



Mother of God Chaldean Catholic Church

# The Good News

Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation - Mark 16:15

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4th of Summer

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## Need a miracle? Pray to St. Charbel!

*The Lebanese saint has become widely known as a miraculous intercessor on countless occasions.*

Throughout history God has chosen certain individuals to work stunning miracles that reveal his great power and love for all of humanity. Among them, St. Charbel Makhlof has proven time and time again to be a powerful intercessor through whom God desires to reveal his healing touch. He was a humble and holy hermit whose weaknesses became great strengths in the hand of God.

Charbel was born in 1828 in Lebanon and was raised in a poor shepherd family. As he grew, Charbel was attracted to the hermit's life of the desert and eventually entered the Monastery of St. Maron in Annaya. He was faithful to his duties in religious life and drew closer to God every day. After many years Charbel felt God calling him again to become a hermit and was granted permission to live the rest of his life at a hermitage set on a hill near the monastery.

Charbel died on Christmas Eve at the age of 70, and when his body was later exhumed it was found to be incorrupt. A holy oil was discovered flowing from the tomb, which has since been the source of numerous miracles.

For example, a blind woman from Arizona was healed in 2016 after venerating the relics of St. Charbel. The medical committee investigating the miracle admitted, "We have no medical explanation and therefore believe this to be a miraculous healing through the intercession of St. Charbel."

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## هل نعي أن التكبر هو آفة خطيرة تدمر المجتمعات الصغيرة (العائلة)، والكبيرة (الوطن)

تكنم مفارقة الفصل التاسع من اشعيا، في ان الآيات الست الاولى منه، والتي نقرأها في عيد الميلاد، تقودنا إلى رجاء عظيم من خلال الآية المعروفة: "الشعب السالك في الظلمة ابصر نوراً عظيماً..."، بالإضافة إلى النظرة الرائعة لمستقبل بين احضان الله، فنتوقع من باقي آيات هذا الفصل أن تكون على هذه الشاكلة. ولكننا في الاحد الرابع من الصيف، ومع لهيب حر الصيف، نقرأ الآيات (7-16) من ذات الفصل، والتي تقودنا للتفكير بلهيب نار الحروب، في قصيدة تخص مملكة الشمال (اسرائيل) في زمن عداوة بين اسرائيل ويهوذا، والتي قد تكون إما في السنة 739، وهو الزمن الذي كانوا يعدون فيه الحرب على آحاز (2 مل 15/37)، او في السنة 734، اي بعد تلك الحرب، حينما امست مملكة الشمال (اسرائيل) فريسة لأشور (2 مل 15/29). هذه الحروب التي يتكلم عنها النبي نتجت عن خطيئة قديمة وهي: "الزهو والقلب المتكبر"، لأفرائيم وسكان السامرة (سكان مملكة الشمال المُسماة في حينها بأسرائيل). ورغم الالم الناتج من الدمار، إلا ان يد الرب المتألم منهم تستمر قاسية عليهم، حتى بعد ان التهمت المدينة، لأن الشعب لم يتب بعد، رغم كل ما يُقاسيه، ولم يتضرع لرب القوات، لذا فغضب الرب مُستمر على الشعب بكل اطبافه،

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In France, a baby boy was destined to die, so the family used some oil from St. Charbel's tomb and prayed a novena to St. Charbel for a miraculous healing. According to the family, "The doctors told us that he would sleep more and more and eat less and less. Instead, he was becoming increasingly alert and continued to drink his bottles in small doses. At the end of September, Côme was evaluated again. To our joy and to the astonishment of the doctors, his condition had improved so much that it was determined he would live ... The Blessed Virgin and St. Charbel protected him." There are many more miracles reported on this website dedicated to St. Charbel, proving that God enjoys working miracles through this humble Lebanese saint. While we are never "guaranteed" a miracle when praying to God through a saint, the process can often transform our hearts and help us be prepared for whatever plan God has designed.

Here is the one novena (usually prayed for nine consecutive days) to St. Charbel that many turn to in their time of need.

*Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints,  
You have inspired Charbel, the saint monk,  
to lead the perfect life of a hermit.  
We thank You for granting him the blessing  
and the strength to detach himself from the world  
so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty,  
obedience, and chastity,  
could triumph in his hermitage.  
We beseech You to grant us  
the grace of loving and serving You,  
following his example.  
Almighty God, Who has manifested  
the power of St. Charbel's intercession  
through his countless miracles and favours,  
grant us ...*

[Mention your intention here]

through his intercession.

Amen.

