional, physical and mental needs. Accompany them if needed or offer a helping hand or even a lift. It's not easy to go out alone at 2 or 3 in the morning especially in dangerous neighborhoods for counseling or even anointing someone on their death bed. If someone comes to them at such an hour for help, they have to get up from their deep sleep and still be expected to celebrate Mass in the morning. Who is there for them when they are ill or have emergencies in the middle of the night? Yet they are required to perform their duties because if not them, who?



Remember their birthdays, ordination anniversaries and important events in their lives. Celebrate with them, cry with them. Offer a shoulder to lean on. If they fall, don't judge or criticize. Lift them up and help them on their journey in life. Don't be offended if they don't live up to your expectations. No priest is perfect.

So, take care of your priests, remember the ones who baptized, confirmed, married and anointed you. The ones who offer masses for your intentions and pray for you. May God bless our priests in Jesus' name, our eternal High Priest. Amen. Catholic Doctrine

"The priest is not a priest for himself - he is for you. After God, the priest is everything."

- St. Jean Vianney

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"For priests who are weighed down by the burdens of their ministry, that the Lord may be their strength and refreshment. Let us pray to the Lord."

MONASTIC MARTYRS CONON AND HIS SON, CONON, OF ICONIUM (ROMAN: March 3; MARONITE: June 5)

The Holy Hieromartyr Conon lived in Iconium (Asia Minor). After he became a widower, he went to a monastery with his son. Because of his devout life the saint was granted help from above. He cast out devils, he healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and preached Christ among the pagans, converting many.

Reports of him reached the governor Dometian, a persecutor of Christians. Saint Conon was brought to trial and they ordered him to offer sacrifice to idols, but since he would not, he was handed over for torture. The seventeen-year-old son of the martyr, Deacon Conon, was also brought to trial.

After persuasion failed to make him renounce the True Faith, both father and son were subjected to cruel tortures. They were stripped and laid on a red-hot cot, they were drenched with hot oil, they were thrown into a cauldron with boiling tin, sulfur and tar, they were suspended upside down and scorched with a choking smoke. Preserved by God, the martyrs remained unharmed.

The irate torturers then resorted to a horrible way to destroy the preachers: sawing them in two with a wooden saw. Learning of this sentence, the saints asked time to pray, and they cried out to the Lord, "We give thanks to You, O Lord, for permitting us to suffer for Your Name! We beseech You to grant peace to Your Church, put its persecutors to shame, strengthen and increase those who believe in You, grant us to come to You, and give peace unto our souls."



The Voice of God was heard from above, calling the holy sufferers. Having signed themselves with the Sign of the Cross, the holy martyrs gave up their souls to the Lord. At once, there was an earthquake, and all the pagan temples in the city collapsed.

Monks secretly buried the bodies of the martyrs at the monastery where the saints had labored in asceticism during life. This occurred during the reign of Aurelian in the years 270-275. The relics of the holy martyrs were later transferred to Italy, to the city of Acerno (Campania).

We welcome and congratulate the new Parish Council:

- Joseph Dagher (Attorney)
- Samih Alhwayek (Engineer)
- Elias Abboud (Architect)
- Emily Quengua (Philippine Community)
- Ramon Hidalgo (Sub-Deacon)
- Micheal Rohlin (Sub-Deacon)
- Zenia Kutob (Youth Leader)
- David Navarete (Hispanic Community)
- Angel Lagara (American Community)
- Michel Awada (Sound Engineer)
- Rita Petti (Arab Community)

We Thank the previous Parish council for all their hard work throughout their term.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart

When the Clock strikes the Hour

*By St Gertrude the Great
(1256-1302)*

O most sweet Jesus,
I commend
to Your Sacred Heart,
all that I have done
in the hour that is gone,
to be cleansed and purified
and offered to God
the Father,
for His eternal praise.
And whatsoever
I shall do, in the hour
that is beginning,
I resolve to do
simply and purely,
for the glory of God
and for the salvation
of all mankind,
in union with
Your Passion.
Amen

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OUR HOLY FATHER LEO XIV GIVES HIS CARDINAL CHURCH TO CARDINAL TAGLE

Cardinals are symbolically attached to Roman churches or dioceses as a sign of their connection to the Eternal City and to the pontiff.

On May 24, 2025, the Vatican press office announced that Pope Leo XIV has given the title of Cardinal of Albano to Filipino Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization.

This decision can be seen as a sign of trust, since this was Leo's seat as cardinal before his election as pope. Cardinals are symbolically attached to Roman churches or dioceses as a sign of their connection to the Eternal City and to the pontiff.

Those belonging to the order of cardinal bishops traditionally receive one of the seven "suburbicarian" dioceses surrounding the city of Rome (Ostia, Albano, Frascati, Sabina, Porto e Santa Ruffini, Velletri, Palestrina).

