



# SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

*A Parish Family of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, NY*

كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية

January 7, 2018

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## OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: Office is Closed

Saturdays: By Appointment

## LITURGIES

*Daily Liturgies:*

M & W: 9 AM

T & TH: 7 PM

*Weekend Liturgies:*

*Saturday*

Vigil Liturgy @ 4 PM

*Sunday Liturgies:*

8:30 AM - Arabic

9:30 AM - English

11:30 AM - English & Arabic

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

Feast Day @ 9 AM

## Sacraments of

### Baptism & Confirmation

1 month in advance with the Pastor

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements  
six months prior to the wedding date

### Sacrament of

### Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday &

Saturday Liturgies,

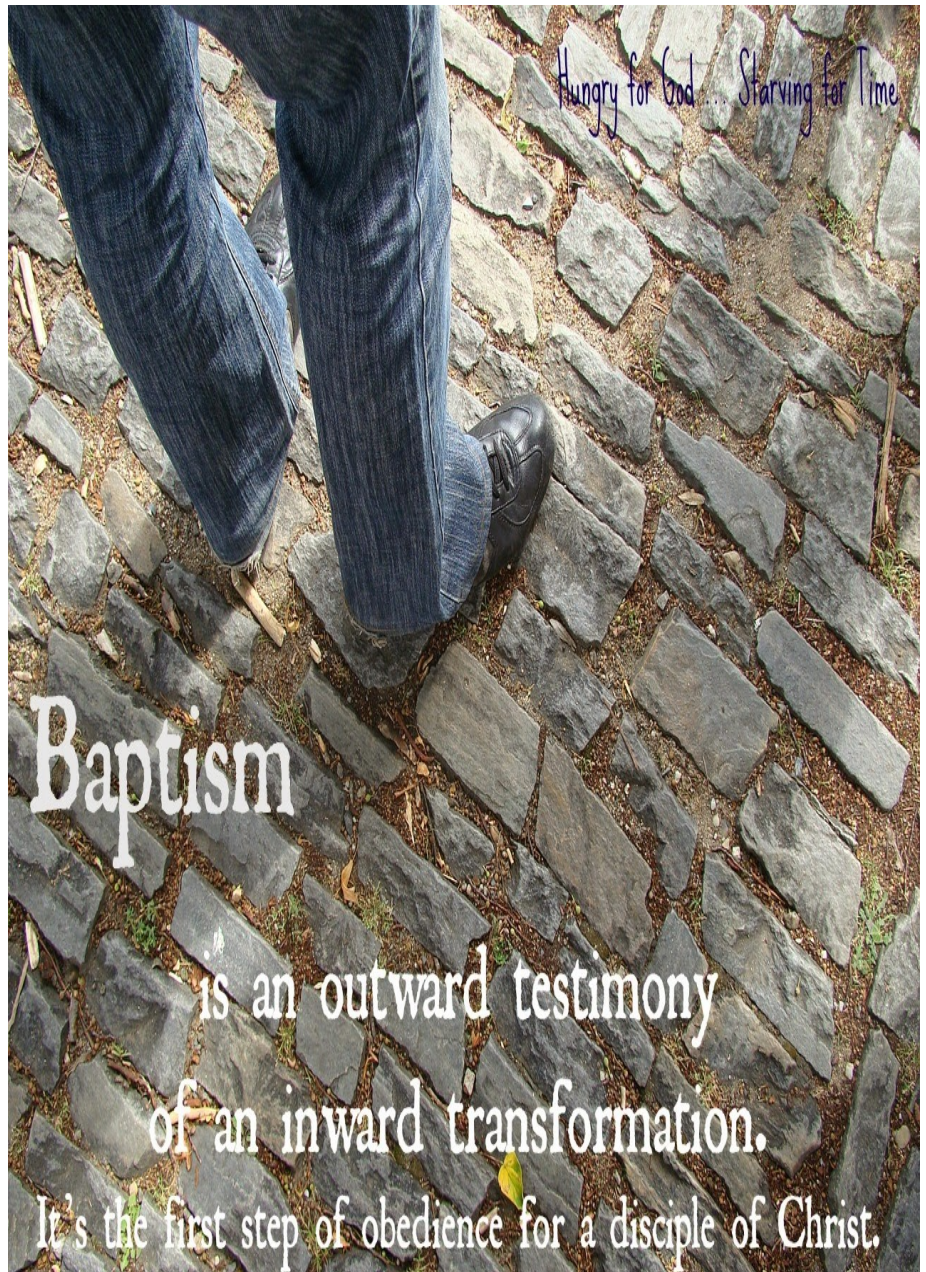
or by appointment

### Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Rectory if a  
member of your family is ill,  
hospitalized, or unable to come to  
Church and would like to receive  
communion at home

