

# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross

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Pastor: <u>Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid</u> Our Services

<u>DAILY</u>: Monday–Friday 8:00 AM Eng.
 <u>SATURDAY VIGIL</u>: 4:30 PM English
 <u>SUNDAY</u>: 9:30 AM English
 & 11:30 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English

1st Sunday: 4:30 PM

Rosario y la Misa en Español 3rd Sunday: 4:30 PM

Tagalog Mass (Only in October)

<u>Tuesday @ 6 pm</u> Rosary & Bible Anointing of the Sick every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

10325 RANCHO DESTINO RD LAS VEGAS NV 89183 <u>PHONE</u>: 702-616-6902 www.stsharbellasvegas.org Jesus speaks again of the days of trial that will culminate in the destruction of Jerusalem, and that all present will witness this destruction. It will be possible to run away before the disaster occurs (v. 15-20). It will be a time for evangelization, time a persecution between the Jewish and the Pagan worlds. The Jewish people who did not recognize Jesus as their Savior, will let other saviors, or messiahs, stir them up against the Romans.

Jesus shows that this general confusion about the true savior is very far removed from what will happen when He returns at the end of time. The value of these concepts is not in their detail, which at best is symbolic, using symbols that are most acceptable to man, but in the eternal truth which they conserve; whatever the world is like, God has not abandoned it.

In the days to come, Jesus saw one danger that would threaten the Church: that of false leaders. A false leader is a man who seeks to propagate his own version of the truth rather that truth as it is in Christ; a man who tries to attach other men to himself rather than to Jesus Christ. The inevitable result is that a false leader spreads division instead of building up unity. The test of any leader is to compare his qualities to those of Christ.

This passage tells us that both judgment and a new Creation are certain. They tell us that God contemplates the world both in justice and mercy, and that God's plan is not an obligation but His Heart's desire.



"At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and the nations of the world will mourn.

They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory..." (Matthew 24:30)



Reading:
Philippians
3:17-4:1
Gospel:
Matthew
24:23-31

## OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS APPEALS FOR PEACE IN MYANMAR, UKRAINE, CAMEROON

Pope Francis appeals for international attention and peace for the suffering peoples of Myanmar, Ukraine and Cameroon.

Pope Francis on Sunday appealed to the world not to forget or ignore the suffering of the population in Myanmar where violence continues to cause death and displacement.

Speaking before leading the Angelus Prayer at the conclusion of Holy Mass in the city of Matera where he marked the end of the National Eucharistic Congress, the Pope said he is thinking of Myanmar, where "for more than two years that noble country has been martyred by serious armed clashes and violence, which have caused many victims and displaced persons."

"This week," he said, "I heard the cry of grief at the death of children in a bombed school."

"May the cry of these little ones not go unheard! These tragedies must not happen!"

Thousands have been killed since Myanmar's military seized power in February 2021 from Aung San Suu Kyi's elected government, plunging the country into what some UN experts have described as a nascent civil war that has killed thousands.



Image of the school in Sagaing, Myanmar after the air strike by Myanmar Armed Forces

#### Ukraine

The Pope also reiterated his concern and closeness with the people of Ukraine and called for solutions to the seven-month war.

He invoked the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, to comfort the "martyred Ukrainian people" and appealed for action from international leaders, that they may find "the strength of will immediately to find effective initiatives to bring the war to an end."



Pope Francis invokes the Queen of Peace during Angelus in Matera

#### Cameroon

Pope Francis also said he joins in the appeal of the bishops of Cameroon for the liberation of eight people kidnapped in the diocese of Mamfe, including five priests and a religious sister.

"I pray for them and for the populations of the ecclesiastical province of Bamenda: may the Lord give peace to hearts and to the social life of that dear country."

The priests and the religious sister were reportedly kidnapped by unknown assailants who set fire to a church on Friday in western Cameroon.

This was announced in a statement by the Bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Bamenda.

