



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

## Sunday of the Consecration of the Holy Church

### The Worship of the first Covenant

November 2023

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**Pastor: Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid**

#### Our Services

**DAILY:** Monday–Friday 8:00 AM English

**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 4:30 PM English

**SUNDAY:** 9:30 AM English

& 11:30 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English

**1st Sunday:** 4:30 PM

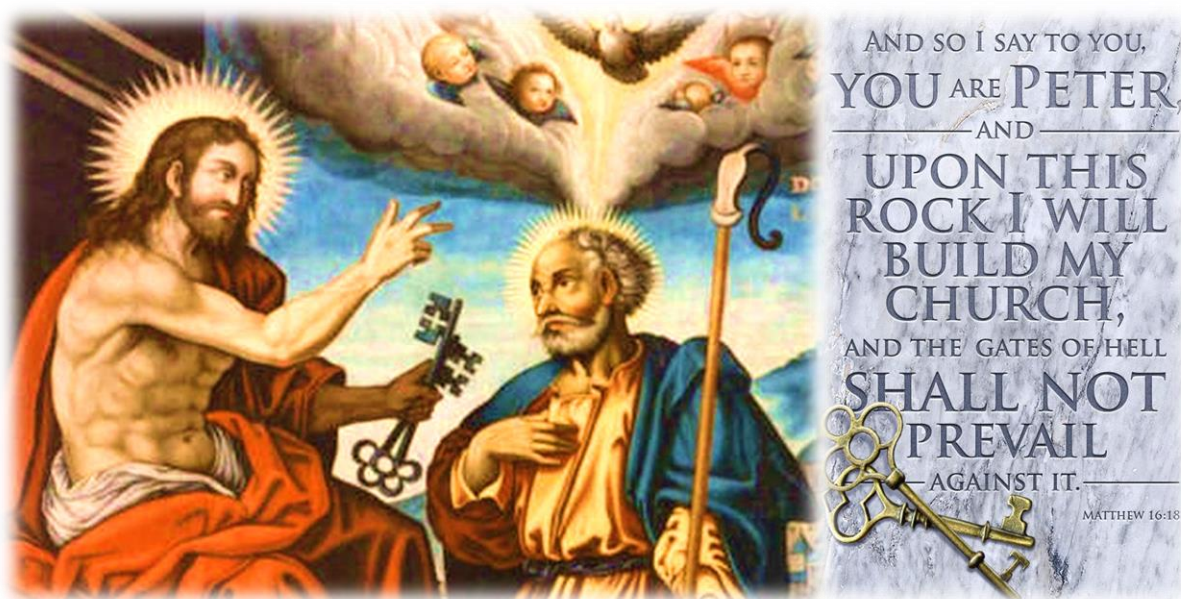
Rosario y la Misa en Español

**2nd Sunday:** 4:30 PM

Tagalog Mass

**Tuesday @ 5 pm** Rosary & Bible

Anointing of the Sick every 1st Tuesday



The Bible uses the term “corban” to indicate something consecrated to the Lord. Those anointed with oil were considered Holy or set apart for the Lord.

In the Old Testament, priests, kings, and the Ark of the Covenant were all anointed and consecrated to the Lord. In the New Testament, Jesus Himself is called the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One.

Jesus the Anointed One, is the New Ark. His Sacred Person is the place where the Divine and human meet. And the Church has come into being and continues the mission of Christ in the world. It is now the Church which proclaims God's saving love for the world to mankind.

### LET US PRAY:

Lord, we consecrate our lives to You.

We consecrate ourselves to You,

our minds and our hearts, our Church and our families.

