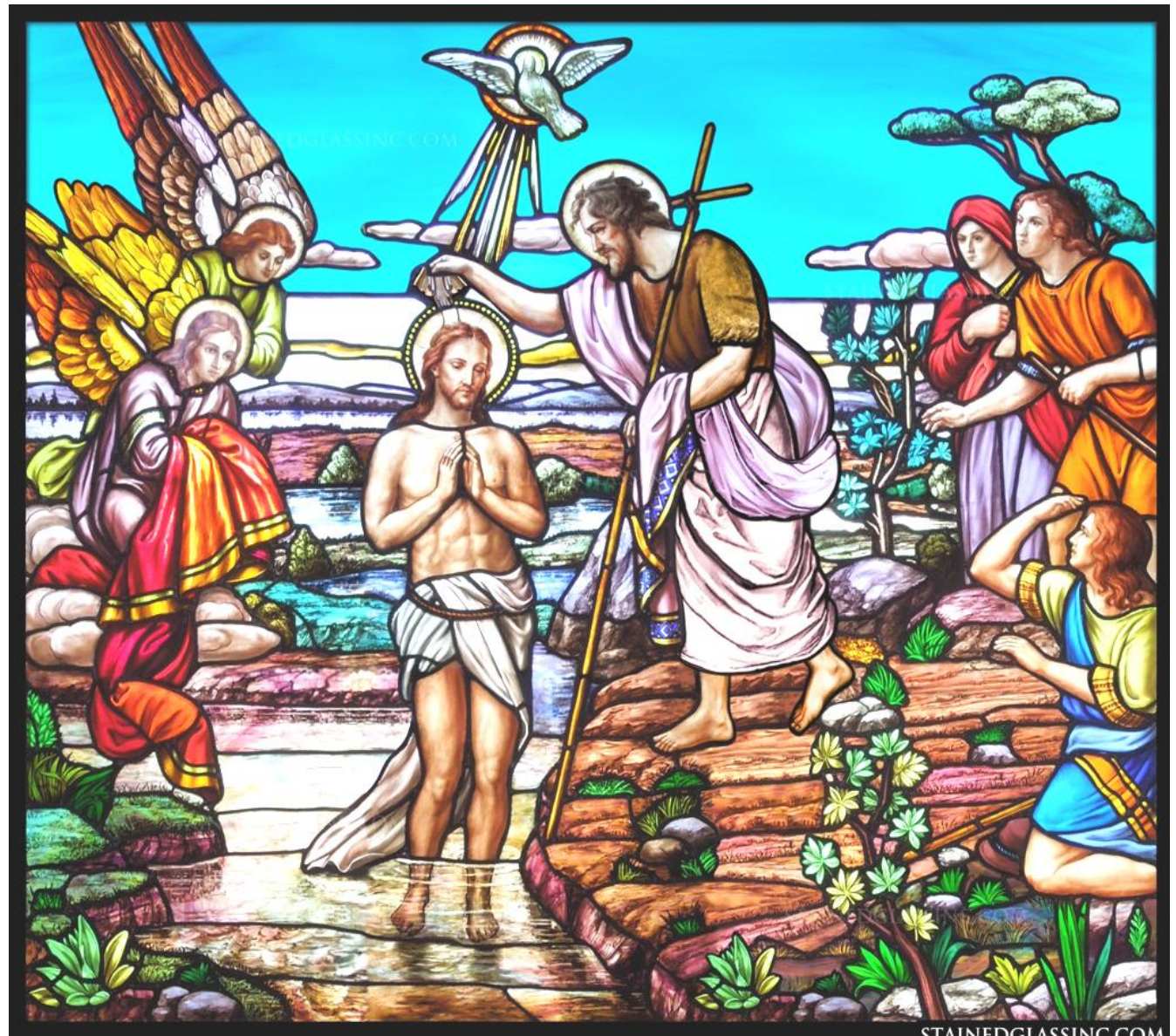


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St. Sharbel
Pray for us!