Please refer to our website for more  
Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

## Epiphany of Our Lord !!!!



Facebook: Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence, MA





# Liturgies Intentions



## 1st Sunday of Epiphany

## الأحد الأول - الدنح المجيد

### Meet our staff:

#### Clergy

*Father Elie Mikhael, Pastor*  
[pastor@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:pastor@stanthonylawrence.org)

*Father Tony Youssef,*  
*Parochial Vicar*

Phone: 978-685-7233

#### Emergency Contact:

Fr. Elie Mikhael  
305.807.9087

Fr. Tony Youssef  
917.545.4955

*Sub-Deacon James T. Demers*  
*Sub-Deacon Nadim B. Daou*

#### Secretary:

*Mrs. Susan Fuccillo*

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### Parish Ministries

- ♦ Religious Education  
[ccd@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:ccd@stanthonylawrence.org)
- ♦ Publishing: Bulletin  
[bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org)
- ♦ Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)
  - ♦ Kids Choir
  - ♦ Knights of the Altar
  - ♦ Knights of Mary
- ♦ Maronite Youth : MYO
- ♦ Maronite Young Adults
- ♦ Bereavement Ministry
- ♦ Cenacle of the Rosary  
(Thursdays @ 6PM)
- ♦ Cenacle of Divine Mercy  
(Sundays Before the Liturgies)
- ♦ Sacristan (s)

Saturday, January 6	4:00 PM	For: + Dora Maria Pereira By Her Mother Dora and her sister Lisa
Sunday January 7	8:30AM	For: + Elias & Mariam Khoder By Their Son, Youssef Khoder and Family
	9:30AM	Private Intentions
	11:30 AM	For: + 40 Day Anniversary-Fr. George Rahme By His brother Elie Rahme, his wife Kathleen and Children & By his Nephew John Merheb, his wife Sandra and Family.

**Weekly Liturgies will be canceled the week of  
January 8-12 due to the Annual Eparchial Clergy Retreat.**

**In case of Emergency, you may contact:  
Fr. Elie at 305.8079087 or Fr Tony @ 917.545.4955**

## 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

## الأحد الثاني - الدنح المجيد

Saturday, January 13	4:00 PM	Private Intentions
Sunday, January 14	8:30AM	For: 1st Anniversary—Chukri Awil, his wife, Nadia, and Salma Awil By their daughter, Mona, wife of Mr. Youssef Khoder and Family
	9:30AM	Private Intentions
	11:30 AM	For: 1st Anniversary-Sayde Alghoul By Her Sons, Walid, Tony and their Families

## 2nd Week of Epiphany

## الأسبوع الثاني - الدنح المجيد

Monday, January 15 @ 9 AM	Nicholas, Patrick & Rita Leahy By Samuel Yazbeck
Tuesday, January 16 @ 7 PM	Private Intentions
Wednesday, January 17 @ 9AM	Private Intentions.
Thursday, January 18 @ 7PM	Private Intentions
Friday, January 19	No Liturgies—Office Closed



December 31, 2017 & January 1, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,277.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,0491.00
Candles	\$ 119.00
Fuel	\$ 40.00
New Year Collection	\$1803.00
Christmas Offerings	\$280.00
<i>Total Deposit</i>	<i>\$ 6,010.00</i>

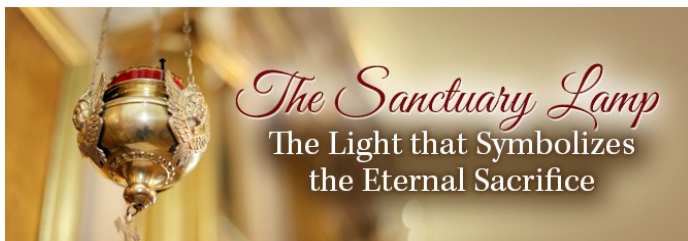
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Refer to Page 9 For more info



**Weekly offering envelopes for 2018** will be mailed to your home on a quarterly basis. You will receive envelopes every 3 months. For those who have signed up for online donations, you may disregard them or drop your empty envelope in the collection basket.