You invite each one of us to renew our personal consecration to the Lord and His Church, and to strive to realize God's kingdom on earth. **Amen.**

### READINGS:

**Isaiah 54: 1-10**

**Hebrews 9: 1-12**

### GOSPEL:

**Matthew**

**16: 13-20**



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## OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS RENEWS APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AID, RELEASE OF HOSTAGES IN GAZA

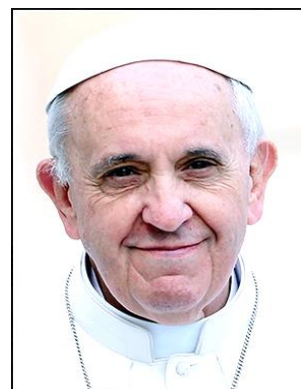
At Sunday's Angelus, Pope Francis renews his appeal for the free flow of humanitarian aid to Gaza and for the release of the hostages, saying every war is really a defeat.

Speaking after Sunday's Angelus prayer, Pope Francis expressed his concern and grief over what is happening in Israel and Palestine.

"I am very concerned, grieved. I pray and I am close to all those who are suffering, the hostages, the wounded, the victims and their families."

The Pope said he is very concerned over "the serious humanitarian situation in Gaza," and he was "saddened that the Anglican hospital and the Greek Orthodox parish" were hit in the war violence in recent days.

"I renew my appeal for spaces to be opened, for humanitarian aid to continue to arrive and for hostages to be freed."



Each one of us is called to be an artisan of peace, by uniting and not dividing, by extinguishing hatred and not holding on to it, by opening paths to dialogue and not by constructing new walls!

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES



"War, any war that there is in the world - I also think of martyred Ukraine," the Pope continued, "is a defeat. War always is a defeat; it is a destruction of human fraternity. Brothers, Stop! Stop!"

The Pope then recalled that he has called for a day of fasting, prayer and penance on Friday, 27 October.

That day, in St. Peter's, at 6 pm, there will be an hour of prayer for peace in our world.

## OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS APPROVES DECREE ON MIRACLE ATTRIBUTED TO ARGENTINE BLESSED

Pope Francis approves a decree regarding a miracle attributed to the intercession of Argentine Blessed Maria Antonia of Saint Joseph, known as Mama Antula.

The Holy See Press Office communicated that on Tuesday afternoon Pope Francis met with Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, when he authorized the promulgation of the decree on the miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Maria Antonia of Saint Joseph (born Antonia de Paz y Figueroa in 1730 in Silipica, Santiago del Estero, Argentina).

Known as Mama Antula, she founded the House for Spiritual Exercises in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she died on 7 March 1799.



### **Popular devotion to Blessed Maria Antonia of Saint Joseph, "Mama Antula"**

After the expulsion of the Jesuits from the country, she went from town to town in the poor regions of north-eastern Argentina promoting retreats in the Ignatian tradition. In only eight years, she managed to provide retreats to 70,000 people.



## OUR MARONITE PATRIARCH BECHARA EL RAI'S AT MASS: SYNODAL PATH HELPS US RESPOND TO GLOBAL CRISES

Cardinal Béchara Boutros Raï, the Maronite Patriarch of Antioch, delivers the homily at daily Mass for Synod members, and urges Christians to imbibe a synodal way of living to confront the many issues that face our world.

Members of the Synod General Assembly celebrated Mass together in St. Peter's Basilica on Monday morning, ahead of the presentation of the fourth General Congregation.

Patriarch Youssef Absi, the Greek Melkite Patriarch of Antioch, presided over the Mass celebrated according to the Byzantine rite at the Altar of the Chair.

Cardinal Béchara Boutros Raï, the Maronite Patriarch of Antioch, delivered the homily at the Mass, reflecting on Jesus' invitation to pray for workers for God's abundant harvest.

### **Harvesting situations of suffering**

In his homily, the Cardinal Patriarch noted that Jesus felt compassion for the large crowd which was following Him and so told His disciples: "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Cardinal Raï said Jesus' words offer a starting point to understand the current state of the Church and the challenges facing society.

He reflected first on the abundant harvest as a symbol of various pressing global issues that require attention and action from the Church and all Christians.