The Mamfe diocese, located in the southwest region, is one of two restive regions in Cameroon where separatists have been waging war against the federal authorities since 2017.



Image of the war in Ukraine

Many parishioners at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church in Toronto lost family members and friends when a devastating explosion on Aug. 4, 2020, killed hundreds and injured thousands in Beirut, Lebanon's capital.

A large number of Maronite Catholics are of Lebanese descent, and some parishioners still consider Lebanon, as well as Canada, their home.

But the suffering intensified at Our Lady of Lebanon when just a few weeks after the blast, on Aug. 30, 2020, the church's statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was beheaded. To add to the vandalism, there was no chance of repairing the statue since the statue's head was also stolen.

"It was like continuing the trauma that happened in Beirut," Laure Abou-Jaoude, a 71-year-old parishioner, told CNA.

Abou-Jaoude's mother's cousin, whom she considers an uncle, died two months after he sustained a severe head injury as a result of the Beirut explosion. She also said that her childhood neighborhood, Mar Mikhael, was devastated and many of her friends sustained injuries.

Many parishioners at Our Lady of Lebanon had similar experiences as Abou-Jaoude, Father Walid El Khoury, O.A.M., the church's pastor, told CNA.

Because of the two tragedies, the parish decided to raise money for a new statue that would remind its people of Lebanon. That statue, 100% paid for by donations from inside and outside the parish, came in the form of a replica of the monumental Our Lady of Lebanon statue in Harissa, Lebanon.

The original statue in Lebanon, which is located about 16 just like the original. miles north of Beirut and sits more than 2,000 feet above sea "It's like a piece of Lebanon that is here in our front level in the mountains overlooking the coastal Bay of yard," El Khoury said. He added that, with the statue, the Jounieh in the Mediterranean Sea, is made of seven bronze parishioners feel at peace and are hopeful about life again.

The statue, painted white, is just short of 28 feet tall and is happiness to the parish. approximately 16 1/2 feet in diameter. Made in France, the The replica was inaugurated with a celebration ceremony statue weighs 15 tons and stands on a 66-foot-high base that on Sunday, Sept. 11. The spiritual leader of the Maronite has 104 stairs spiraling it, leading up to the foot of the Eparchy of Canada, Bishop Paul-Marwan Tabet, presided statue.

tourist attraction in Lebanon, having immense spiritual significance for Lebanese Christians.

Abou-Jaoude said she always visits the statue to pray when she travels to Lebanon. However, she can't walk up the stairs anymore because of a hip injury.

But she'll be much closer to the top of the new statue at her parish, because the replica stands only about 12 feet high. The base is 8 feet tall and the statue itself is 4 feet tall. Abou-Jaoude and El Khoury both say it looks identical to the statue in Harissa, which depicts Mary in all white, shawled in a robe with her hands outstretched, palms up, "The day of the consecration, we were happy; we were similar to the depiction of Our Lady of the the Immaculate Conception.

### A 'PIECE OF LEBANON' **COMES TO TORONTO MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church in Toronto replaced a vandalized statue of Mary with a replica of the Lebanese shrine Our Lady of Lebanon in Harissa on Sept. 11. | Photo credit: Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church.

The replica, which is made of marble with a base made of stone in Italy, even has a small chapel built into the base,

Abou-Jaoude said that the replica has brought healing and

over the Mass and the blessing of the statue that followed. The statue has a chapel built into its base and is a popular In his homily that included both Arabic and English, Tabet told the congregation that the Maronites were violently persecuted for 400 years in the Middle East for their belief in Mary.

"No one can remove a Maronite from his or her love for Our Lady," he said.

During the blessing, about 400 parishioners flowed out onto the street, singing hymns and praying as the statue was showered in incense.