When he promoted Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost to the order of "cardinal bishops" on February 6, Pope Francis assigned him Albano, a town southeast of Rome in the Castelli Romani region. As the cardinal prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, Prevost was to take possession of it in the Cathedral of San Pancrazio earlier this month, on May 12, the feast day of the city's patron saint.

But those plans changed when he was elected the 267th pope of the Catholic Church. The Church of Albano was thus left without a titular cardinal.

The new pope has now entrusted it to Cardinal Tagle, who was promoted to the order of bishops in 2020 without being assigned a suburban church. Other cardinals, such as Secretary of State Pietro Parolin and Italian Cardinal Fernando Filoni, also belong to the order of bishops without suburban titles.

The orders of cardinals' bishops, priests, deacons affect who is assigned to certain tasks, such as, for example, the task of announcing "habemus papam."

This was also why Cardinal Tagle was tasked with placing the Fisherman's Ring on Leo XIV at his inauguration (see video below) in what was the most emotive moment [of the Mass](#).



Candy?

Cardinal Tagle has shared an amusing story from the conclave, which has enchanted the faithful all over the world. He reported that he was able to make a "first act of charity to the new pontiff" because, as he had done in 2013, he "smuggled" candy into the conclave, to calm any hunger pangs during the long voting process. When Prevost saw that the votes were leading up to his election, he let out a sigh. This led Cardinal Tagle to ask him if he wanted a piece of the candy. And the future pope answered, yes, give me one! Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI, described that moment of sighing when the votes were accumulating in his conclave as the "guillotine lowering."



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



WEEKEND

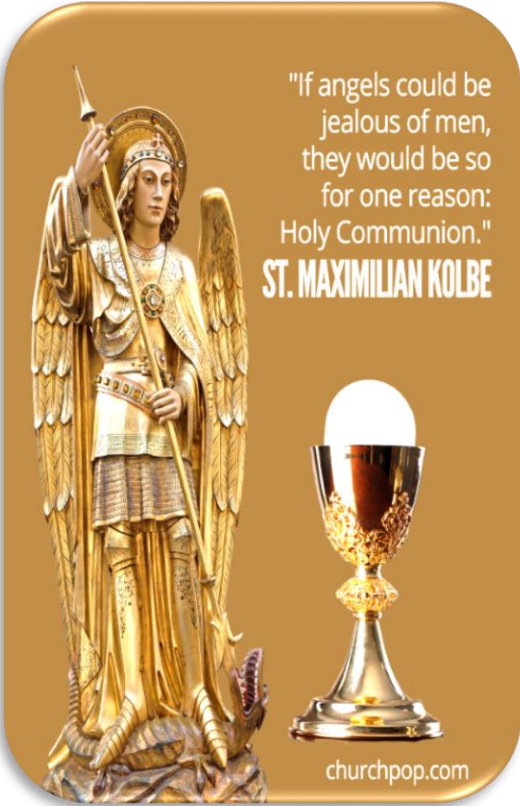
Sat. 4:30 pm May 31
For all Cardinals & Bishops

Sun. 9:30 am June 1
+Mila Lumba
*+June Gomez
50th Ann. Ed & Paulette Rizk

Sun. 11:30 am
+Antoine (1 year) & Leila
(6 months) Hedary
+Salim Hedary

Sun. Spanish Mass 4:30pm
Por todos los que trabajan en la
misión de nuestra Iglesia

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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Pray for Us

DAILY 8AM

MONDAY June 2
Priest & Clergy

TUESDAY June 3
Youth of Today

WEDNESDAY June 4
Faithful Departed

THURSDAY June 5
Healing of the Sick

FRIDAY June 6
Unborn Babies

- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
1. **SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend is for Catholic Communications.

2. **TUESDAY:** 5:30 P.M. Rosary in the Chapel followed by Anointing of the sick.

3. **MONTHLY SPANISH MASS** Sunday, June 1st at 5:00 PM & Rosary at 4:30 PM

4. **GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTION:** This Sunday, June 1st after the 9:30 Mass in the Chapel. All are welcome

5. **YOUTH FUNDRAISER:** Raffle tickets will be available for \$5 – please support our youth group.

6. **REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** will be held during the months of July and August on Wednesday & Friday from 9AM to noon. Class will begin Sunday, September 7, 2025. See bulletin for further information.

7. **PARENTS:** You must purchase our First Holy Communion Maronite Catechism for Pre-K and First Grade level so that the students are prepared for Catechism class to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Book price - \$25.

8. **ABSOLUTLY NO SOLISITATION** OF ANY KIND ON CHURCH PREMISES (No Raffle, No Petition, No Salesman, No Charity, No Political causes).

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

May 24 & 25



*Weekend Masses Collection	\$4,110
*General	\$2,769
*Building Fund	\$730
*Helping Hand	\$366

Weekly Church

Estimate Expenses \$ 10,558