These issues, he said, include the pursuit of just peace amid ongoing wars, addressing climate change and protecting the environment, challenging exploitative economic systems, aiding persecuted individuals, and healing the wounds inflicted by various forms of abuse.

Cardinal Raï added that the harvest includes the need to promote human dignity, foster ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, care for the marginalized and vulnerable, and engage with contemporary societal challenges.

### **Laborers guided by the Spirit**

The Maronite Patriarch of Antioch went on to consider the laborers who are called to gather the harvest.



### ***Patriarch Absi (center left) presides over the Byzantine rite Mass***

Cardinal Raï said the Synod *Instrumentum Laboris* (working document) identifies these laborers as every person sent by Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit.

God's Spirit, said Cardinal Raï, is the true "protagonist of the mission entrusted to the Church and thus of the entire synodal journey."

Every laborer needs to receive formation and guidance from the Holy Spirit to embrace a synodal way of living.

Such training, he said, "involves formation for a life of communion, mission, and participation, as well as synodal spirituality at the heart of the Church's renewal."

### **Our mission to heal wounds of others**

In conclusion, Cardinal Raï invited Christians to feel compassion, as Jesus did, for our world's situations of suffering and the conditions in which people find themselves.

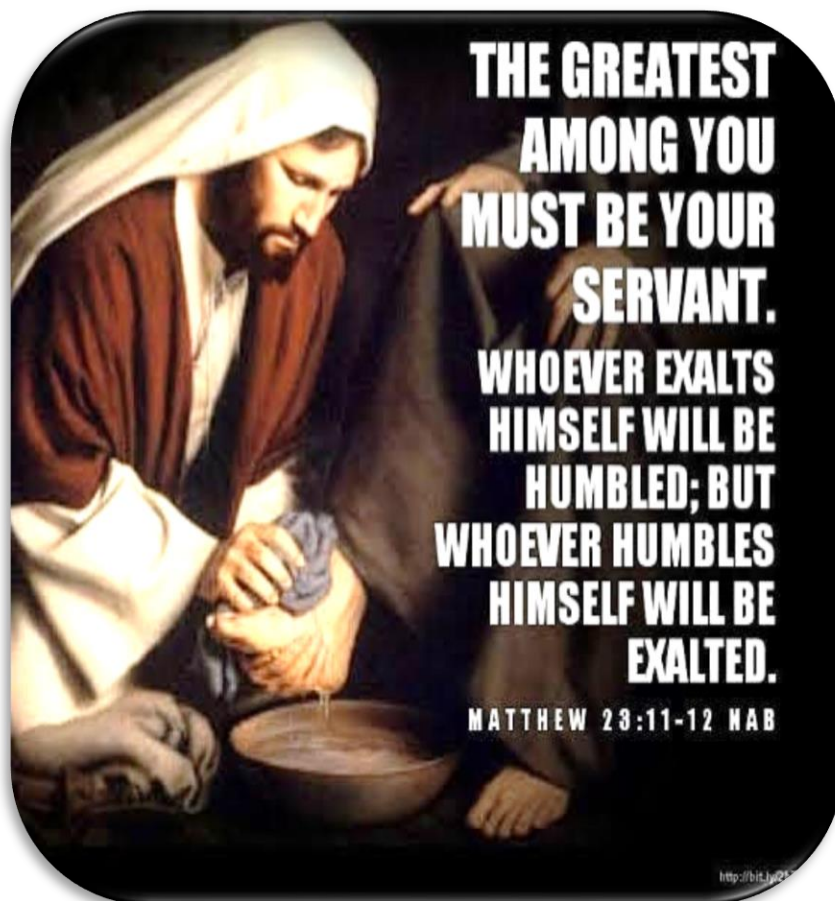
He said the suffering of the poor, discarded, refugees, innocent victims of wars, and the homeless all stir Christ's compassion and should stir our own.

Christ, concluded Cardinal Raï, "has chosen each one of us to heal these wounds and strive for a better world, where we can inhabit our common home in peace and tranquility."