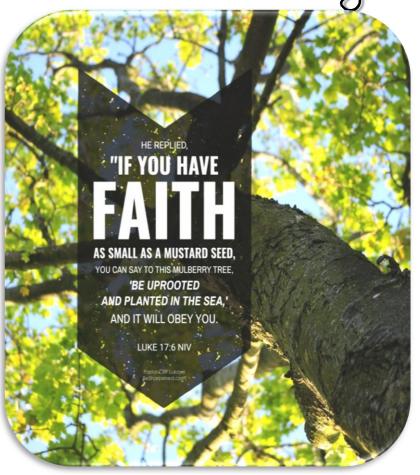
No suspect has been found in the investigation of the vandalism. But the parishioners are ecstatic about the new addition to their parish home.

really happy," Abou-Jaoude said.

Guided by the Light of Faith and Humility

This is our first Sunday in the month of the Rosary and of the Missions. The month in which we are urged to grow in our faith and pray for an increase in it, remembering that faith is both a gift from the Lord and a commitment on our part.

Faith is what enables us to accept with humble trust even the sad events that elude our comprehension. It is what empowers us to persevere in the good work, even when we do not see the results we had hoped to attain. Faith is what drives our missionaries to devote all their energies to bring the light of the Gospel to those who do not yet know Christ. Faith is what brings us together, right now, to offer this Eucharist in praise of God and for the good of all mankind. Together with Jesus' disciples, let us pray: "Lord, increase our faith!"



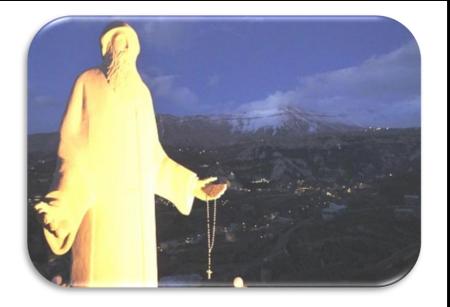
#### ST. DOMINIC & THE ROSARY

St. Dominic, a Spanish theologian (circa 1170-1221) was the founder of the Roman Catholic religious order of Friars Preachers, or Dominicans.

Around the year 1203, Dominic was sent by Pope Innocent III to South France to preach to the Albigenses. At the time, the Albigensian doctrine was based on a dualism of two eternally opposing principles, good and evil, all matter being regarded as evil and the creator of the material world as a devil. St. Dominic discovered that this doctrine was becoming widespread due to the fact that the Albigenses were well educated and well organized. To combat the unorthodox teachings of the Albigensians, Dominic organized and educated his preachers so they would be better equipped to overcome this Albigensian heresy. Dominic stressed the importance of education, and his preachers traveled throughout Europe and educated common people and religious leaders as a way to challenge the heresy.

Our Mother Mary entrusting to St. Dominic the establishing of the Holy Rosary





It was during Dominic's fight against this heresy when tradition tells how this saint received the rosary from the Virgin Mary in a vision. According to tradition, the Virgin Mary told him to "Pray my Psalter and teach it to your people. That prayer will never fail". Dominic was told that if he did as instructed, the heresy would be dispelled from France. Eventually after widespread teachings on the rosary and the meditations of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the heresy was defeated and the Church was strengthened.

St. Dominic is widely associated with the origin and creation of the Rosary because he was the first to implement the widespread teaching of this sacred devotion.

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If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Vocations Director, Chorbishop Donald J. Sawyer, D. Min, at 512-458-3693 or dsawyer@grandecom.net



All Are Welcome!

\*Friday 10/7
\*Saturday 10/8

\*Sunday 10/9



4 pm-11 pm 2pm -11 pm 1 pm-8 pm

\*Food \*Drinks \* Live Entertainment
\*Kids Play Zone \*Raffle \*Vendors
\$5 Admission

(Free Children under 10, Military & Police)

3 Days Entry Passes are available on Groupon
for Discounted Rate

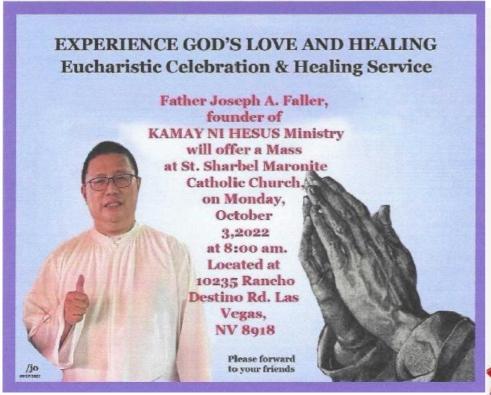


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#### LOS LISTONES DE SAN CHARBEL

