

#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony 's Community.
We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.
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DAILY LITURGIES MON (Arabic) / TUE (English) / WED (Arabic) / THU (English) 9 am WEEKEND LITURGIES:

**SAT** 4:00PM(Eng.) **SUN** 8:00AM (Ara) 9:00AM (Eng.) / 11:30AM (Eng.& Arabic)

Holy days of obligation: Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS M-TH 9:00 AM-4:00 PM / FRI 9:00 AM-2:00 PM / SAT By Appointment

**MEET OUR PRIEST:** Fr. Elie Mikhael ...305-807-9087... ....pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

#### **MEET OUR DEACONS:**

Deacon Nadim B. Daou / Deacon Michael Charchaflian / Deacon David Leard Sub-Deacon James T. Demers / Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour



### Epiphany Season ألأحد / ألأسبوع ألأول من ألدنح

#### Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:00pm For: +Beshara Y. Hashem, *By his son, Saba, & Grandchildren, Cole & Ella.* 

#### Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 am For: +Nakhle,Victoria, Jean & Joseph Jabbour, *By Kamil & Mouna Hbaiter & Family*.

9:00 am For: +Jennie & Toufi Ferris, By their Family.

11:30 am For: +40 Day Anniversary - Marie El-Tayar, By her children: Salim El-Achi, & his wife, Suzy, Bassima Geha, wife of Mr. Michel Geha, children & grandchildren.

#### Saturday, January 15, 2022

4:00pm For:+Joseph W. Kalil, By his wife, Joan Kalil, their children & grandchildren.

#### Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00 am For: +Karam, Lena, & Antoine Asmar, By Nada & Elianne Asmar.

9:00 am For: Private Intentions

11:30 am For: +40 Day Anniversary Patrick Charbel Maroon, *By his Godparents, Sub-Deacon Antoine*& Hitaf Nammour.

#### **WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

#### Monday, January 10

9:00am For: +Maggie Sarji Tawil, *By Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi*.

#### Tuesday, January 11

9:00am For: +Mr. Edmond Solomon, *By his family*.

#### Wednesday, January 12

9:00am For: +Marlene M. Abdulnour, By Nada & Elianne Asmar.

#### Thursday, January 13

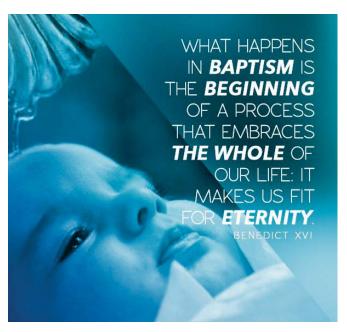
9:00am For: +Larry & Dora M. Pereira, By Dora Pereira.

Friday, January 14 OFFICE CLOSED



#### **Sanctuary Lamps**

Birthday Remembrance for Edmond Solomon by his Family.





SAVE THE DATE!! Friday, January 21, 2022 @ 7PM



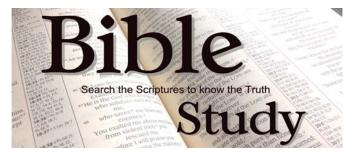
#### Donate a Stock

If you'd like to gift shares or securities from your Fidelity account to another Fidelity account, or if you want to send a gift outside of Fidelity, there are a few ways to make this happen.

What do I need to know?

**Receiving shares:** If a sender wants to give you shares (stocks, mutual funds, or other securities) from an outside firm, he or she needs to contact that firm to verify delivery instructions. In addition to following the firm's specific instructions, the sender may need to provide the firm with these details:

St Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, INC
Fidelity account number: Z40-262821
Type of Ownership: Corporation
Fidelity's Depository Trust Company
(DTC) number, which is 0226
Our name and address:
Fidelity Investments
Attn: TOA Receives
PO Box 770001
Cincinnati, OH 45277-0036



#### In Person or Thru Zoom

Arabic & English Session-Tuesday at 6PM

First Session Tuesday January 18, 2022

The one who obeys God's instruction FOR TODAY,
will know His direction
FOR TOMORROW

#### **UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION**

U.S. Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities

January 22 & 23

# TITHES & OFFERINGS STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

**REGISTER FOR ONLINE DONATION:** 

#### **Apply Online:**

stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/

#### **2021 TAX DOCUMENTS**

Moved to a new address? Want to be part of our envelope system? Need a copy of your annual donations?

Please ensure your information is up to date in our database.