Our Services HOLY MASSES

DAILY: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. English

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30 p.m. English

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. English
& 11:30 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English

1st Sunday : 4:30pm

Rosario y la Misa en Español

Sunday Catechism

(Classes are Sept – June)

1st SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. & 11:30am **Youth Mass**

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In Baptism it is said that we are marked with the indelible seal of the Holy Spirit and so you are a Christian forever. If that is the case then we need to correct false thoughts that many of us hear. We cannot be re-baptized and we cannot decide we are no longer Christians. Both of these are not correct. At the same time we see the usual pattern emerging in each national census. The number of Church goers is extremely low yet the number of people who call themselves Christian is much higher. It seems people want to be Christian but they may not always be practicing. Perhaps this is telling us something we don't want to admit. That people choose to be followers of Jesus but they don't feel attending Mass is important! It recalls to mind the following: *We can no more become Christian by going to Church, than we can become an automobile by sleeping in the garage. We can become more Christian when we accept our constant need of conversion; when we willingly desire to return time and time again to the Father through Reconciliation.*

1st Sunday of the Epiphany

READINGS:

2 Corinthians 10-1-11

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

Baptism of Our Lord Jesus



1st Sunday of the Epiphany **"Come Holy Spirit, Baptize me"**

How many people do you know who claim they are Christian but don't really practice their faith...but then again what does it mean to practice the faith? Let us go back to baptism...in today's Gospel John describes Jesus' baptism as, "*I saw the Spirit coming down on Him like a dove from heaven and resting on Him.*" Being a Christian is about receiving God's very Spirit. To be 'full of grace' as Mary was. It is to be joined with God in love. It is to walk this world with God. When John the Baptist saw Jesus he recognize Him as the One whom the Spirit rests on. When others see us, how did they recognize we are Christians? We have the seal of Baptism but how is it expressed in our Christian lives? Richard Rohr in "Hope against darkness" gives us an answer to how a Christian might be: *We can only give away who we are. We can only offer to others what God has done in us. We have no real head answers. We must be an answer...only the forgiven can forgive, only the healed can heal, only those who stand in daily need of mercy can offer mercy to others.*

AGE OF JESUS CHRIST'S TOMB CONFIRMED BY ARCHAEOLOGISTS

In a report published yesterday, archaeological testing at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre confirm the age of Jesus Christ's tomb to align with the fourth-century construction of the Edicule that houses it.

Prior to the publication of the report, architectural evidence from within and around the tomb complex could only provide a confirmation of the tomb's age dating back to the early years of the Crusades. This align's with the tomb's destruction in 1009 A.D. and its subsequent rebuilding.

However, in October of 2016, a team of researchers from the National Technical University of Athens in Greece opened the tomb for the first time in centuries as part of a restoration effort of the *Edicule*, Latin for "little house," which houses Christ's tomb within. They took samples from various locations within the Edicule for testing, and confirmed that the mortar dates back to the year 345 A.D.

Catholic tradition says that the tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was Christ's burial place after His Crucifixion. In 325, Emperor Constantine sent Church representatives to Jerusalem to find the tomb. They were directed to a shrine to a pagan Roman god, which Constantine ordered to be destroyed. The tomb was discovered beneath it, carved into a limestone cave. Constantine had the Edicule built around it and sealed with marble.

The dating of the mortar between the limestone cave and marble slab align perfectly with the date for the construction of the Edicule, lending credence to the tradition of it housing the tomb of Christ.

"It is interesting how mortars not only provide evidence of the earliest shrine on the site, but also confirm the historical construction sequence of the Edicule." – Antonia Moropoulou, leader of the restoration team.

Not only does it confirm the age of the Edicule, it confirms that for nearly 1700 years the tomb of Christ has remained untouched throughout the destruction of the original church and complex built around it.

"We finally have scientific proof that this site, the tomb of Jesus Christ, one of the holiest sites in Christianity, has been unbroken for seventeen hundred years" – Kristin Romey, author of results article

Today, the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Armenian Apostolic churches have equal rights to the interior of the tomb. All three celebrate Mass their daily, and use the location occasionally for ceremonies.



Our Holy Father Pope Francis: Think 'being good' is enough ? It's not. Go to Mass

According to Pope Francis, a Christian can't just be a good person and skip Mass on Sundays, because it is the Eucharist that provides the nourishment needed to truly live the Gospel well in our daily lives.

"How can we respond to those who say that there is no need to go to Mass, not even on Sundays, because what is important is to live well, to love our neighbors?" the Pope said Dec. 13.

"It is true that the quality of the Christian life is measured by the capacity to love," as Jesus says in the Gospels, he said.