La costumbre, vuelta piedad popular, nació en México, en el Centro Histórico, y ahora en el extranjero pueden verse imágenes del santo maronita con vistosos listones atados a sus brazos, su cuello, sus pies... Tomó un listón que compró minutos antes en alguna de las incontables mercerías de la calle República de Uruguay en el Centro Histórico, escribió sobre su costado la petición que guardaba su corazón: "Te pido, por favor, intercedas por mí..."; luego, lo ató al cuello de San Charbel Makhlouf... y el resto es historia. Fue **una mujer** que, al no encontrar un papel para escribir su petición al santo, utilizó un listón iniciando así un acto popular de devoción que en la actualidad ha rebasado las fronteras de la ciudad de México y del país mismo.

#### Origen del listón

El P. Rogelio Peralta Gómez, sacerdote maronita, explica que el uso de listones es una extensión de los populares exvotos, cuya práctica se sabe existió desde las primeras comunidades cristianas y que Teodoreto de Ciro las documenta hacia el siglo V.

En particular, el P. Peralta reflexiona sobre esta práctica documentada en 1989 por un sacerdote jesuita en el Líbano que colocaba listones en el templo para protegerlo de calamidades: "La manera de aplicarlos era: las cabezas de familia brindaban bufandas de seda o algodón, las ataban para formar un largo listón con el cual circuncidaban el edificio, o bien, los pilares del mismo. Lo 'amarraban' para no permitir al mal causar un daño. Pasada la plaga, el largo cinturón se volvía a dividir y se repartía para beneficio de los pobres".

Sin embargo, tal como conocemos los listones hoy en día, estos tienen su historia en México y en San Charbel: "Los listones de petición no existían antes de San Charbel", recalca categórico el P. Peralta.

#### Los colores

Aunque la Iglesia Católica no reconoce alguna **cualidad** especial en el color de cada listón y las peticiones, sí recomienda que todo acto de esta naturaleza esté libre de magia o superstición. Además, el P. Peralta explica que el hecho de colocar un listón a San Charbel no debe pensarse como una especie de 'trueque', que al poner un listón el fiel **cree** cumplirle al santo y éste, en correspondencia, debe interceder en su favor: "Se trata de un acto devocional que debe estar alimentado de la oración; el listón es el símbolo no sólo de la petición, sino de la oración constante hecha vida en cada uno de nosotros".

En todo caso, respecto a los colores, el sacerdote explica que los listones de color son utilizados para las peticiones y los listones blancos para dar gracias. El sacerdote reconoce que, sin embargo, la gente otorga diferentes significados a los colores de los listones, llegando al absurdo de considerar el listón negro como un listón del mal. Y es que, mucha gente no ha entendido que un santo no puede interceder ante Dios para causarle un mal a otra persona.

A pesar de todo, aún si la gente quiere darle un **significado** 'añadido' a su petición o si cree que una manera de recordar su compromiso (porque toda petición lleva consigo un compromiso en la intención y en la oración) según el color del listón, sería:

Azul: para la fuerza, poder, protección y voluntad divina.

Dorado: iluminación, amor por los seres queridos y la paz mundial.

Rosa: para el amor divino de la adoración y reconciliaciones.

Verde: esperanza, fe y salud física o espiritual.

Rojo: para situaciones difíciles y pedir provisiones.

Violeta: para la **misericordia**, perdón y meditación.

Amarillo: para la paz, el equilibrio, sabiduría e intuición.

Morado: para la purificación, la conversión de lo malo en bueno.

Blanco: para agradecer los favores concedidos.