**Left Sanctuary Lamp**

*In Loving Memory of Ghandour (Dan) Sarkis  
Offered by his wife, Olga Sarkis, and children.*

**Right Sanctuary Lamp**

*In Loving Memory of Ghandour (Dan) Sarkis  
Offered by his wife, Olga Sarkis, and children.*

# ALTAR SERVERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, January 6	4:00 PM	Elias Saab Sharbel Saab
Sunday, January 7	8:30 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, January 7	9:30 AM	Charbel Yammine Thomas Demers
Sunday, January 7 11:30 AM		Anthony Sadek, Charbel Merheb Charbel Sadek, Elias Azzi

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, January 13	4:00 PM	Jacob Godfrey Youssef Chahine
Sunday, January 14	8:30 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, January 14	9:30 AM	Jason Demers Logan Gabriel
Sunday, January 14 11:30 AM		Anthony Chaya, Anthony ElHachem Charbel Yammine, George ElHachem



## Lectors

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, January 6	4:00 PM	Roy Rossi
Sunday, January 7	8:30 AM	Mona Hbaiter
Sunday, January 7	9:30 AM	Maria Nammour
Sunday, January 7 11:30 AM		English: Raghida Ramey Arabic: Claudine Raad

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, January 13	4:00 PM	Dianne Dewan
Sunday, January 14	8:30 AM	Carla Khoder
Sunday, January 14	9:30 AM	CCD—Grade 6
Sunday, January 14 11:30 AM		English: Mounira Daher Arabic: Marcel Saade

# PARISH MINISTRIES & NEWS

## Religious Education - Sunday School

Happy New Year and welcome back!

As we begin the new year, it is very important now for grade 2 students to be in CCD weekly as you prepare for your first communion. There will be a first meeting for First Communion parents before the end of January. Stay tuned to the bulletin and e mail for details.

The kindergarten students along with grade 6 will serve the liturgy on January 14. More detail on this will follow as well. CCD resumes this Sunday January 7 at 10:30. See you then!!!

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Susan Veilleux,*  
[ccd@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:ccd@stanthonylawrence.org)

## Children's Choir

January 13th & 27th: Practices will be held from 5:00PM - 6:30PM



## Knights of Mary Schedule

**Upcoming Meetings: January 6 & January 20**

*All Events run from 5PM - 7PM After 4PM Liturgy*  
*\*Dates are Subject to change\**

## MYA -Maronite Young Adults

*Stay Tuned for our 2018 Calendar of Events*

**Rosary Group Every Wednesday @ 6PM**

صلاة المسبحة الوردية: الأربعاء من كل أسبوع الساعة السادسة مساء

## Congrats on your Wedding!!!

We join with the parish family of Saint Anthony to offer our sincere congratulations to the newlywed couple, **David Bechara and Emily Gannuscio**, who received the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday December 30th. Our best wishes to the newlyweds. May Christ continue to bless their journey and their love.

## Congrats on your Baptism!!!

We join with the parish family of Saint Anthony to offer our sincere congratulations to the family of **Jonathan James Kegler**, who received the Blessed Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Our best wishes to the parents Joseph Kegler Jr and Gina Santos, grandparents and godparents. May Christ continue to bless this child whom we welcome into the flock.

## Our Sympathy!!!

*We join with the parish of Saint Anthony to offer our condolences to the families of the late:*

♦Dr. George Mansour, our sympathies are expressed to his wife, Joan, and their children.

♦Bomar Kramer, our sympathies are expressed to his wife, Barbara Azzi Kramer, and their children.

♦Saadallah Azzi, our sympathies are expressed to his wife, Nabihah Azzi, and their daughter, Rita, and their families.

*May their souls rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted.*

**Bible Study**  
everyone is welcome  
Tuesday January 9th  
تعاود السهرات الأنجيلية نشاطها في 9 كانون الثاني

**Adoration**  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
1st Thursday of Every Month

**Saint Anthony will be launching a new group to face the new evangelization....**

**MINE**

*"Maronites in the New Evangelization."*

This group will be about empowering women to work within their God-given gifts as women to nurture, heal and build up the body of Christ.

MINE is the answer for busy women who found themselves on fire to lead other women in the Catholic faith, and running a flourishing women's ministry in their parish.



# SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

*PRESENTS*

## VALENTINE PARTY ST MARON CELEBRATION



FEATURING:  
DORIS & ENSEMBLE

DATE:  
**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

*DOORS OPEN: 7PM*

LOCATION:  
ST ANTHONY BANQUET HALL

**FOR RESERVATION:**

Wissam Merheb@  
978.853.5145

Mounira Daher@  
603.235.0801

**TICKETS are available FOR SALE:**

Adults \$50 (\$75 after January 22)  
Students: \$30 (\$50 after January 22)

*Dinner Included - Cash Bar Only*

ONLINE RESERVATION—SPECIAL EVENT DONATION: <http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

**BOOK YOUR TICKET BEFORE JANUARY 22 & PAY \$50 (per person) - \$75 AFTER JANUARY 22**

## 2Cor. 1:10-11

## First Sunday of Epiphany

## 2 قورنثس 1:10-11

Brothers and Sisters: I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ — I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away! — I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, “His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.” Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وحلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضوري أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجزو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأنا جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأنا جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح. ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فأننا لا أخجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الاختيار بالسلطان الذي وهبه الرب لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضاً منكم يقولون: «رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخيّف!». فليعلم مثل هذا القائل أننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضاً بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين

## John 1:29-34

## الأحد الأول - الدنح المجيد

## يوحنا 1:29-34

The Apostles said: The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” This is the truth. Peace be with you.

في الغد (بعد شهادة المعمدان) رأى يوحنا يسوع مقبلاً إليه فقال: «ها هو حمل الله الذي يرفع خطيئة العالم. هذا هو الذي قلت فيه: يأتي ورأيت رجلاً قد صار قدّامي، لأنه كان قبلي. وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكنني جئت أعمد بالماء لكي يظهر هو لإسرائيل». وشهد يوحنا قائلاً: «رأيت الروح نازلاً كحمامة من السماء، ثم استقر عليه. وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكن الذي أرسلني أعمد بالماء هو قال لي: من ترى الروح ينزل ويستقر عليه، هو الذي يعمد بالروح القدس. وأنا رأيت وشهدت أن هذا هو ابن الله.»



## POPE PRAYER INTENTIONS -January 2018 Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom



## Maronite Calendars



now available in the  
Church foyer  
Donation of \$5 per calendar



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

Next Meeting:  
**Tuesday, January 9**

## ALAA Scholarships are now Available

[www.americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org/scholarships](http://www.americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org/scholarships)

### Open House @ St. Joe's:

Sunday, 1/28/18, noon-2pm

The St. Joseph Regional Catholic School in Salem invites you to their Open House for coffee and donuts **1/28/18 at noon**.

Questions? Contact [info@sjrcs.com](mailto:info@sjrcs.com) or 603-893-6811 x 19.

### Guidelines:

Baptismal Guidelines: *(Check our Website)*

♦ Guidelines & Registration Form

Marriage Guidelines: *(Check our Website)*

♦ Guidelines & Check List Forms

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

♦ Contract Form *(Check our Website)*

♦ Banquet Hall Usage Donations:

1. \$500 (For 6 Hours)

2. \$250 For Registered & Active parishioners *(with contribution history)*

3. Security Deposit \$250 *(Returned after the event, if no Damages)*

4. Cleaning Donations: \$100

## BE IN TOUCH!! STAY CONNECTED !!

### Membership Registration:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/member-information-form/>

### Online Donation:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

### Upcoming Events:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/>

### Monthly Calendar:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/calendar/>

## Saint Anthony Burial Guidelines

### Burial Charges and Fees:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/charges-and-fees/>

The following charges for cemetery services are in effect January 1, 2017 at St. Anthony Cemetery and are subject to change without notice.

- Adult Opening – Graveside (Summer) \$875.00
- Adult Opening – Graveside (Winter) \$875.00
- Child Opening – (one to eight years) \$100.00
- Infant Opening – NO CHARGE
- Saturday & Holiday Overtime \$75.00
- Burial of Cremated Remains \$550.00
- Cremation Burial Unit \$350.00

When arrangements are made with a family and they wish to purchase a lot, we ask that you call the cemetery office (978) 985-7233 and arrange an appointment for them. Financial arrangements for new lot sales will be handled directly with the family.

Cemetery charges for grave openings are due and payable to the cemetery the morning of the funeral, unless charged to the funeral director's account. Cemetery charges billed to the funeral director's account are due and payable to the cemetery in 10 days

### Lot Sales

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/>

Saint Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget. Please call us at 978-685-7233 or email [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org) for more information about availability.

### Burial Pre-Arrangements

Making arrangements for a burial in advance should be no more difficult than providing insurance or having a will. It is a sensible thing to do. By pre-arranging your burial, you can avoid the unnecessary confusion plus the financial and emotional stress that death often brings.