(التمة من الصفحة 1)

وهذه الشمولية بالعقاب يتم تشبيهاً بقطع الرأس والذنب (أي الرؤساء والمؤسسين)، حيث ينوه النبي إلى خطأ كل فئات الشعب: المرشدين والمرشدين، وكانما به يُذكرنا بشفاعة ابراهيم لمدينة سدوم (تك 18/16-33)، حيث المقايضة بين ابراهيم والرب التي تنازل من 50 باراً إلى 10 ابرار، ولكن المدينة ليس فيها ولا حتى 10 ابرار، فتكون النتيجة لكذا مدينة هو الهلاك. اننا بصدد الرب الذي لا يُهلك الا ابرار مع الاشرار بل يبحث عنهم ليخلصهم من يد الاشرار ومن شر الاشرار، ولكن اين هم؟ لذا حينما نسقط في، فلا يجب علينا ان نُلقي الاتهامات على بعضنا البعض، لاننا جميعاً متهمون، فليس فينا ولا حتى (10) ابرار، فالكل مُتكبر ويعتقد انه هو الصحيح والاخر هو الخاطيء، وخطيئة التكبر هذه هي التي اسقطت الانسان منذ القدم ولا زالت تُسقطه اليوم، ليتحمل هذا الحر، والتراب، وازمات مختلفة، تجعلنا نبيكي وتجعل من يقودنا نحو السماء يبيكي هو الآخر. وهنا انوه الى "اربعة فصول" او رسالة سُميت بـ"رسالة الدموع"، تكمن بين ثنايا الرسالة الثانية إلى اهل كورنثوس (الفصول 10-13). من حيث انها رسالة الاب الذي يبيكي بقلبه، لأنه يريد كل الخير لمن تربطه بهم صلة الابوة الروحية، وهذه الصلة هي التي تحته وبشدة للدفاع عن نفسه بأسلوب قد يراه البعض قاسياً وصارماً، هذا الدفاع (عن خدمته الرسولية) هو الموضوع الذي سيستمر فيه القديس بولس إلى نهاية الرسالة، فيتجه إلى دعم الله له، لأن الله هو القادر على رد الاعداء المتكبرين، فيقول: "لكنه قادرٌ في عين الله على هدم الحصون" 10/4 (مقارنة بـ اش 2: 13-15). ان تدخل بولس الخشن في هذه الفصول الاخيرة جعل مناوئيه يتهمونه بأنه متواضع عن قرب وجريء عن بعد (10: 1)، إلا ان هذه النصوص مقترنة ببداية يربطها بوداعة المسيح وحلمه: "اننا نناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وحلمه" (10/1)، والذي يُعد أول ذكر "لوداعة المسيح وحلمه" في العهد الجديد (اذا قارناه مع متى 29: 11 "حملوا نيري وتعلموا لأنني متواضع القلب"، فأنا امام نص تاريخي أقدم من انجيل متى)، فكم هو غريب الرد على الاتهامات بكلمات الوداعة والحلم؟ انه اسلوب جواب العالم الذي يكون فيه يسوع مركزاً، لعالم يضع الحقد والغيرة جوهراً له. ومما هو جدير بالانتباه: اننا بصدد صراعات داخلية (داخل العائلة الواحدة - داخل الجماعة الواحدة التي أمنت بشخص يسوع المسيح)، ولسنا امام صراع بولس ضد اليهود او حتى جماعات اخرى غير يهودية، فالجماعة التي تنقسم على ذاتها تموت، ولكن بولس بحكمته المعتادة يتقنع شر الانقسام المُدمر، على مثال معلمه، ربنا يسوع المسيح حينما يُجيب على بعض معلمي الشريعة القادمين من اورشليم، بخصوص تلاميذه الذين لا يلتزمون بالتقاليد، فيضع مركزية للانسان، صُلب اهتمام الخالق، امام الحقد والغيرة التي تدمر اي عائلة واي مجتمع واحد.

الاب روبرت سعيد

# PARISH SCHEDULE AND WEEKLY INFORMATION

**BAPTISM:** We celebrate Baptism at 2:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Please call the parish office at least two weeks in advance to see if a date is available.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the parish office to make arrangements for Anointing or to receive the Eucharist.

**MARRIAGE:** Please schedule at least six months before you plan to be married and before you make arrangements for the reception, please call the parish office to make an appointment with the priest to begin the necessary preparations.