## **A CHALLENGE MORE THAN A PRIVILEGE**

We have just started the month of November and we are all invited to remember with special love all the departed, especially those most dear to us. In this Eucharistic celebration we will pray in a special manner for our leaders who have already gone to their eternal reward.

But while praying for the dead, let us not forget our present leaders, both religious and civil. We need leaders who can guide us with gentle firmness to the attainment of the common good. We need leaders who lead us by their example, who are deeply honest, humble and sincere; leaders who put the interest of the people before their own. But as we raise this intention to the Lord, let us renew our commitment to become ourselves the good persons we expect others to be.



## *THOUGHTS TO PONDER*

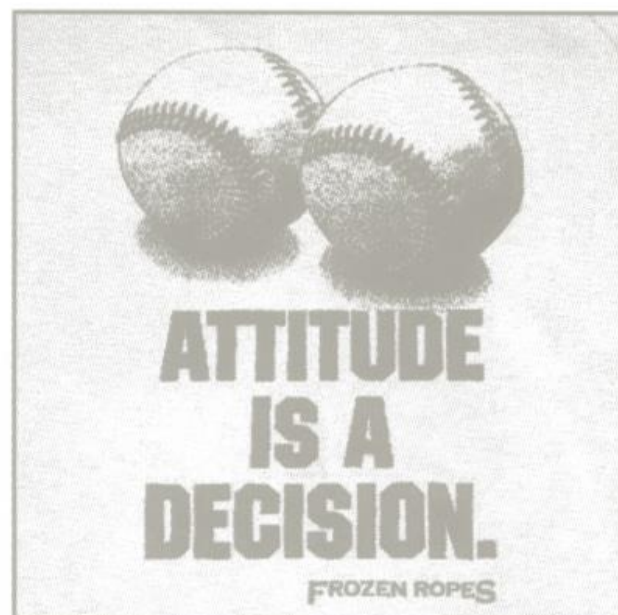
### The Power of Attitude

Earl Nightingale : "You become what you think about. Negative thoughts reap negative results. If you think positive thoughts, you will get positive results."

What most people fail to realize is that your attitude not only impacts your happiness and your success, it also can impact the happiness and success of all the people around you...your family, your friends, and your peers at work. Attitudes truly are contagious, and from time to time we need to ask ourselves..."is mine worth catching?"

It's my hope that this book will be a useful tool in helping you:

- Manage your energy levels
- Keep your soul alive
- Take new paths
- Reduce stress
- Develop the "Human Touch"
- Attack your fears
- Live in awe
- Savor small successes
- Burn brightly without burning out
- Hang on when the storms blow through





## MIRACLES OF SAINT SHARBEL

Thank you Abouna and may you also be blessed to overflowing. I wanted to share a miracle that happened after reading the Saint Sharbel article that you had in your August issue.

I had prayed to Saint Sharbel in our church a couple of months ago for Luc's sisters little girl who had a hole in her eardrum and this was going to require surgery if it didn't close. I asked Saint Sharbel to heal this for Alexandra through his intercession and I mentioned it to Luc's sister (Natalie). She was also praying for a miracle. After this she went to the doctor and they still reported the hole.

Then you send me the August newsletter which I only got to read yesterday. I was so touched to tears when I read the article that I felt like I had to re-ask Saint Sharbel again for a healing. I forwarded the article to Natalie and asked her to pray too. I didn't know that Natalie was due to take Alexandra to the doctor that day. The doctor looked into Alexandra's ear and said that she can see that Alexandra had had many ear infections in her time and that there was scar tissue there. Natalie said that the doctor should be able to see a hole as this was always clearly visible. The doctor confirmed that there is no longer a hole in her ear. We are so delighted at this very special intercession of Saint Sharbel and we give God all the glory for this healing. I'm sure that Natalie will take Alexandra to an ear specialist to obtain his opinion but in the meantime we keep thanking Jesus for this precious healing. It is amazing that He uses His sinful children to ask for these miracles and then He listens and answers us through His mercy – it takes my breath away.