Pope Francis spoke during his Wednesday general audience, during which he continued his weekly catechesis on the Mass and Eucharist, focusing on the reasons why we must go to Mass every Sunday, besides the fact that it is a law of the Church, which he said is important, but "not enough alone."

Instead we must go deeper: "We Christians need to participate in Sunday Mass because only with the grace of Jesus, with his living presence in us and among us, can we put into practice his commandment, and thus be his credible witnesses," he said.



The Eucharist and Mass, he said, are where we find our strength for daily life.

Without it, Christians "are condemned to be dominated by the fatigue of everyday life." Often consumed by worries and fears, this weekly meeting is where Christ gives us the strength to live each day with courage and with hope.

He explained how participating in the Eucharistic communion with Jesus here on earth helps us to anticipate heaven, where it will be "Sunday without sunset": no more tears, grief, or pain, but only "the joy of living fully and forever with the Lord."

THE 1700 YEAR OLD BLOOD OF A SAINT HAS STOPPED LIQUEFYING. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? GET READY ...

It started quietly and with a degree of cautiousness but by the end of the weekend the internet was flowing with stories of the miracle in the presence of Pope Francis. The failure of the saint's blood to liquefy has become associated with previous disastrous events

The blood of St Januarius has failed to liquefy at the expected time prompting concerns about what it might signify.

St Januarius was a Bishop of Naples who is believed to have been martyred around the year 305 during the Diocletian persecution.

His blood is kept in a sealed glass ampoule in Naples Cathedral and traditionally liquefies three times a year: on September 19, December 16 and the Saturday before the first Sunday of May.

But during Mass at the Royal Chapel at Naples Cathedral on Friday, the Abbot of the Chapel, Monsignor Vincenzo De Gregorio, revealed that the blood had failed to become liquid, according to reports.

The Abbot asked the faithful to keep praying while waiting but by 7.15pm, the vial was returned to the shrine, "undoubtedly solid," as stated by Abbot Vincenzo.

Before ending the ritual, he said: "We shouldn't think of tragedies and calamities. We are men of faith and we must keep on praying."

As far as many people of Naples are concerned, the blood remaining solid can be a premonition of evil.

The same things happened in 1980, when an earthquake hit South Italy; 1973, when Naples endured an outbreak of cholera; 1939, when World War II began; 1940, when Italy joined the War and 1943, when Italy was occupied by the Nazis.

The blood partially liquefied in the presence of the Pope, during his visit to Naples in March 2015.



"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist"

- Bl. John Paul II

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resource: <http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2016/12/19/bloody-of-st-januarius-fails-to-liquefy/>

For more Catholic news, visit: <http://www.vcatholic.com>

OUR MARONITE PATRIARCH BECHARA EL RAI BECOMES FIRST- EVER CATHOLIC CARDINAL TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA

The visit comes amidst rising tensions between the two nations.

Lebanon's Maronite Patriarch has arrived in Saudi Arabia, in a historic first that symbolizes a growing push for religious coexistence in the Middle East.

Patriarch Bechara al-Rai is the first Catholic cardinal to ever visit the kingdom, and only the second Christian patriarch to do so. The last visit by a major Christian leader was in 1975, when Greek Orthodox Patriarch Elias IV of Antioch visited Saudi Arabia, according to Catholic Herald. "The Patriarch represents all the Patriarchs and Christians of the East. He is carrying a message of love and openness to Saudi Arabia, which is now witnessing further openness and positive changes," Al-Rai's spokesperson told Arab News.

"We thank the Kingdom for inviting the Patriarch on this momentous visit, especially since it complements and activates historical relations between the two countries." The spokesperson also pointed out that former King Saud bin Abdulaziz had visited a previous Maronite Patriarch in Lebanon back in 1953, demonstrating that the relationship between the church and the kingdom is not new.

"What is happening today is not new, but rather a renewed step that has further aspects in light of the openness of the Kingdom," the spokesperson said. As relations between Lebanon and Saudi Arabia have been strained over the past week, many are suggesting the patriarch's visit, which was planned before recent events, is of a political nature. For his part, Al-Rai has said this is not the case, reiterating that his trip aims to enhance religious coexistence and tolerance in the region, according to Reuters.

Responding to questions regarding Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri's recent resignation, Al-Rai said it was certainly a surprise for his countrymen. He also expressed his desire to meet with Hariri, who remains in Riyadh, where he announced his resignation.