#### **Pray for the Souls in Purgatory**

Our parish is in the midst of a Spiritual Warfare, initiating a Prayer Mission for all Souls In Purgatory. Save a Soul by offering Liturgies & Sanctuary candles.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Happy New Year!!!!

We are excited to start back with our classes on January 9.

As we return, I would like to remind you that we are in a masks mandate at the church. Please make sure your child comes to class with a mask. If they do not have one, we will provide one. We are trying to continue our program in the safest way possible.

We are looking forward to seeing your children & look forward to our time together as we head through winter to the spring.

Susan and the Religious Ed Team *Lawrencereligioused@gmail.com* 

#### **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism & Confirmation:** *1 month in advance with the Pastor.* 

**Donations:** Church: \$200 - Priest: Free Will

**Matrimony:** Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

**Donations:** 

Church \$500—Priest : Free Will

**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.

#### **DAILY SAINTS**

**Saturday**, **Jan. 8**: *St. Carterius the Priest, M* 

Sunday, Jan. 9: St. Eustratius, C

Monday, Jan. 10: St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, C.

**Tuesday**, **Jan. 11:** *St. Theodosius of Antioch, C* 

Wednesday, Jan. 12: St. Tatiana, M

Thursday, Jan. 13: St. Jacob of Nisibis, C

Friday, Jan. 14: St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitier, C.

#### **Knights of Mary**

Next Session-January 8, 5-7PM

#### Maronite Youth Organization-MYO

Next Session-January 9, 5-7PM

#### LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 8 - 4PM Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, January 9 -

8 AM Mouna Hbaiter

9AM Sub-Deacon James Demers

11:30AM Eng: Anthony Ata Ar: Volunteer

Saturday, January 15 - 4PM Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, January 16 -

8 AM Mouna Hbaiter

9AM Meaghan Twing

11:30AM Eng: Maria Nammour

Ar: Hitaf Nammour

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Jan. 7:** D.J. Deeb II, Madeleine George, Bodie Khalife, Viviane Korbani

**Jan. 8:** Karen Bishop, Patrick Mullen, Elizabeth Nehme, Abigail Shaw

Jan. 9: Camila Ata, Gloria Azzi, Nadim Daou, Wyatt Goldman, Jameson Khoury, Adele Maroun, Eleanor Souza

**Jan. 10:** Raymonda Abouhamad, Emersyn Khoury, Adrianna Maroun, Jihad Maroun, Mark Shepherd, Carmela Touma

Jan. 11: Philip Lucchesi, Rita Matta

Jan. 12: Andrew Ata, Beshara Sfeir

Jan. 13: David Ameen

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 8 : Shaker & Gisele Asmar, Gaby & Adele Maroun

Jan. 10: Matthew & Katelyn Maroon

Jan. 11: Bachir & Jessica Atallah, Salim & Amal Azzi, Wallace & Theresa Hatem

Jan. 13: Ghassan & Claudine Raad

#### LEAVING CHURCH

Why are so many people leaving their churches? There is no one answer to that question. People are complex. Faith is complex. The issues are complex.

Looking at the question, it can be helpful to distinguish among a number of groups. The Nones, the Dones, the Spiritual-but-not-Religious, the Indifferent, the Angry, and the Marginalized. While there is some overlap among these groups, each has its own set of issues with the church.

The Nones are those who refuse to identify with any religion or faith. Asked on a census form, what is your faith or religion? they answer "none". Theirs is an agnostic stance. They are not necessarily atheistic or hostile to faith, religion, and the churches. Rather, it's that at this time in their lives they refuse to identify themselves with any explicit faith or church. Some are humble about it, others arrogant; in the end, the stance is the same, an agnosticism about religion and faith.

The Dones are those who, in their own words, are done with religion and often with explicit faith as well. Done with it! They can consider themselves done for any number of reasons, from having had a bad experience with religion growing up, to anger at the church, to the intoxicating power of a culture that can seemingly offer itself as a sufficient substitute for religion. They have been there, considered religion, and moved on.

The Spiritual-but-not-Religious are those who believe in the value of spirituality but not of any church. They have chosen to pursue a spiritual path outside of any ecclesial community, believing that (at least for them) the spiritual journey is best done outside of organized religion. There can be many reasons for this kind of attitude, not least the overpowering ethos of individuality and personal freedom pervading our culture. In one's faith journey today, people prefer to trust only their own search and experience.