✦ **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES**

First and third Wednesday of every **even** month from 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

✦ **MARRIAGE CLASSES**

First four Thursdays of every **even** month from 7:00-10:00 pm

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[www.ecrc.us/marrige-prep](http://www.ecrc.us/marrige-prep)



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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

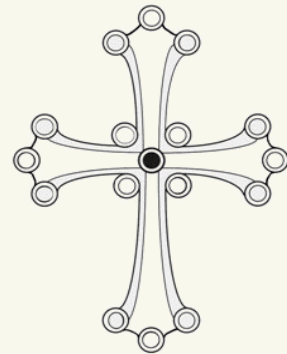
**Saturday Vigil Mass**  
 4:00 PM English

**Sunday Masses**  
 8:30 AM Arabic/عربي  
 10:00AM English  
 11:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 12:00 PM Chaldean/سورث  
 7:00 PM English

**Weekday Masses**  
 8:00 AM English at ECRC  
 9:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Chaldean/سورث

**Wednesday**  
 5:00 PM Adoration  
 6:00 PM English Mass

**Confession**  
 5-6 pm Wednesday  
 6-7 pm Sunday  
 (or by appointment)



## FINANCIAL STATUS

Sunday Goal:	\$7,000
Sunday Collection (July 22)	\$6,196
Over/(Under):	(\$804)
Monthly Online Donation Goal:	\$4,000
Monthly Online Collection (June):	\$800
Over/(Under):	(\$3,200)


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## SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

JULY 31

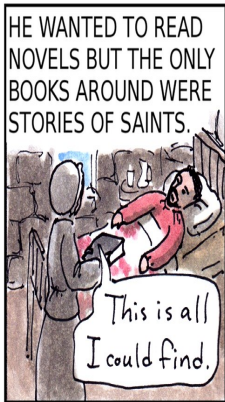
IGNATIUS WAS A SPANISH NOBLEMAN'S SON IN THE LATE 1400'S. HE DREAMED OF BECOMING A GREAT SOLDIER AND MARRYING A BEAUTIFUL LADY.



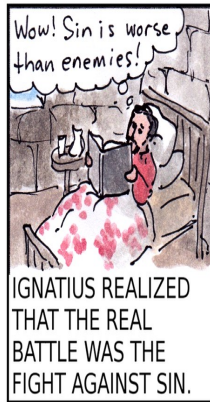
HE DID BECOME A SOLDIER, BUT HE WAS WOUNDED BY A CANNON AND HAD TO SPEND MONTHS IN BED.



HE WANTED TO READ NOVELS BUT THE ONLY BOOKS AROUND WERE STORIES OF SAINTS.

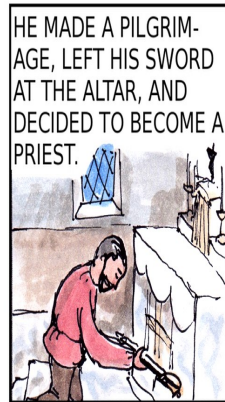


Wow! Sin is worse than enemies!

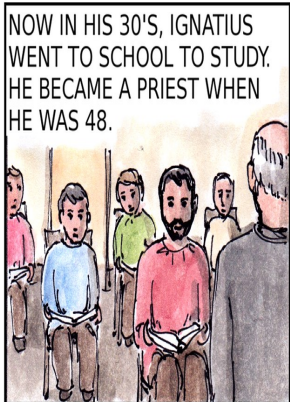


IGNATIUS REALIZED THAT THE REAL BATTLE WAS THE FIGHT AGAINST SIN.

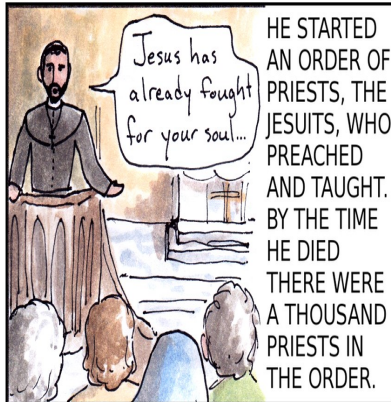
HE MADE A PILGRIMAGE, LEFT HIS SWORD AT THE ALTAR, AND DECIDED TO BECOME A PRIEST.



NOW IN HIS 30'S, IGNATIUS WENT TO SCHOOL TO STUDY. HE BECAME A PRIEST WHEN HE WAS 48.



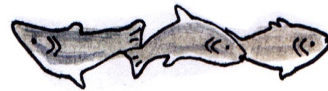
HE STARTED AN ORDER OF PRIESTS, THE JESUITS, WHO PREACHED AND TAUGHT. BY THE TIME HE DIED THERE WERE A THOUSAND PRIESTS IN THE ORDER.