While many foreign Christians reside in Saudi Arabia, the kingdom is an officially Muslim country and does not have any churches. Although other Gulf nations have constructed churches and houses of worship for other religions, Saudi Arabia has until now refrained from such reforms.

But according to some reports, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman may be considering changing that during this historic visit. Dr. Walid Phares, a well-known Lebanese-American academic and Middle East commentator, shared a report suggesting a historic church in the kingdom had been unearthed and renovated for Al-Rai's visit.

"According to a report from Saudi Arabia, to be officially confirmed, a 900 years [sic] old church unearthed recently, will be renovated and opened in honor of Maronite Patriarch Rai who is visiting the Kingdom," Phares wrote in a Facebook post. "If confirmed, this move by Prince Mohamed Bin Salman would create a historic precedent."

Phares also expressed strong optimism about the visit in another post, saying it "may yield a 'good symbolic surprise' for the world's Christians, as part of the ongoing reforms advanced by Prince Mohamed bin Salman."

Approximately 900,000 Maronite Christians reside in Lebanon, according to Reuters. In addition to Maronites, the country is home to various other Christian sects such as Greek Orthodox, Melkite Greek Catholics and Protestants. Maronites reside throughout the Levant region, in Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and Jordan, as well as in Cyprus.



BEAUTIFUL FACES & PLACES



St. Sharbel Youth Gathering in December



**St. Sharbel Christmas Party
December 16.
Our kids performed the
Nativity story and sang
Happy Birthday to our
Lord Jesus.**



FORMATION ON THE PARABLES OF JESUS CHRIST AT ST. SHARBEL**Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm****1st week: Healing Prayer****2nd week :Movie &Pot Luck****3rd week :Teaching****4th week : Bible Study**

<u>2018</u>	
6. Jan. 16, 2017: The Pearl Of Great Price (Mt 13:45-46) (also on Feb. 3, 2018 at our home)	LEN
7. Jan. 23, 2018: The Dragnet (Mt 13:47-50) (also on March 3, 2018 at our home)	DEBBIE
8. Jan. 30, 2018: The Householder (Mt 13:51-52) (also on April 27, 2018 at our home)	DEBBIE
9. Feb. 20, 2018: The Unmerciful Servant (Mt 18:21-35) (also on May 5, 2018 at our home)	EDWIN
10. Feb. 27, 2018: The Laborers In The Vineyard (Mt 20:1-16) (also on June 2, 2018 at our home)	TET
11. Mar. 20, 2018: The Two Sons (Mt 21:28-32) (also on July 27, 2018 at our home)	JP
12. Mar. 27, 2018: The Wicked Vinedressers (Mt 21:33-46) (also on Aug. 4, 2018 at our home)	DEBBIE
13. Apr. 17, 2018: The Wedding Feast (Mt 22:1-14) (also on Sept. 1, 2018 at our home)	GREG LACANDOLA

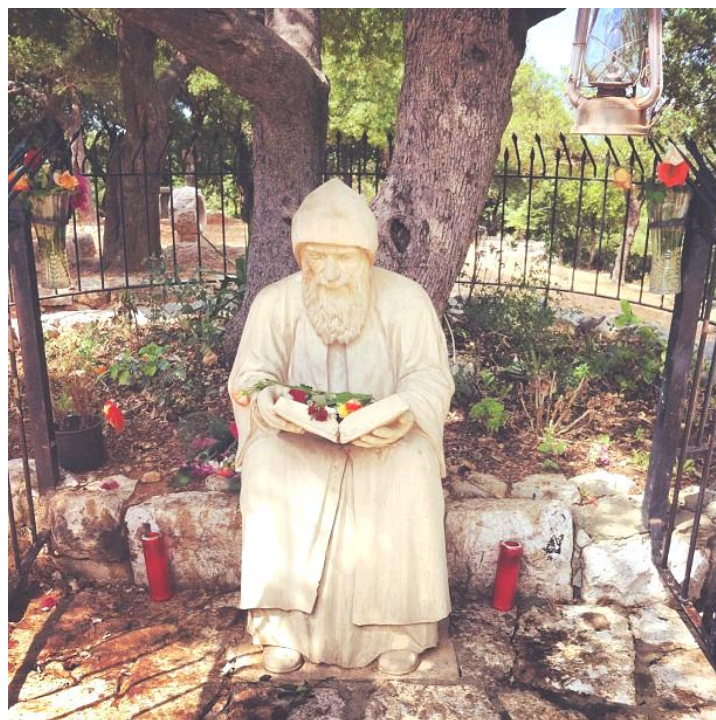
MIRACLES OF SAINT SHARBEL

Pierrot Barakat

He got a stomachache and an infection in the large intestine. He asked the intercession of Saint Charbel to heal him. It is worth noting that before he got ill, he was far away from God and faith. A doctor came from Beirut and asked him to undergo new tests. Then, he implored Saint Charbel saying: "Only you can heal me. I count on you." Afterwards, the doctor extracted a gallstone.