The Indifferent are just that, indifferent to religion (while perhaps still nursing some faith). There can be a myriad of reasons why these folks feel indifferent to religion and perhaps also to faith. Our culture, for all its goodness, is also a powerful narcotic that can, for most of the years of our lives, swallow us whole in terms of anesthetizing our religious instincts and having us believe in what Charles Taylor calls a self-sufficient humanism. For long periods of our lives, our world can seem enough for us and while this is the case, indifference to religion can be a real option.

The Angry are those who for reasons they can name, no longer go church. Any number of causes can be at play here – clerical sexual abuse, the church's treatment of women, racism, the church's failure to live out the gospels credibly, their own church's involvement or non-involvement in politics, a bad history with their church, a bad pastor, or personal mistreatment in a pastoral situation. Persons inside this group sometimes end up seeking a new ecclesial home inside another denomination, but many just stay at home on a Sunday morning.

The Marginalized are those who feel themselves outside the understanding, empathy, and spiritual scope of the churches. This includes everyone from many inside the LGBTQ community, to the homeless on our streets, to countless thousands who feel (consciously or unconsciously) that the messiness of their lives somehow excludes them from ecclesial community. They feel like outcasts to religion and our churches.

People are leaving their churches for a multitude of reasons and this begs some further questions. When people are leaving their churches, what actually are they leaving? And, where are they going, if anywhere?

In a recent book, After Evangelicalism, The Path to a New Christianity, David Gushee asks this question about those leaving their churches. Are they clear on what they are actually leaving? Do they know whether they are leaving church, leaving their denominations, leaving the faith, leaving Jesus, or just leaving?

More importantly, he asks, what will to be their endgame? Will they end up in another denomination, or as Spiritual-but-not-Religious, or as agnostic, or just as disillusioned?

Perhaps that question is not so important for the Nones, the Dones, the Spiritual-but-not-Religious, the Indifferent, and for many of the Marginalized – butit is for the Angry, for those who feel alienated from their churches. Where do you go when anger keeps you away from your family table? Do you search for a more like-minded family? Do you give up on finding a family table? Do you just stay home on a Sunday morning? Are you okay to go to your deathbed still angry? Are you content to remain disillusioned?

Leaving church: two questions stare us in the face. Why are more and more people leaving their churches or simply not going to them? And, what's the religious future of those who no longer go to church? The former is a question for the churches themselves, the latter a question to ponder for those no longer going to church.

#### TREE OF LIFE

# REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON TREE OF LIFE BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

Please submit your request either by

**Phone**: **978.685.7233** or by E-mail: **rectory@stanthonylawrence.org** 

## DONATE A TREE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Enhancing the beauty of Historic Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

#### Plant-A-Tree A—

For a donation of \$400.00: memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for a period of ten years.

#### Plant-A-Tree B—

For a donation of \$250.00: memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for the period of five years.

#### Your Donation is Tax-Deductible

Your contribution is tax deductible. You will receive a written acknowledgement of your donation from the Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

If you like to donate a tree, please call the office at 978.685.7233

or email us at:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Tree to be planted: Kousa Dogwood

#### **CEMETERY LOT SALES AND AVAILABILITY**

Saint Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget. For more information:

By Phone (During Office Hours) 978-685-7233 or email <a href="mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org">rectory@stanthonylawrence.org</a>
By visiting:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

# Looking for a Loved one buried at St Anthony's Cemetery?

- 1. Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
- 2. Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.
- 3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.

# Grave Purchase and Burial at St Anthony

#### Grave Purchase—\*For Active Parishioners

- Grave Purchase-Double Depth: \$1900 (one time fee)
- Perpetual Care: \$200 (one time fee) Total of Grave (Double Depth) Purchase: \$2100
- Memorial Stone Permit: \$75 (one time fee paid upon installation)

#### **Burial Costs** (*Itemized*)

- Opening and Closing (Summer Fees): \$1000
- Opening and Closing (Winter Burial): \$1,200
- Church Stipend: \$250
- Church Stipend (Wake in Church): \$450
- Soloist: \$150
- Organist: \$150
- Clergy Stipend: \$200 or left to the Family Discretion

#### **Total of Burial Costs:**

- Burial (Summer Fees): \$1,750
- Burial (Summer Fees-Wake in Church): \$ \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees): \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees-Wake in Church): \$2,150

Prices are subject to change.

\*Active Parishioners are considered those who have participated: Socially, spiritually and have contributed regularly in our database.