Debby & I LUKE Drewes  
SOUTH AFRICA

### Healing of Marie-Berthe Abi Rached

In May 2004, Marie-Berthe suffered from a headache. She went to the hospital and the medical tests revealed that she had a 15 cm-tumor. She underwent a surgery and the surgeon extracted 4% from the external tumor because he couldn't injure the brain. She prayed deeply Saint Charbel asking him to heal her. He appeared to her and said: "I chose you among many". Later on, she underwent a test and found out that the tumor was gone. She visited the tomb of saint Charbel and got her healing registered on February 14, 2011.

*"Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mold them accordingly."*

*- St. Ignatius Loyola*

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMENTS



### WEEKLY COLLECTION *October 28 & 29*

*Mass Collection	\$3,340
*General	<u>\$2,306</u>
	<b>\$5,646</b>

*Weekly Expense	\$8,750
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<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>- \$3,104</b>
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*Building Fund	\$ 920
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*Helping Hands	\$ 343
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**\*The weekly shortfalls are covered by the monthly Auto Pay. Its consistent and guarantees to keep us going. To avoid shortfall please give through Auto Pay.\***



# Mission ~~Impossible~~:

## The Word In Action

### West Coast

Feb 2-4, 2024

Pali Retreat

Running Springs, CA

### Price

\$180

Register at: <http://www.maroniteyouth.org>



**5** FULL DAYS

**JUNE**  
**24-29**  
MON - SAT



REGISTRATION  
OPENS EARLY  
**FEB 2024**

[www](http://www.maroniteyouth.org)  
**MARONITE**  
**YOUTH.ORG**



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**MYO CONFERENCE**

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## *Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles*

October 23, 2023

Dear Msgrs. and Fathers,

I hope this finds you well.

The situation in Lebanon is worsening and the people are suffering from economic hardships. Solidarity, a non-profit organization associated with our Patriarchal Maronite Foundation in the World, is launching a special scholarship drive to assist 5,000 poor families with educational costs.

I would like to request your support in spreading the news regarding this initiative and holding a special collection on the weekends of October 28-29 or November 4-5, 2023.

The educational stipend is \$150, but truly any assistance that can be donated towards this cause will go a long way to help pay for student tuition fees, books, and transportation. Thus, we will support the students and the Catholic Schools.

Any donations collected can be sent to the Eparchy, and we will make sure to forward them to Solidarity.

Thank you for all that you do and for your ministry in these especially difficult times in Lebanon, the Middle East, and around the world.

With sincere best wishes and prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,

+A. Elias Zaidan

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

## Eucharistic Adoration



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

*Then Eucharistic Adoration is for You!*

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

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

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

If you need to report child  
or vulnerable adult sexual abuse by a Cleric (Priest  
or Deacon), Member of a Religious Congregation,  
Lay Employee or Volunteer in the Eparchy of Our  
Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles contact

