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Finding of Jesus in the Temple

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Mass Schedule		Choir: 11:00 A.M. Roula Vasquez	972-832-8507	Respect Life: Sheri Josefsberg	940-566-0585
Sunday	8:30 A.M. English	RCIA: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763	Youth Ministry: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
	11:00 A.M. Bilingual; English/Lebanese	Lectors: 8:30 AM Mark Caputo	469-230-1533	Religious Ed / SE: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
Monday	No Mass	Lectors: 11 AM Trevor Rask	503-701-2236	Ushers Robert Kramer	214-488-5635
Tuesday - Friday	9:00 A.M. English	Parish Council Mouhib Helou	817-845-9953	Legion of Mary Rose Onoh	214-289-4300
Saturday	5:30 P.M. English				
Reconciliation	Saturday - 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.				
Eucharistic Adoration	Sunday: 2:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.				
	Monday - Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.				
	Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.				

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As we continue the reflections upon lessons we can draw from the life of Blessed Mary, we come to the finding of the child Jesus in the Temple, which we also celebrate as the fifth joyful mystery of the rosary. As described in the Gospel of Luke, the Holy Family attended Passover every year in Jerusalem, as was custom for pious Jews. When on such pilgrimages, men and women travelled in different caravans, which then joined together in the evening; young boys travelled with their mothers, while older boys travelled with the men. When Jesus was twelve, His parents left Jerusalem after the Passover, but He stayed behind, listening to the teachers and asking them questions.

When they set out, Mary and Joseph both thought that He was in the other caravan, and only discovered the mistake in the evening. They rushed back to Jerusalem and discovered Jesus in the Temple, astonishing the scholars by His understanding. Jesus seemed puzzled that His parents did not understand that He had to remain in the Temple this time. Mary pondered over these things as Jesus returned with them. He obeyed His parents and “grew in wisdom, stature and favor with God and man.” Luke 2:52.

From this poignant event we can draw several lessons about humility. First, even if Mary and Joseph were surprised at the way in which Jesus prepared for His ministry, we also should expect to be surprised by the ways in which God works in our lives. Planning is important, but we should also be willing to adapt our ideas to new situations and realize that disappointments are often God’s way of pointing us in new directions. And even if Mary and Joseph continued learning from Jesus, we should be constantly pondering over His plans for us. From the standpoint of Jesus, we recognize that even He grew in wisdom in His human nature, learning from His parents and the scholars of the Temple.

Learning new things can involve struggles, but Jesus joins us in the effort. And if even He obeyed His parents, surely we should see obedience to rightful authority, not as a burden, but as an opportunity to be open to the will of God. In all ways, humility of heart makes us more able to grow into the people whom God wants us to be, rather than being limited to our plans and expectations.

THIS WEEK’S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 12/26 +Stephen & George Family
Sunday, 12/27: +Stephen & George Family, Sunny Ugochukwu, Ed Merrill
Tuesday 12/29 Sr. Maria Bernadette, Anna Marincel, Michael Marincel,
 +Stephen & George Family, Joe & Giselle Haddad,
 Sunny & Alphonsine Ugochukwu
Wednesday, 12/30: +Stephen & George Family, David & Michelle Henke
Thursday, 12/31: +Stephen & George Family, +Art Bear, Jamie O’Flaherty, Eric & Jennifer Doherty
Friday, 1/2 +Stephen & George Family
 +Repose of the Soul

New Year’s Prayer

Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. Let the ancient dream be fulfilled in you and peace come to this life and world.

Daily Scripture Readings Jan. 3rd to Jan. 9th

Sunday, 1/3: Heb 7:11-19 Lk 2:41-52
Monday, 1/4: Heb 6:9-12 Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday, 1/5: Rom 5:1-11 Lk 3:1-6
Wednesday 1/6: Tit 2:11-3:7 Lk 3:15-22
Thursday, 1/7: Col 1:24-29 Lk 7:18-30
Friday, 1/8: 2Cor 10:12-28 Mk 1:1-8
Saturday, 1/9: 2Cor 11:1-6 Jn 1:19-28



Join us for our Community Rosaries:

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30AM in the Chapel
 Saturday: 5:00PM in the Sanctuary
 Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM in the Sanctuary

Respect Life Rosaries:

are held on the Third Weekend of each Month prior to the Sunday 8:30 AM Mass.

