



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



August 8-9, 2020

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

He Can't Remember

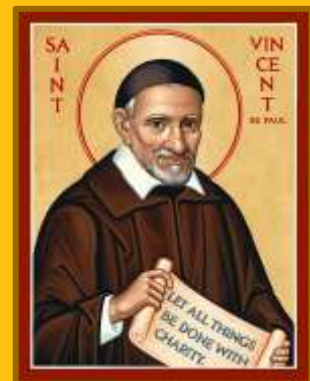
There was a priest in the Philippines who carried the burden of a secret sin he had committed many years before. He had repented but still had no sense of God's forgiveness.

In his church was a woman who claimed to have visions in which she spoke with Christ and he with her.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His Mercy from us?"

Saint Vincent de Paul



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Appeal to the Nations of the World

Beirut is a devastated city. A catastrophe struck the city because of a mysterious explosion that occurred in its sea port. Beirut, the bride of the East and the lighthouse of the West, is injured. Destruction and desolation are visible in virtually all its streets, neighborhoods, and homes. Hundreds of citizens have lost their lives; thousands are injured. Hospitals, places of worship, residences, public and private institutions, hotels, shopping malls and stores have been totally or partially destroyed.

Many of the city's inhabitants are homeless. This national disaster comes at a time when the country is in a situation of economic and financial bankruptcy which renders the government incapable of facing this human and urban catastrophe. In addition, the Lebanese people are also in a state of poverty and indigence.

The Church, which has set up a relief network throughout Lebanon's territory, today finds itself faced with a new and greater responsibility which she cannot assume alone. This being said, however, the Church stands in total solidarity with the afflicted, the dead and their families, the wounded, and the displaced in placing her institutions at their service.

On behalf of the church in Lebanon, I wish to thank all the states that have expressed their readiness and willingness to aid the devastated city of Beirut. I also take the liberty to address Lebanon's friends throughout the world, especially the super powers, as well as the United Nations, to mobilize their efforts for the purpose of providing immediate aid to save the city of Beirut, without any political considerations, because what has happened is beyond politics and conflict. I also call on charities in different countries to help Lebanese families, the inhabitants of the Beirut in particular, so that they can heal their wounds and restore their homes.

During these last years, Lebanon has not ceased to experience successive political, security, economic and financial catastrophes, which require interventions to save the country. Lebanon, which offered the alphabet to the world, deserves the support of its brothers and friends to help it restore its capital, through the immediate establishment of a fund under UN control to manage aid. I am speaking to you because I know that you love Lebanon and that you will answer this call. I am addressing you because I know how much you want Lebanon to regain its historic role in the service of mankind, democracy, and peace in the middle east and in the world.

Dimane, August 5, 2020

+ Bechara Boutros Card. RAI

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The priest however was skeptical. To test her he said, "The next time you speak with Christ, I want you to ask him what sin your priest committed while he was in bible college." The woman agreed.

A few days later the priest asked, "Well, did Christ visit you in your dreams?"

"Yes he did", she replied.

"And did you ask him what sin I committed in bible college?"

"Yes"

"Well what did he say?"

"He said, 'I don't remember.'"

Source: reported in Ron Lee Davis A Forgiving God in an Unforgiving World



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

This week, Barbara David Bennet passed away in the loving arms of Jesus. She was courageous and faithful to OLOP and will be greatly missed. Our condolences are extended to her brothers Doug, Peter, and Joey, and to her many family members.

Due to the ongoing situation with the virus, the family will schedule a memorial Liturgy in the near future. We will pray for the soul of Barbara and for consolation for her family. May Almighty God welcome Barbara into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace. Allah yerhamma



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Please join us on **Friday, August 14, at 7:00 PM**, for the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. This Holy Day of Obligation will be held at OLOP. Let us offer our prayers through the intercession of Our Mother Mary. Please be sure to register online and I pray that many of you will join us.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time, I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

SECOND COLLECTION AUGUST 15-16

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron, there will be a second collection to help support and upkeep Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine in North Jackson, Ohio, on this feast day of Our Lady. Thank you for your generosity and may Our Mother protect and hold you in her loving arms.

WELCOME TO THE FLOCK OF CHRIST MICHAEL SARKIS

We welcome to the flock of Jesus Christ, Michael Anthony Sarkis, the son of Charbel and Elise Sarkis. Michael Anthony was baptized and confirmed on Saturday, July 26. May Almighty God protect and guide him all the days of his life. Congratulations.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of August, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of Peter and Frozia Thomas requested by Hyatt Thomas and family. May their souls rest in peace. Anyone who would like to give an offering in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for the month of February, 2021, please see Fr. Vincent. The cost for the month is \$75.00, which covers the cost of the communion bread and wine. Thank you and God bless.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

ملخص العظة

Saturday, August 8, @ 5:00 PM, (Feast of St. Pope Sixtus II and St. Dominic) Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Rachel David and the deceased members of their family requested by Joann, Anthony, and Lorraine David.