**Dr. Laura Kahwaji**  
**Victim Assistant Coordinator**  
(323) 428-6815





## LEBANESE-AMERICAN OF THE MONTH

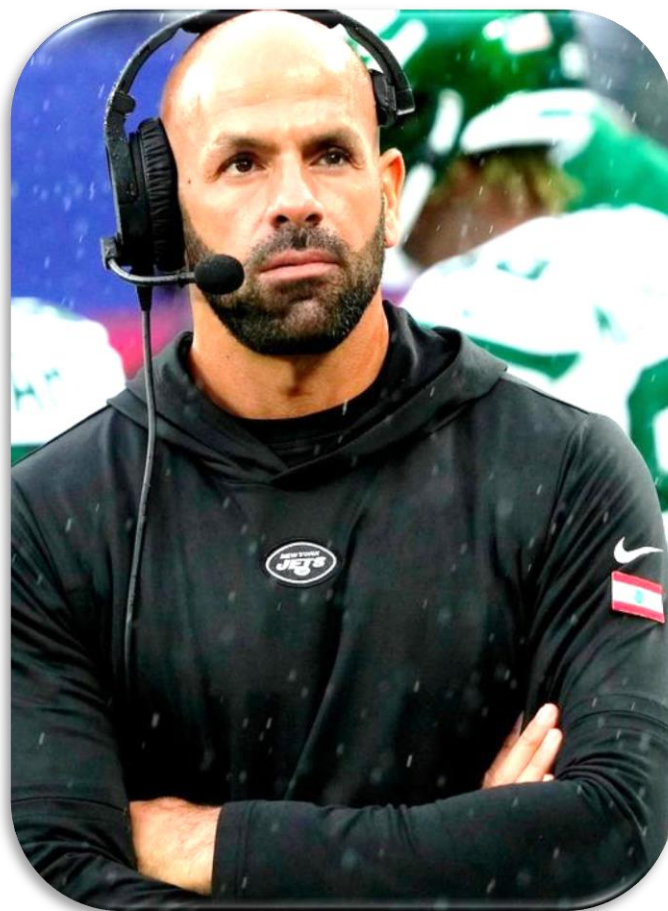
Lebanese American [New York Jets](#) Head Coach Robert Saleh is shown just before kickoff, at [MetLife Stadium](#), wearing a patch on his left sleeve depicting the [Flag of Lebanon](#).

Hundreds of [NFL](#) players will wear flag decals on their helmets representing the countries of their heritage over the next two weeks.

The NFL is urging players and coaches to wear the decals that represent their home countries or their ancestors' home countries in Week Seven and Week Eight. The league says more than 330 players and coaches have said they will participate.

Among the players participating will be Tua Tagovailoa (Samoa and American Samoa), Puka Nacua (Samoa), Danielle Hunter (Jamaica), Fred Warner (Mexico), brothers Amon-Ra and Equanimeous St. Brown (Germany) and Jimmy Garoppolo (Italy).

In addition to Saleh, coaches participating will include Bill Belichick and his sons Brian and Steve (Croatia), Arthur Smith (Scotland), Brian Flores (Honduras), Ron Rivera (Puerto Rico and Mexico) and Brian Daboll (Canada).



## MASS ETIQUETTE

(DO'S AND DON'TS WHEN ATTENDING THE MASS)

1. FAST - Do not eat any food an hour before the mass. Only water is allowed.
2. COME EARLY - Allow 10 - 15 minutes of meditation before the mass.
3. DO NOT EAT - Eating is not allowed during mass.
4. DRESS PROPERLY - This is to show decency and honor to God.
5. NO PHONES - Turn your mobile phones off.
6. GENUFLECT - Kneel your right knee in the direction of the tabernacle before sitting.
7. PARTICIPATE - Sing, respond, listen, and pray.
8. COMMUNE - Examine conscience beforehand.
9. THINK OF OTHERS - Respect the pew and queue.
10. BE STILL - Don't be in a hurry. Enjoy and feel God's presence and thank Him for His graces.





**VENERABLE SANDRA SABATTINI, A MODERN SAINT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Here is something about the way saints live that stands distinctly apart from the surrounding culture. Whether it's barefoot St. Francis singing as he begged, or Mother Teresa lifting up the sick off the streets into her homes for the dying, the stories of holy men and women amaze us with their radical choices. Watch this video to learn about Alessandra Sabattini, a holy Italian woman whose life was both normal and countercultural, and whom the Church has declared venerable just 34 years after she died.