Please take the time to review the complete cemetery guidelines by visiting our website www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/

#### What Being a "Parishioner" Really Means

In today's society, and within this growing secular culture, we find many Catholics who simply go through the motions. They attend Mass, receive the sacraments, become beneficiaries of the services provided by the parish, and seem to have certain expectations about what's in it for them, yet have minimal appreciation of how things such as the sacraments, education, formation, lights, heating, cooling, cleanliness, supplies, maintenance, support groups, and a variety of important ministries, are being provided.

Along with these expectations, there seems to be an emerging attitude that we/they are entitled to all these services and benefits without any generous, sacrificial, and proportionate commitment response in gratitude on our/their part. Is this growing sense of entitlement trumping our faith obligations, including that of being grateful, in committed action, for our God-given giftedness?

What is the root cause of this growing culture, this expectation of service, absent a commitment, support or obligation on the part of a growing percentage of parishioners? Research and experience within the United States and beyond suggests there is a serious lack of spiritual formation and understanding of what is expected of Christians in response to their Baptismal call to discipleship, where *stewardship*, that of discipleship in action, is understood, practiced and lived as being "The grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and received God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor." (Catholic Diocese of Wichita)

#### What does it mean to be a parishioner? What are the expectations?

A parishioner can be defined as: "One who is registered and actively participates in the liturgical/pastoral life of the parish through the generous, sacrificial and proportionate sharing of his or her God-given giftedness of time, talent and treasure."

As a Catholic and registered parishioner of a parish, I am expected to:

- •Regularly attend and participate in Sunday Mass preferably as a family
- •Regularly participate in the sacramental life of the Church
- •Develop and practice an ongoing personal/family prayer life
- •Witness to the teachings of the Church by one's manner of living life
- •Seek to understand and practice what it means to be and live as an active and committed Christian steward in service to the parish and the wider universal Church
- •Commit annually to a generous, sacrificial and proportionate commitment of one's time, talent and treasure in service to the broad mission of the parish and the wider universal Church without counting the cost or having any expectation of something in return
- •Recognize, understand and accept my need to regularly give and share rather than giving and sharing only when there happens to be a need
- •Acknowledge, as a registered parishioner, that I am to be a participant in serving the mission of the parish rather than being only a spectator.
- •Realize the necessary and ongoing importance of love, generosity, faith and family.

Let us remember, it is only through God's love that we receive his gift of life. In the course of that gift of life, we are then the recipients of God's varied grace and giftedness. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are called to serve as God's disciples, sharing, in gratitude, His giftedness and grace in love and service to God and neighbor.

Our expectations within this gift of life must not be allowed to take precedent over what is expected of us in gratitude thereof. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt. 16:24)

The Catholic Steward, Dan Loughman.

### أنجيل ورسالة: الأحد الأوّل بعد الدنح: إعتلان سرّ المسيح ليوحنّا المعمدان

2 قورنتس 11-11:10

يا إخوتِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ نَفْسي أَنَاشِدُكُم بِوَدَاعَةِ المَسِيحِ وَحِلْمِهِ، أَنَا المُتُواضِعُ بَيْنَكُم عِنْدَمَا أَكُونُ حَاشِرًا، والرَّجُو اللَّا أُجْبَرَ عِنْدَ حُصُورِي أَنْ أَكُونَ جَرينًا، بِالثِّقَةِ الَّتِي لِي بِكُم، والَّتِي أَنْوِي أَنْ أَجْرُوَ بِهَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنْنَا نَسْلُكُ كَأْنَاسٍ جَسَدِيِّين. أَجَل، إِنَّنَا نَحْيَا في الجَسَد، ولكِنَّنَا لا نُحَارِبُ كَأْنَاسٍ جَسَدِيِّين؛ لأَنَّ أَسْلِحَةَ جِهَادِنا لَيْسَتْ جَسَدِيَّة، بَلْ هي قَادِرَةٌ بِاللهِ عَلى هَدْمِ ولكِنَّنَا لا نُحَارِبُ كَأْنَاسٍ جَسَدِيِّين؛ لأَنَّ أَسْلِحَةَ جِهَادِنا لَيْسَتْ جَسَدِيَّة، بَلْ هي قَادِرَةٌ بِاللهِ على هَدْمِ المُصلونِ المَنيعَة؛ فإنَّنا نَهْدِمُ الأَفْكَارَ الخَاطِئَة، وكُلَّ شُمُوخِ يَرْ تَوْعُ ضِدَّ مَعْرِفَةِ الله، ونَأْسُرُ كُلَّ فِكْرٍ لِطَاعَةِ المُسيح. ونَحْنُ مُسْتَعِدُونَ أَنْ نُعَقِبَ كُلَّ عُصْيَان، مَتى كَمُلَتْ طَاعَتُكُم. إِنَّكُم تَحْكُمُونَ عَلى المَظَاهِر! إِنْ المَسيح. ونَحْنُ مُسْتَعِدُونَ أَنْ نُعَقِبَ كُلَّ عُصْيَان، مَتى كَمُلَتْ طَاعَتُكُم. إِنَّكُم تَحْكُمُونَ عَلى المَظَاهِر! إِنْ المَسْيح. ونَحْنُ أَيْضًا فِلْهُ لِلمَسيح، فَلْيُقَرِّ في نَفْسِهِ أَنَّهُ كَمَا هوَ لِلمَسيح كَذلِكَ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا. فَأَنا لا أَخْجَلُ إِنْ بَالْغُتُ فِي الأَنْ بَعْضَا مِنْكُم يَقُولُون: »رَسَائِلُهُ شَدِيدَةُ اللَّهُجَةِ وقُويَّة، أَمَّا حُصُورُهُ الشَّخْصِيُ كَالِكُلامِ في الرَّسَائِل، عَنْدَما نَكُونُ عَائِبين، وكلامُهُ سَخِيف؛ ويَدُما نَكُونُ عَائِبين، وكلامُهُ سَخِيف؛ ويَدُما نَكُونُ حَاضِرين.