When he left the hospital, he felt a pain and he went to see the doctor. The latter decided to extract the gall for it was infected. Pierrot disliked surgeries and he went to his parental house in Khalidiyeh where he knelt in front of Saint Charbel's picture and prayed: "Father Charbel, how can you accept that a young man cannot take up the stairs? You will heal me because Jesus answers your prayers."

The following day, he was healed. He visited the convent of Saint Maroun in Annaya and he got his healing registered on April 14, 2011.



Statue of St. Sharbel praying the Bible in Annaya, Lebanon

Saint Sharbel Healing Oil of Gladness & Novena are available at the St. Sharbel Grotto. If you have received graces of healing & blessing through St. Sharbel.

write or email us @ stsharbel.lv@gmail.com

Taoist Prayers for Peace

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace
between neighbors.
If there is to be peace
between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.
If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart

Lao-Tse

Behold
the
Lamb of
God, which
taketh away
the sin of the
world.

John 1: 29



FILIPINO COMMUNITY NEWS

FILIPINO CARDINAL LUIS ANTONIO TAGLE COULD ONE DAY BE POPE; FOR NOW, HE TELLS US HOW HE NEARLY MISSED BEING A PRIEST

Aleteia sits down with Cardinal Tagle, a leader of the Church on the world stage, to talk vocational discernment and finding God's will for our lives.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle is increasingly well known in the Church around the world. In fact, the 60-year-old archbishop of Manila is sometimes proposed as a future pope.

But regardless of what God has planned for the cardinal's future, what's clear is that his journey to today has already been full of both surprises and surrender.

Aleteia sat down with Cardinal Tagle in the lead-up to next year's synod on young people and vocations to talk about the challenges of finding God's will for us.

Monika Burczaniuk: A synod whose motto is Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment will take place next year. What would Your Eminence like to tell young people? How can they discern their vocation?

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle: Some young people think that a vocation is some miraculous sign: a voice from heaven or a lightning strike. Not really (laughter). This probably happens, too, but very rarely. This was the case of St. Paul and Moses, but it does not happen to ordinary people like us. I always say to young people that God works in our human conditions. God's vocation is God's intention for us. He created every person for a purpose. And this purpose is already being realized. We just have to discover it. It is very easy (laughter).

Is it really?

You have to look into your heart! You must know yourself, get to know the gifts you have received, your talents and interests. Then clear your head and your heart to realize that we do not live for ourselves only. Then we will be able to discern how our talents can serve others. This is the beginning of vocational discernment. All our gifts, interests and talents come from God; He gave them to us, deciding that they are not exclusively for us.

We live at a time when it is not easy to hear our inner voice. The world deafens it effectively.

Yes, that is correct. Before the Synod, we've heard from many young people, saying that they do look, yet the conditions for listening are not always appropriate. Especially nowadays, when we are hooked up to so many things: the phone, the internet, mail, messengers ... They are good, but sometimes through these connections we are present all over the world.

You are in Europe, but you are connected to what is happening in Australia. And even if you do not seek noise, all the communications possibilities can create it. That's why we need some discipline. I tell young people that in order to make their relationships with other people more meaningful, they have to remain alone every now and then.

This does not mean severing ties with others! Loneliness, prayer, reflection, and even rest are the way to know oneself better and thus to engage in better relationships with others. When we are busy and are constantly on the run, we fail to notice the people around us and the poor who need us. Sometimes even in the family, each member is so absorbed in the virtual world that they lose the connection with one another. Therefore, time for yourself is not misconstrued isolation. It is meant to improve the quality of your relationships with others.

All right. What if someone has two options in the discernment of his vocation? He would like to be a physician and a priest? Which of the two paths should he choose?