Alessandra, or "Sandra" as most people called her, was born in Riccione, Italy, in 1961. The oldest of two children, she grew up in a devout Catholic family—in fact, for most of her childhood, her family lived with her mother's brother who was a parish priest. She kept a journal as a child that revealed her pious nature from a young age, once writing as reported in [this article](#), "A life lived without God is just a way of passing time, whether it's boring or fun, time to be filled in while waiting for death." Sandra was a teenager when she first met a holy priest named Oreste Benzi, whom the Church declared a Servant of God in 2014, and benefited from his spiritual guidance through the youth group he organized. Soon after, she participated in a summer program for teenagers to care for people who have severe disabilities. The experience changed her life, giving her a sense of purpose in serving and caring for the vulnerable. She told her mother, "We worked till we dropped, but these are people I'll never leave."



***Venerable Sandra Sabattini***  
***(1961-1984)***



After graduating from high school, Sandra began her studies at the University of Bologna, with the goal of eventually becoming a medical missionary in Africa. She spent her weekends and summer vacations volunteering to care for drug addicts in rehabilitation centers. Despite her packed schedule, she made it a point to spend time before the Eucharist early every morning—another example of her unusual and admirable choices.

While at the university, Sandra became friends with Guido Rossi, a fellow student who also attended Oreste Benzi's youth group, the Community of Pope John XXIII. He shared her dream of becoming a medical missionary in Africa, and before long, the two had fallen in love and became engaged to be married. Their decision to live a chaste engagement, which they openly shared with their friends, stood out in the university and youth culture around them. Sandra spoke of the need for holy men and women to strive not only to avoid evil but to aim for greatness: "Today there are too many merely good Christians, while the world needs saints." Sadly, her own dreams of medical missionary work were not realized; in 1984, when she was only 23, she was killed in a car accident. Her legacy lives on, however, in her example of holiness, which continues to inspire and encourage many people today.



## 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 5 de Noviembre 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*



## *Our Filipino Community News*



### **FILIPINO PRIESTS FROM THROUGHOUT U.S. TO GATHER AT NEWARK CATHEDRAL FOR HISTORIC MASS**

For the first time in history, roughly 370 Filipino Catholic priests from throughout the U.S. will converge on Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart for a cultural celebration and Mass led by Archbishop Gabriele Caccia — the Vatican's permanent observer to the United Nations — on Thursday, October 26. Lay faithful are welcome, though Filipino attire is required.

The festivities, which come as part of the National Association of Filipino Priests (NAFP-USA)'s Fourth Assembly, will start at 1:20 p.m. with a procession of Filipino Catholics carrying items representing the Philippines' religious traditions like Simbang Gabi and Sinulog. Then, at 3:30 p.m., Archbishop Caccia will preside over a Mass dedicated to the theme "Cultural Integration Towards a Synodal Church." Afterward, the Filipino priests and faithful will gather for a formal gala in the Hilton Meadowlands at 6:30 p.m.

"The Filipino community is very excited about this Mass because our faith is our oxygen," said Father JM Manolo A. Punzalan, program director for the NAFP-USA's Fourth Assembly and director of the Archdiocese of Newark's Filipino Apostolate. "Our lives revolve around our religious practice, and our religion is a refuge for us when life gets hard. So, it will be nice to celebrate our devotion. And since many of us are immigrants, this is a chance to catch up with priests we knew back in the Philippines."

The Cathedral Basilica's event is one of several that will occur during the NAFP-USA's Fourth Assembly, which runs from October 24-27 (the last week of Filipino American History Month). Other noteworthy happenings included an October 25 Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Edmund Whalen of the Archdiocese of New York. Auxiliary Bishop Michael A. Saporito from the Archdiocese of Newark will also deliver a keynote address about the topic "Priesthood in a Synodal Church" on October 26 at the Hilton Meadowlands.

Finally, the assembly will close on October 27 with a Mass led by Bishop Oscar Solis of the Diocese of Salt Lake City. Bishop Solis, a native of the Philippines, will discuss the importance of journeying together as Filipino priests in his homily.



***Filipino Catholics participated in a cultural procession during a Mass celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines at Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on May 1, 2022.***

"We all come from different provinces in the Philippines, so this assembly is a way for us to get to know each other, forge real friendships, and build camaraderie," said Father Punzalan, who added that approximately 99% of the participating Filipino priests are immigrants. "We'll share experiences in our ministry and discuss how we can assimilate into the American Church. It's all about walking together as Filipino priests."