يوحنًا 34-1:29

في الغَدِ (بعد شهادة المعمدان) رأى يُوحَنَّا يَسُوعَ مُقْبِلاً إِلَيْهِ فَقَالَ: »هَا هُوَ حَمَلُ اللهِ الَّذي يَرْفَعُ خَطِيئَةَ الْعَالَم. هذَا هُوَ الَّذي قُلْتُ فِيه: يَأْتِي ورَائِي رَجُلُّ قَدْ صَارَ قُدَّامِي، لأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَبْلي. وأَنَا مَا كُنْتُ أَعْرِفُهُ الْحَلَم فَوَ لإسْرَائِيل . «وشَهِدَ يُوحَنَّا قَائِلاً: »رَأَيْتُ الرُّوحَ نَازِلاً كَحَمَامَةٍ لِكِنِّي جِئْتُ أُعَمِّدُ بِٱلمَاء لِكَي يَظْهَرَ هُوَ لإسْرَائِيل . «وشَهِدَ يُوحَنَّا قَائِلاً: »رَأَيْتُ الرُّوحَ نَازِلاً كَحَمَامَةٍ مِنَ السَّمَاء، ثُمَّ ٱسْتَقَرَّ عَلَيْه. وأَنَا مَا كُنْتُ أَعْرِفُهُ الكِنَّ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي أُعَمِّدُ بِٱلمَاء هُو قَالَ لي: مَنْ تَرَى الرُّوحَ يَنْزِلُ ويَسْتَقِرُّ عَلَيْه، هُوَ الَّذِي يُعَمِّدُ بِٱلرُّوحِ القُدُس. وأَنَا رَأَيْتُ وشَهِدْتُ أَنَّ هذَا هُوَ آبْنُ ٱلله. «



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Let us pray,

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

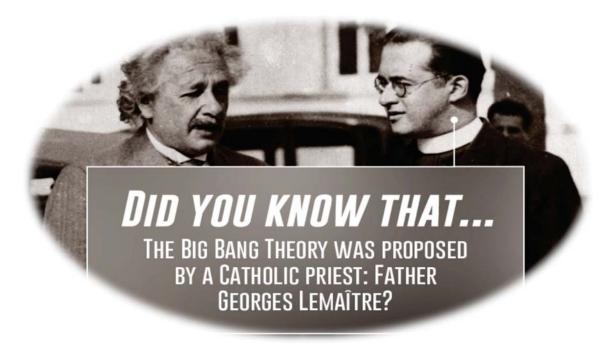
### First Sunday After Epiphany: Epistle & Gospel

2 *Corinthians* 10:1-11.

Brothers and sisters, Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent, a I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the flesh. For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete. Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we. And even if I should boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I shall not be put to shame. May I not seem as one frightening you through letters. For someone will say, "His letters are severe and forceful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." Such a person must understand that what we are in word through letters when absent, that we also are in action when present.

John 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."





















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