A very good question. There are decisions where both choices are good and proper. It is easy to choose when one option is good and the other bad. We know that you will choose the former. Yet sometimes, when you want to discern your way you notice that you are predisposed to both options. You can be good at both. What is more, the world needs both and both serve other people. It is very difficult, yet I believe that in this case you should take into account one factor: what will help me follow Jesus better? And it is not that the priesthood is the answer in each and every case.

Should we take this factor into account also in the context of marriage? What if we have two good choices?

First of all, you need to realize that you cannot have it all.

This is the problem of the world today!

Right, we want to have everything. We want an ideal life, an ideal partner and an ideal job. As soon as we spot an imperfection, we say: "No, this is not for me." You will never find an ideal! Choosing the right person, you need to verify your motivation during prayer and simply "plunge into your faith." And you need to answer once more the question: "With which of these persons could I be closer to Jesus? Who can I better serve others with?"

How about Your Eminence's vocation?

Initially I was planning to be a doctor.

So my question was right!

Yes, you were (laughter)! I thought of becoming a doctor early on, as I was a child. My parents were happy about it, too. When I was 14 years old, a new community for young people was set up and I was invited to take part. I did not like it at first, but it was this community that helped me see another reality. We helped the children of the streets, those from poor families and those living in the slums. I helped others, yet was focused on medicine. Other people would ask me if I wanted to become a priest, but I ignored it. "No, no, I am going to a medical school and I only help in the parish."

And then, all of a sudden, something happened. A priest I knew asked me if I realised that it was possible to get a scholarship at a Jesuit university. He said, "You can attend a preparatory course for the medical school there. If you land this scholarship, you will be able to help your parents." So I took the exams. During the first examination I realised that this was no exam for a medical school but for a seminary! I was furious! "Why did you lie to me, Father?!" I cried out to the priest, and he answered: "All I wanted was to open your eyes; you limit yourself to medicine only!"

I was angry, but I started to ask myself questions then. When I was inclining toward the priesthood, it turned out I had flunked the exam. Instead, I passed an entrance exam to a medical school and could start studying medicine. And I started to wonder and talked with many people.

I was confused but I prayed a lot then: "Lord, show me your way among all this confusion, because I cannot see it myself." Slowly, slowly ... I decided to return to the seminary and ask if I could try one more time. I was turned down. After two or three rejections I decided that since the seminary door was closed for me, I was to become a physician.

On the last day of enrollment, I was standing in a line to pay. The Jesuit father who interviewed the candidates saw me and asked: "What are you doing here? You are so obstinate; Father Rector told you that he would not admit you!"

"I know and that is why I am not going to try again. I have chosen medicine," I replied.

He turned to me and said: "Follow me." He interviewed me, called someone, and said after a while: "Since you have demonstrated an interest, let's give it a try. But only for one semester!" ... They let me stay after that one semester.

And now you a cardinal! Life is so unpredictable.

The conclusion is: Seek your way but be open to what life offers to you. Not everything is under our control. Who would have thought? I was the last on the admissions list and now, as you have pointed out, I am a cardinal (laughter). Seeking your way requires your own effort but you need others, too. You need people who know you and who will see something you are blind to yourself. I was furious at this priest, yet in fact he was a tool!

What an amazing story!

This is what life is. It seems you have made the final decision ... It only *seems* so (laughter). Therefore, I tell young people not to give in to frustration. Sometimes young people break down when their plans go awry. Then you need to apply a broader perspective: perhaps God has a better history in store for you?

I think that freedom is the first step toward vocational discernment.

This is true. Yet freedom does not mean I can do whatever I want. To be free means to be honest, free from lies and delusions. I am free since I know who I am. I know my strengths and my weakness. I am free in that I know what is possible for me. If I am not good at math, I cannot be an accountant and I have no problem with that. Freedom means giving of yourself to others, and this is the goal of any vocation. Freedom rests on truth and love. If you are not free in love, it means this is not love.

SAINT SHARBEL YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**Why Catholics are leaving the faith by age 10 – and what parents can do about it**

Young Catholics are leaving the faith at an early age – sometimes before the age of 10 – and their reasons are deeper than being “bored at Mass,” the author of a recent report claims.

“Those that are leaving for no religion – and a pretty big component of them saying they are atheist or agnostic – it turns out that when you probe a bit more deeply and you allow them to talk in their own words, that they are bringing up things that are related to science and a need for evidence and a need for proof,” said Dr. Mark Gray, a senior research associate at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University.