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CHARBEL", bella
tradición nacida en el
Centro Histórico de la
ciudad de Néxico y que se
extendió por el mundo. Una
mujer no encontró a la
mano

un papel para escribirsu petición y la hizo en un listón. Acto popular de devoción que se aprecia en la Parroquia de Chignahuapan.

## BEAUTIFUL FACES & PLACES



Celebrating the feast of the Cross on the 15th in the Chaldian church Fr Mazin & the Assyrian with Father Aprim Younadan & St. Sharbel Church Fr. Nadim and the Choir.

Catechism
Students with
their parents
First Day of
School,
Sunday
September 11







Congratulations to all the baptisms in September





### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

Than 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



## SAVING LIVES AT ST. SHARBEL

Every 3 minutes someone is diagnosed with blood cancer. You could be their only cure.

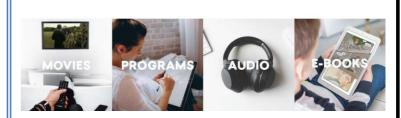
Join the Be The Match Registry\* With a cheek swab you can be part of someones hope for life. Takes 5 min.

BE THE MATCH

Learn more here: my.bethematch.org/4LifeNV

Our Mission: We Save Lives Through Cellular Therapy
Every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer
like leukemia. It can happen to anyone, at any time. But so can a
cure—a marrow or cord blood transplant. Learn more about the
heart of our mission—delivering cures for blood cancers in our
2020 Report to the Community.

## **FORMED**



There are 3 easy steps for parishioners to download the FORMED App.

- 1. Visit the App Store or Google Play Store(search: FORMED Catholic)
- 2. Download the app to your device (Note, you will need to register at <a href="formed.org/signup">formed.org/signup</a> before logging in to app)
- 3. Enjoy the content you want, where you want!

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### Good News for a change

#### **MIRACLES OF SAINT SHARBEL**

## 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 extracted 4% from surgeon external tumor but 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.

#### **A PRAYER TO ST. SHARBEL**

Lord infinitely glorified by His saints, You who fascinated the heart of St. Sharbel who chose the hermit life, granting him the grace and the power of being away from the world keeping faithful to the monastic virtues of chastity, obedience and poverty, we ask You to give us the grace of loving You and serving You as he did.

O mighty God! You who spread the power of St. Sharbel's intercession through the multiple miracles and marvels, provide us, through His intercession, with the grace to which we aim. Amen.

Saint Sharbel Miracle Oil & Novena are available at the St. Sharbel Relic Grotto. If you have received graces of healing & blessing through St. Sharbel, write or call us at the office for Donation.

#### MONEGASQUE PRINCESS REMOVED FROM BRITISH LINE OF SUCCESSION FOR BECOMING CATHOLIC

Princess Alexandra of Hanover, a member of the royal family of Monaco, has reportedly been removed from her distant place in the British line of succession after having become a Catholic.

The news was reported in English Sept. 27 by Royal Central, which cited Point de Vue, a French weekly.

Because the British monarch is head of the Church of England, which is the established church, British law bars Catholics from succeeding to the throne.

The Succession to the Crown Act 2013 allowed heirs to the throne to marry Catholics, among other changes. However, the law still stipulates that the acting British sovereign mustn't be a Catholic. Catholics have been barred from the English throne since the Act of Settlement 1701.

The website of the British monarchy lists only the first 17 persons in the line of succession.

Princess Alexandra, 19, was born in Austria and was baptized as a Lutheran two months after her birth. She is the daughter of Caroline, Princess of Hanover and Prince Ernst August of Hanover. Through her father she is descended from Victoria, Princess Royal, the eldest child of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

Alexandra is the granddaughter of Grace Kelly, who in 1956 became Princess of Monaco when she married Rainier III.



Princess
Alexandra of
Hanover at the
Rose Ball 2018
in Monte Carlo,
Monaco

So in addition to having been in the British line of succession, Alexandra is 12th in line to the Monegasque throne.