Save the Date!
Roe Memorial Events
January 16, 2020



Join Bishop Burns & the Catholic Pro-Life Committee
"On the Road to Victory!"

- 8:30 a.m.—Prayer Vigils
- 10:15 a.m.—Procession of Roses
- 10:30 a.m.—Roe Memorial Mass

For more information,
 visit www.prolifedallas.org/roe or
 call 972.267-LIFE (5433)

30th Annual Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Application forms are available in the Parish Office for five \$800 scholarships; at least three of which will be given to graduating Catholic seniors from Lewisville High School, Marcus High School, or Flower Mound High-School who plan to attend a two-year or four-year college. Also eligible for the remaining two scholarships are Catholic seniors who attend any other high school if a member of St. Philip Youth Group OR who attend any Catholic high school or are home-schooled in the Catholic faith if their parent(s) are members of Our Lady of Lebanon or St. Phillip the Apostle parish and/or their father is a member of Council 9884.

The application involves listing school and church service and writing a short essay on the topic, "The Need to Serve." Deadline for the application is on or before January 10, 2020. For more information, please email macrivello@hotmail.com or call 972-754-0804.

"My sweetest joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the Holy Sacrament. How I would miss Our Lord if He were to be away from me by His presence in the Blessed Sacrament!" -

St. Katharine Drexel



Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
Monday thru Friday 9:00am—7:00pm
Saturday 9:00am—5:30pm
Sunday 1:00pm—7:00pm
Contact Sheila Hughes @ 817-430-3066

Attention Parents



Due to our long liturgy please remember that children may have a hard time sitting still. If they are having a hard time, **please do not hesitate to take them into the chapel or the lobby for some breathing room.** We implore all parents to be considerate of other worshippers during the Divine Liturgy.

REQUESTING A DIVINE LITURGY

Liturgies are offered for the living or departed as a means of mercy to their souls. If possible, liturgies are scheduled on the date you request, otherwise the nearest date that is open. Please schedule your Mass Intentions by contacting Sara in the Church Office at 972-436-7617 or LadyofL719@gmail.com.

Parishioners, please remember that daily Mass is cancelled if the Lewisville ISD closes for the day due to bad weather. We do not want our parishioners to risk injury trying to attend Mass.



Are You Missing Out?



Have you moved or recently changed your address? If you are not receiving regular mail or email from the Church, kindly complete a Change of Address form located in the lobby of the Church and return to the Parish Office. Don't forget to provide an email address! These are used only to inform you of parish events and for any major events or emergencies. It will not be given to outsiders. Thank you!

2020 Contributions

If your annual gifts to your church total \$250 or more, and you plan to claim the gift as a deduction on your tax return, the IRS requires that you have a letter or receipt from the church that received the gift. By the end of January 2021 all donors—who donated financially to the support of Our Lady of Lebanon—will automatically receive a statement from the Church stating their names and the amount of gift received—through checks or weekly offering envelopes—from January 1st, 2020 until December 31st, 2020.

It is wise to keep the church statement with your tax records, just in case the IRS questions your itemized deductions.

Statements will be mailed from Our Lady of Lebanon no later than January 31, 2021

My New Year's Resolution

I resolve to read more, learn about new Saints, and deepen my faith. I'll make it easy this year and go to the Church library. Our Church Library has thousands of books to choose from. Won't you join me? One book a month, that's my goal. Anyone else up for the challenge?



The library is open Sundays 9:45—11:00 am

Modesty Reveals Holiness

Modesty in dress reveals a modesty and godliness of the heart, attitudes that should be the desire of all men and women who live to please and honor God. We ask all members of Our Lady of Lebanon to dress modestly when they step into God's house. Please no shorts, sleeves, dresses, miniskirts, or T-shirts. Thank you for your consideration of this friendly reminder.



Join the Youth Group!

Teens ages 13 & up are invited to participate in our Youth Ministry program. Meetings are held in the Parish Hall on Sundays from 9:45am—10:45am.



Due to the early Bulletin Deadline, we are unable to print the collection numbers for last week.

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