“It’s almost a crisis in faith,” he told CNA. “In the whole concept of faith, this is a generation that is struggling with faith in ways that we haven’t seen in previous generations.”

Gray recently published the results of two national studies by CARA – which conducts social science research about the Church – in the publication *Our Sunday Visitor*. One of the surveys was of those who were raised Catholic but no longer identified as Catholic, ages 15 to 25. The second survey was of self-identified Catholics age 18 and over.

In exploring why young Catholics were choosing to leave the faith, he noted “an emerging profile” of youth who say they find the faith “incompatible with what they are learning in high school or at the university level.” In a perceived battle between the Catholic Church and science, the Church is losing.

And it is losing Catholics at a young age. “The interviews with youth and young adults who had left the Catholic Faith revealed that the typical age for this decision to leave was made at 13,” Gray wrote. “Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed, 63 percent, said they stopped being Catholic between the ages of 10 and 17. Another 23 percent say they left the Faith before the age of 10.” Of those who had left the faith, “only 13 percent said they were ever likely to return to the Catholic Church,” Gray wrote. And “absent any big changes in their life,” he said to CNA, they “are probably not coming back.”

The most common reason given for leaving the Catholic faith, by one in five respondents, was they stopped believing in God or religion. This was evidence of a “desire among some of them for proof, for evidence of what they’re learning about their religion and about God,” Gray said.

It’s a trend in the popular culture to see atheism as “smart” and the faith as “a fairy tale,” he said.

“And I think the Church needs to come to terms with this as an issue of popular culture,” he continued. “I think the Church perhaps needs to better address its history and its relationship to science.”

One reason for this might be the compartmentalization of faith and education, where youth may go to Mass once a week but spend the rest of their week learning how the faith is “dumb,” he noted.

In contrast, if students are taught evolution and the Big Bang theory at the same school where they learn religion, and they are taught by people with religious convictions, then “you’re kind of shown that there’s not conflicts between those, and you understand the Church and Church history and its relationship to science,” he said.



Jesus wants to embrace you in God's love

With previous generations who learned about both faith and science as part of a curriculum, that education “helped them a lot in dealing with these bigger questions,” he explained, “and not seeing conflict between religion and science.”

Fr. Matthew Schneider, LC, who worked in youth ministry for four years, emphasized that faith and science must be presented to young people in harmony with each other.

A challenge, he explained, is teaching how “faith and science relate” through philosophy and theology. While science deals only with “what is observable and measurable,” he said, “the world needs something non-physical as its origin, and that’s how to understand God along with science.”

“It was the Christian faith that was the birthplace of science,” he continued. “There’s not a contradiction” between faith and science, “but it’s understanding each one in their own realms.”

How can parents raise their children to stay in the faith? Fr. Schneider cited research by Christian Smith, a professor of sociology at the University of Notre Dame, who concluded that a combination of three factors produces an 80 percent retention rate among young Catholics.

If they have a “weekly activity” like catechesis, Bible study or youth group; if they have adults at the parish who are not their parents and who they can talk to about the faith; and if they have “deep spiritual experiences,” they have a much higher likelihood of remaining Catholic, Fr. Schneider said.