Funeral pre-arrangements are available and recommended with guarantees of no increase in cemetery charges at the time of interment. Pre-Arrangement Funds are placed in a separate account and are withdrawn at the time of the interment. An interest free Time-Payment Plan is available for your convenience.

THEREFORE WE ARE BURIED WITH  
HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH: THAT  
LIKE AS CHRIST WAS RAISED UP  
FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF  
THE FATHER, EVEN SO WE ALSO  
SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.

**ROMANS 6:4**

## **FEAR OF GOD AS WISDOM** *by Ronald Rolheiser*

Why don't we preach hellfire anymore? That's a question asked frequently today by a lot of sincere religious people who worry that too many churches and too many priests and ministers have gone soft on sin and are over-generous in speaking about God's mercy. The belief here is that more people would come to church and more people would obey the commandments, particularly the sixth one, if we preached the raw truth about mortal sin, God's wrath, and the danger of going to hell when we die. The truth will set you free, these folks assert, and the truth is that there is real sin and that there are real and eternal consequences for sin. The gate to heaven is narrow and the road to hell is wide. So why aren't we preaching more about the dangers of hellfire?

What's valid in this kind of reasoning is that preaching about mortal sin and hellfire can be effective. Threats work. I grew up subjected to this kind of preaching and readily admit that it had a real effect on my behavior. But that effect was ambivalent: On the positive side it left me scared enough before God and life itself to never stray very far morally or religiously. On the negative side, it also left me religiously and emotionally crippled in some deep ways. Simply stated, it's hard to be intimate friends with a God who frightens you and it's not good religiously or otherwise to be overly timid and afraid before life's great energies. Fear of divine punishment and fear of hellfire, admittedly, can be effective as a motivator.

So why not preach fear? Because it's wrong, pure and simple. Brainwashing and physical intimidation are also effective, but fear is not the proper fuel for love. You don't enter a love relationship because you feel afraid or threatened. You enter a love relationship because you feel drawn there by love.

More importantly, preaching divine threat dishonors the God in whom we believe. The God whom Jesus incarnates and reveals is not a God who puts sincere, good-hearted people into hell against their will, on the basis of some human or moral lapse which in our moral or religious categories we deem to be a mortal sin. For example, I still hear this threat being preached sometimes in our churches: If you miss going to church on Sunday it's a mortal sin and should you do that and die without confessing it you will go to hell.

What kind of God would underwrite this kind of a belief? What kind of God would not give sincere people a second-chance, a third one, and seventy-seven times seven more chances if they remain sincere? What kind of God would say to a person in hell: "Sorry, but you knew the rules! You're repentant now, but it's too late. You had your chance!

A healthy theology of God demands that we stop teaching that hell can be a nasty surprise waiting for an essentially good person. The God we believe in as Christians is infinite understanding, infinite compassion, and infinite forgiveness. God's love surpasses our own and if we, in our better moments, can see the goodness of a human heart despite its lapses and weaknesses, how much more so will God do this. We've nothing to fear from God.

Or, have we? Doesn't scripture tell us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom? How does that square with not being afraid of God?

There are different kinds of fear, some healthy and others not. When scripture tells us that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, the kind fear it is talking about is not contingent upon feeling threatened or feeling anxious about being punished. That's the kind of fear we feel before tyrants and bullies. There is however a healthy fear that's innate within the dynamics of love itself. This kind of fear is essentially proper reverence, that is, when we genuinely love someone we will fear being selfish, boorish, and disrespectful in that relationship. We will fear violating the sacred space within which intimacy occurs. Metaphorically we will sense we're standing on holy ground and that we'd best have our shoes off before that sacred fire.

Scripture also tells us that when God appears in our lives, generally the first words we will hear are: "Don't be afraid!" That's because God is not a judgmental tyrant but a loving, creative, joy-filled energy and person. As Leon Bloy reminds us, joy is the most infallible indication of God's presence.

The famous psychiatrist, Fritz Perls, was once asked by a young fundamentalist: "Have you been saved?" His answer: "Saved? Hell no! I'm still trying to figure out how to be spent!" We honor God not by living in fear lest we offend him, but in spending the wonderful energy that God gives us to help life flourish. God is not a law to be obeyed, but a joyous energy within which to generatively spend ourselves.





**Online Donation—  
Contribute to Our Parish Growth**

**Apply Online:**

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**Electronic Consent Form Or Print Form:**

Last Name		First Name	
Envelope #		Email	
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City	State	Zip	
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