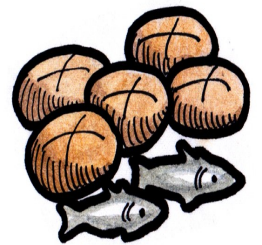
SAINT IGNATIUS LOVED THE IDEA OF BEING A GREAT SOLDIER AND BEATING HIS ENEMIES. HE LEARNED BY READING ABOUT THE SAINTS THAT THE GREATEST BATTLE WE CAN FIGHT IS AGAINST THE DEVIL AND TEMPTATIONS TO SIN. WE CAN ALSO LEARN HOW TO WIN OUR BATTLES BY READING ABOUT SAINTS.



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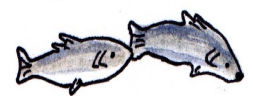


## Loaves and Fishes Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

When Jesus saw that a large CROWD was coming to him, he said to PHILIP, "Where can we BUY enough food for them to eat?" He said this to TEST him, because he knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of BREAD would not be enough for each of them to have a LITTLE." ANDREW said to him, "There is a boy here who has five BARLEY loaves and two FISH; but what good are these for so MANY?" Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit down." Now there was much GRASS in that place. So the men SAT down, about five THOUSAND in number. Then JESUS took the loaves, gave THANKS, and distributed them to those who were seated, and also as much of the fish as they WANTED. When they had EATEN their FILL, he said to his disciples, "GATHER the PIECES left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled TWELVE BASKETS with fragments of the loaves, left by those who had eaten.



Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the bread and fish.

# THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ♣ PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

### ♣ SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

#### ♣ CHAPTER THREE I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

##### ♣ Article 12 "I BELIEVE IN LIFE EVERLASTING"

### ✦ II. Heaven

1023 Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as he is," face to face.<sup>596</sup>

By virtue of our apostolic authority, we define the following: According to the general disposition of God, the souls of all the saints . . . and other faithful who died after receiving Christ's holy Baptism (provided they were not in need of purification when they died, . . . or, if they then did need or will need some purification, when they have been purified after death, . . .) already before they take up their bodies again and before the general judgment - and this since the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into heaven - have been, are and will be in heaven, in the heavenly Kingdom and celestial paradise with Christ, joined to the company of the holy angels. Since the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, these souls have seen and do see the divine essence with an intuitive vision, and even face to face, without the mediation of any creature.<sup>597</sup>

1024 This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed - is called "heaven." Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

1025 To live in heaven is "to be with Christ." the elect live "in Christ."<sup>598</sup> but they retain, or rather find, their true identity, their own name.<sup>599</sup>

For life is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom.<sup>600</sup>

1026 By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. the life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ.

1027 This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description. Scripture speaks of it in images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the kingdom, the Father's house, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise: "no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him."<sup>601</sup>

1028 Because of his transcendence, God cannot be seen as he is, unless he himself opens up his mystery to man's immediate

contemplation and gives him the capacity for it. the Church calls this contemplation of God in his heavenly glory "the beatific vision":

How great will your glory and happiness be, to be allowed to see God, to be honored with sharing the joy of salvation and eternal light with Christ your Lord and God, . . . to delight in the joy of immortality in the Kingdom of heaven with the righteous and God's friends.<sup>602</sup>

1029 In the glory of heaven the blessed continue joyfully to fulfill God's will in relation to other men and to all creation. Already they reign with Christ; with him "they shall reign for ever and ever."<sup>603</sup>

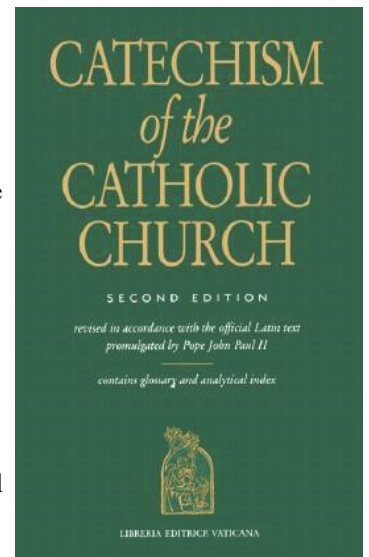
1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.<sup>604</sup> The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. the tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:<sup>605</sup>

As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.<sup>606</sup>

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin."<sup>607</sup> From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.<sup>608</sup> The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.<sup>609</sup>



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Mother of God 7th annual golf outing has been rescheduled to  
Saturday, August 4 at Shenandoah country club**

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**Feast of Transfiguration  
on Monday, August 6th will start with  
Ramsha prayers at 6:00pm, Mass at 6:30pm**

**Special blessing for Lawyers  
on Sunday, August 12th  
During the 10:00am mass**

**Special Assisted Learning program SAL is back at  
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Proverbs 3:9*

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