New Jersey is home to 143,845 Filipinos — according to 2018 U.S. Census Bureau data — with a 2023 Pew Research Center survey finding that most Filipino Americans (54%) identify as Catholic. To engage them, the archdiocesan Filipino Apostolate offers spiritual programs, enjoyable gatherings, and social justice initiatives. Most recently, the apostolate celebrated the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines by hosting a yearlong pilgrimage in which participants followed a replica of the nation's famed Jubilee Cross to parishes with high Filipino populations throughout the Archdiocese. It all culminated in a celebratory Mass at the Cathedral Basilica that was attended by hundreds of Filipino Catholics.

**WEEKEND****Saturday 4:30 pm Nov 4**

+Elizabeth M. Lazo (1 year)

+Anthony Anton

Healing-McAnley Pierre-Louis

**Sunday 9:30 am Nov 5**

+Cristela Lopez

+Rosario Pornel

+Leonila Gayrama

\*Aida Tuason

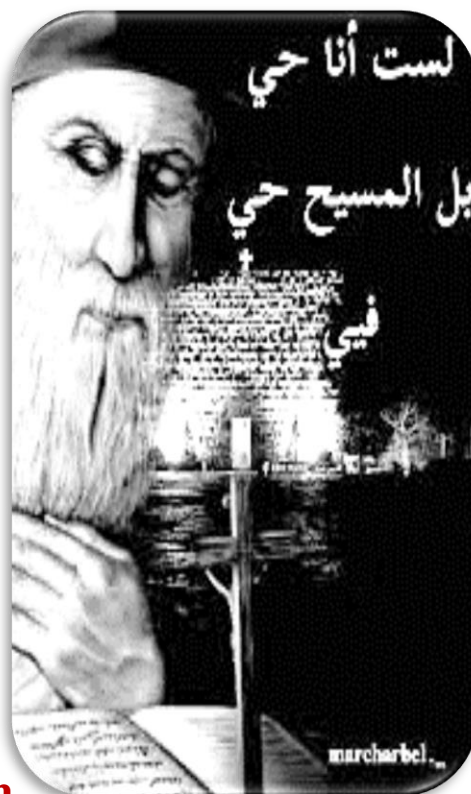
Healing-McAnley Pierre-Louis

**Sunday 11:30 am**

World Peace

**Sunday Spanish Mass 4:30 pm**

La Paz Mundial

**HOLY MASS  
INTENTIONS****DAILY 8AM****MONDAY Nov 6**

Unborn Babies

Healing-McAnley Pierre-Louis

**TUESDAY Nov 7**

Healing of the Sick

Healing-McAnley Pierre-Louis

**WEDNESDAY Nov 8**

Faithful Departed

Healing-McAnley Pierre-Louis

**THURSDAY Nov 9**

Doctors &amp; Nurses

Healing-McAnley Pierre-Louis

**FRIDAY Nov 10**

Unity of Families

Healing-McAnley Pierre-Louis

**1. TUESDAY:** 5:00 P.M. Praise and worship followed by Rosary in the Chapel.**2. SECOND COLLECTION:** Bishop Zaidan is launching a special scholarship drive to assist 5,000 poor families with education costs. God Bless you for your generosity.**3. GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTION:** Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 Mass.**4. MONTHLY SPANISH MASS:** Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM Rosary & Mass.**5. PARENTS:** You must purchase our First Holy Communion Maronite Catechism for Pre-K and First Grade level so that the students are prepared for Catechism class next year to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Book price - \$25.**6. BLESSING OF ASHES, USE OF GARDEN AREA, BAPTISM, FUNERALS, MEMORIAL MASS & HOUSE BLESSINGS :**

The Office must be called in advance so that we can check Father's calendar for availability. All necessary paperwork must be filled out to reserve the date.