She is a figure skater, and has represented Monaco at international skating competitions.

Along with Alexandra, Lord Nicholas Windsor has also been excluded from the British line of succession for becoming Catholic. Lord Nicholas is a great-grandson of George V, and was baptized in the Church of England. He was received into the Catholic Church in 2001.



## Filipino News



#### LA NAVAL 2022 HIGHLIGHTS CALL TO SYNODALITY

The celebration of La Naval de Manila is set to kick off with the enthronement rites on Sept. 29 and the solemn feast on Oct. 9, 2022, at Sto. Domingo Church in Quezon City.

This year's theme, "Journeying with Mary towards a Church of Communion, Participation, and Mission," is inspired by Pope Francis' call for all Catholics to be more involved in the life and mission of the Church through the process of synodality.

In every procession and novena the faithful participate and are reminded of their Christian identity as a people on the Way (Acts 24:14), continuing their earthly pilgrimage the company of Mary along with their brothers and sisters in faith.

Several practices that were halted in the past two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic are expected to be brought back in this year's festivities. Among these is the reconstruction of the baldacchino or the elevated canopy that enthrones the Blessed Mother during the whole month of the Holy Rosary. In the liturgy, the devotees will once again to hear the angelic voices of the Tiples de Santo Domingo boys choir singing the famous Regina Sacratissimi Rosarii and Adios, Reina del Cielo among others.

The grand procession will be back after two years of being replaced by the Maringal na Pagdungaw ng Mahal na Birhen situated on the Carroza Trinfual.

Daily Masses will be streamed live on the La Naval de Manila YouTube and Facebook page and will begin from Sept. 30 to Oct. 8 with the following time slots: 6 am, 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, 12 pm, 4 pm (Sundays), and 6 pm.

The Holy Rosary and Novena Mass will begin at 5:20 pm in the whole duration of the La Naval festivities. (*Br. Eugene Dominic V. Aboy, OP*)



Dominican friars carry the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary inside the Santo Domingo Church in Quezon City during the feast of the 'La Naval de Manila' October 2021

### NUESTRO NOTICIAS DE LA COMUNIDAD ESPAÑOLA

El Grupo Guadalupano de la Iglesia de San Charbel

Te invita a que asistas a la Misa y El Rosario que se celebran el primer domingo cada mes comenzado,

DIA: Domingo 2 de Actubre del 2022

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 702-619-6902



Ruega por nosotros

#### WEEKEND

### **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

## Saturday 4:30 pm

#### Oct 1

- +Tri Dao Nguyen
- +Anthony K. Gheun Long

## **Sunday 9:30 am** *Oct 2*

- + Adalia Penuela (1 wk)
- +Janice Niedzwiecki
- +Adelena Manianglung

#### **Sunday 11:30 am**

Pastors & Bishops

### Sunday 4:30 pm Spanish

Para Immigrantes del Mundo



Pray for Healing of the Sick

#### **DAILY 8AM**

MONDAY Oct 3

+Maria H. Nguyen

#### **TUESDAY Oct 4**

@Angelo

z Sarah Penuela (Wedding Anniversary)

#### WEDNESDAY Oct 5

+Joseph N. Huu Luc

#### THURSDAY Oct 6

+Maria Hoi Ha

#### FRIDAY Oct 7

+Tao Nguyen +John Le

### **COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **1. SPANISH MASS:** This Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rosary & Mass at 4.30 PM.
- **2. GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTIONS:** This Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 9:30 Mass
- 3. MONDAY: Healing Mass @ 8:00 with Fr. Joseph A. Faller.
- **4. TUESDAY:** 6:00 P.M. Rosary in the Chapel followed by Anointing of the sick.
- 5. YOUTH GROUP: Is cancelled this Friday due to the Festival.
- 6. TAGALOG MASS: will be moved to the third Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM. Rosary at 4:30 PM.
- 7. FESTIVAL RAFFLE: Winners will be announced on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Grand price is \$3000 & total prizes \$10,000.