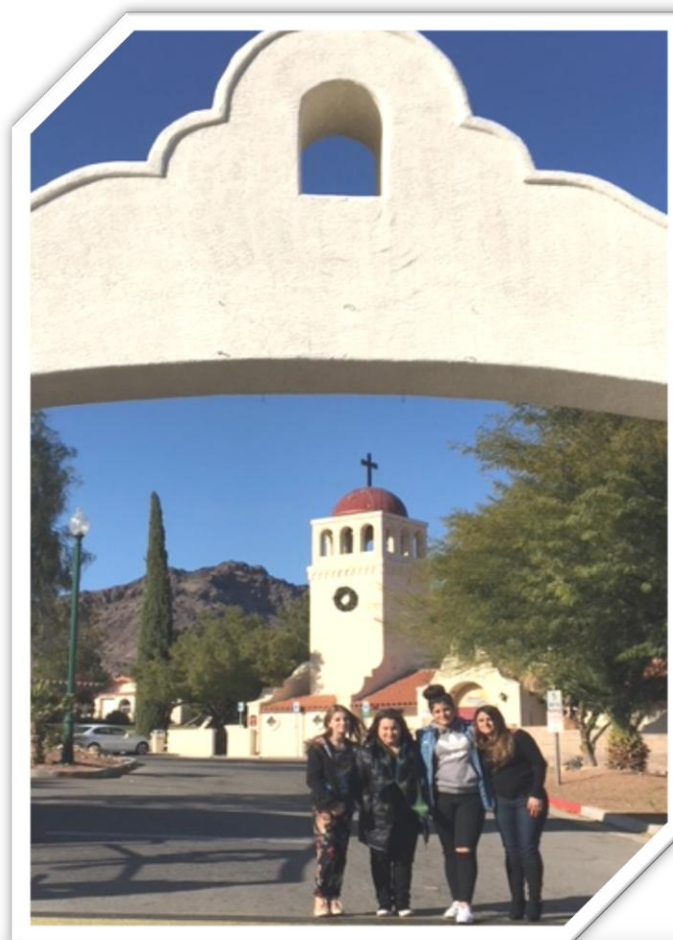
More parents need to be aware of their children’s beliefs, Dr. Gray noted, as many parents don’t even know that their children may not profess to be Catholic.

The Church is “very open” to science, he emphasized, noting the affiliation of non-Catholic scientists with the Pontifical Academy of Science, including physicist Stephen Hawking.

There is “no real conflict” between faith and science, Gray said.

“The Church has been steadily balancing matters of faith and reason since St. Augustine’s work in the fifth century,” he wrote.

“Yet, the Church has a chance to keep more of the young Catholics being baptized now if it can do more to correct the historical myths about the Church in regards to science,” he added, “and continue to highlight its support for the sciences, which were, for the most part, an initial product of the work done in Catholic universities hundreds of years ago.”

COMMUNITY LIFE & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**Youth Mass**

Sunday January 7
@ 9:30 & 11:30 am &
5:00 pm (Spanish).

Thanks to everyone that participated in giving toys for St. Jude Ranch. We collected over 80 toys that were delivered by our youth on Sunday 12/17. Good Job St. Sharbel Youth Group.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:30pm Jan 6

*Sarah Penuela
+ Christina Velasquez

Sunday 9:30am Jan 7

Conversion of Sinners

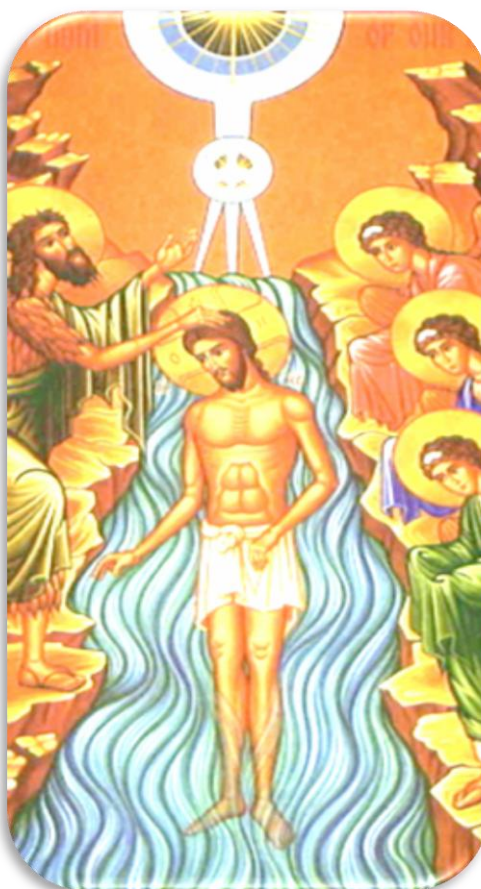
Sunday 11:30 am

Healing- Wadih Hanache

Sunday 4:30 pm

Spanish

Unidad de familias



PRAY FOR THE SICK

DAILY 8AM

MONDAY Jan 8

Unborn Babies

TUESDAY Jan 9

Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY Jan 10

*Rhea Jan Penuela

+*Gonzalo Cenina

*Adela Badiola

THURSDAY Jan 11

Healing of the Sick

FRIDAY Jan 12

Unity of Families

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 7 de Enero del 2018

HORA: Rosario 4:30pm Misa

DONDE: Iglesia Catolica de San Charbel

10325 Rancho Destino Rd,

Las Vegas, NV 89183

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