Sunday, August 9, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of St. Matthias) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anthony "Tommy" Thomas requested by George Saba. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Thomas Tekla, Joseph Thomas, and Joseph Peters by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Monday, August 10, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Laurence)

Tuesday, August 11, at 12:00 Noon, (Feast of St. Clare) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Allan Claypool requested by Ida Farhat. May his soul rest in peace.

Wednesday, August 12, at 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Shaina) liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Thursday, August 13, @ 12:00 AM,

Friday, August 14, @ 7:00 PM, (Holy Day of Obligation) FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Saturday, August 15, @ 5:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Thomas Takla requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, August 16, @ 10:30 AM, Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Youssef, Josette, and Milham Cheaib requested by Gaby and Amal Baroody and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for a special intention requested by Penny Fletcher.

ماذا تخبرنا قراءة الإنجيل هذه؟ لقد سمعناها السنة الماضية. إذا، ماذا نفهم من هذا الإنجيل اليوم؟

معظمنا، وربما كلنا، قد نمتعض إذا قال يسوع لشخص خاطئ رهيب "أَنْزَلْ، فَعَلِّي أَنْ أَقِيمَ الْيَوْمَ فِي بَيْتِكَ". لماذا نشعر هكذا؟

في الحقيقة، معظمنا لا نستطيع ولا نقدر أن نعترف بخطايانا وإساءاتنا لأننا لا نؤمن بأنه لدينا أيًا منها.

هذا هو صلب الموضوع. إننا ننظر أن مساحتنا الاخلاقية تتجاوز الجميع فعلى يسوع أن يختارنا بدلاً من الناس الخطاة الآخرين.

لا نريد أن نعترف! لا نريد أن نلاحظ! فضل أن نظهر أن الآخرين أسوأ منا! لربما، هناك من هم أسوأ منا، ولكن ذلك لا يحمي أخطائنا وضعفاتنا.

عرف يسوع أن زكا كان مخادعًا ومشاغبًا. وعرف ما كان يفكر فيه. فدعى نفسه ليكون مع هذا المخادع، الحقير والمراوغ. لكن زكا قام بما نرفض جميعنا أن نفعله-- لقد اعترف بأنه خاطئ ومُسيء. لقد غير طريقه. هذا يتطلب الشجاعة! ذهب زكا لأبعد حدود ليكون مع يسوع. لأي مدى نحن مستعدون أن نذهب لتتقرب من يسوع؟

نظر زكا إلى أعماق قلبه فلم يعجب به. أما نحن فإلى أي عمق من قلبنا ننظر لنرى خطايانا وعيوبنا؟

تمتع زكا بالشجاعة فاختر "ميتانويا" وهو التغيير الداخلي لقلبه فتأب. بكم من الشجاعة نتحلى لتغير طريقنا؟ هل نحن نتقرب من كوننا مثل زكا؟ لهذا السبب اختاره يسوع. لهذا السبب دعاه يسوع.

أرسل لي أحد أصدقائي صورة لباب كنيسة مكتوب عليه "غير مسموح وجود أفراد كماليين". كلام عظيم للترحيب. لأن الجميع مدعوون ليكونوا مع يسوع.

يُطرح علي الكثير من الأسئلة الصعبة وخصوصًا من شبابنا وأطفالنا. فأسأل نفسي "ماذا كان فعل يسوع؟" أسأل هذا السؤال لأن في الآية الأخيرة من هذا الإنجيل: "فإنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ جَاءَ لِيُبْحَثَ عَنِ الضَّالِّينَ وَيُخَلِّصَهُ"

مَنْ مَنَّا يشعر بالضياح؟ أنا أكون ضائعًا من بعض الأحيان. ماذا عنكم؟

قبل أن نسمح لأنفسنا بأن نكون خبراء في الأخلاق أمام الآخرين، فلنحصد أنفسنا لنرى إن كنا نتمتع بشجاعة زكا. يسوع يبحث عن الضالين... إنه يبحث عني وعنكم.

والسؤال هو: لأي مدى نحن مستعدون للذهاب للقائه؟ وإلى حين قيامنا بذلك، لا يحق لنا أن نساء عندما يدعو يسوع من هم مستعدون لتغيير طريقهم.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, August 18, we will gather for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus and ask for His help. Mark your calendars and please join us for this beautiful service.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Fernanda Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Leo Roderick, Theresa John, Laurette BouRamia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, Edmond Salameh, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list please contact the Church office.

LECTORS FOR AUGUST

Saturday, August 8

Mae Dickinson

Sunday, August 9

Jean Barbour/Halim Choubah

Saturday, August 15

Smitty Cabral

Sunday, August 16

Joan Mello/ Jano Baroody

Saturday, August 22

Carol Ann Mas

Sunday, August 23

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, August 29

Rose David

Sunday, August 30

Ann Dupre/Jano Baroody

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

August 1-2, 2020

Sunday Collection \$ 2,182.00
Candles \$ 21.00
Total: \$ 2,203.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.



Joseph & Marie Kenyon

How empty life is without you. Your Love and Patience has made us into who we are today. Your Guidance has set our path in life. We Miss seeing your face, hearing your voice, seeing your smile and hearing your laugh. We Love you and miss you even more with each passing day

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