

MANY ARE THE PLANS IN
A PERSON'S HEART,
BUT IT
IS THE LORD'S PURPOSE
THAT PREVAILS.

— *Proverbs 19:21* —

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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

**Hours of Liturgical services
changed due to COVID-19**

Weekday Liturgies

Mon - Thu: 9:00 AM

Saturday Liturgies:

4:00 PM Vigil (English)

Sunday Liturgies:

9:00 AM (English)

11:00 AM (English & Arabic)

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Saturdays: By Appointment

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

PARISH SECRETARY: 978.685.7233 ... rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR PRIESTS:

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Fr. Manuel Rahmeh ...978-873-5363...pv@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou /Deacon David Leard

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers / Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

SACRAMENTS

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

Donations: *Church & Priest: \$200*

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.

The 6th Sunday of the Resurrection

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة

6th Week -Glorious Resurrection

الاسبوع السادس من زمن القيامة

Sat May 8

4:00 PM

English

For: +Fred and Rose Breehey, Mcarmy Syiek, Rasheedy Milen, Agnes Forsley, and Meralda McCann,

By Karen Breehey.

Mon. May 10

9:00 am Arabic

Private Intentions

Sun. May 9

9:00 AM

English

For: In Honor of all Mothers, Living and Deceased.

Tue. May 11

9:00 am English

For Jeanette Aboukhater
By The Pastor

Sun. May 9

11:00 AM

Ar. & Eng.

For: In Honor of all Mothers, Living and Deceased.

Wed. May 12

9:00 am Arabic

For The Living & Deceased
Family Members of Antoine
and Joumana Azzi.

The 7th Sunday of the Resurrection

الأحد السابع من زمن القيامة

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Vigil Liturgy

Sat May 15

4:00 PM

English

For: Blessed Journey of all our College Students Graduates

Wed. May 12

7:00 pm Arabic

For the blessing and the well being of our parishioners

For: 40 Day Anniversary -

Sun. May 16

9:00 AM

English

Edward "Scotty" Gabriel, By his children, Kenneth and Edward, their spouses and families.

Feast Day Liturgy

Thu. May 13

9:00 am English

For the blessing and the well being of our parishioners

Sun. May 16

11:00 AM

Ar. & Eng.

For: 40 Day Anniversary - Albert Merheb, By his daughter, Laure, wife of Amine Bourouphael, and family.

Adoration of the Eucharist

9:30 am - 12 Noon

For: Wadad and Elias Feghali, By his son, Edgar, and family.

Fri. May 14

NO LITURGIES

**Congratulations,
First Holy Communicants 2021 !!!**

Joseph Ata - Kelsey Khoury

Joseph Cherabie Mia Merheb

Anthony Mansour Clarice Ramy

Jude Msaddi - Lucia Sadek



TITHES & OFFERINGS WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

For your convenience, in addition to online donations and the drop box at the entrance of the church, we will be returning to passing the collection baskets during the Liturgy. Basket collection will begin the first weekend of May. Rest assured, we will continue to follow and observe the CDC COVID Guidelines. We thank you for your continuous support towards your Spiritual home.

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by visiting: www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

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.

ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH

UPDATE YOUR LOVED ONES RECORD !!

The following steps will help you access the tool:

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.
4. Click on the name.
5. In the middle of the page, look for "Do you know more about this person or their ancestors"? Click here.
6. You can then complete any or all the fields and click submit.
7. If desired, you may send obituary notice, special documents, letters, receipts etc. to rectory@stanthonylawrence.org and we will attach that to your loved one's record.

**BIBLE STUDIES – PAUL
LETTER TO THE ROMANS
English Sessions**

Knowledge of Scripture is knowledge of Christ. Uncovering the Letters of St. Paul to the Romans via Zoom in 8 consecutive weeks!

Behind the catechesis and theological aspects of the letters, the study will also reveal the political, historical, geographical, and cultural aspects.

*The 8 week study will be lead by:
Deacon Michael and Deacon David*

**- Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Starting May 12th**

- Please register by emailing to: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org
- Lessons and homework will be emailed a week in advance

Arabic and English Sessions are taking place every Wednesday. **For more info email us at: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org**

Arabic Sessions

By: Fr Manuel Rahmeh

Don't Hesitate to call the Rectory to
Join the following online sessions:

3rd Week	Wed May 12	Rom Chap 3&4
4th Week	Wed May 19	Rom Chap 5&6
5th Week	Wed May 26	Rom Chap 7&8
6th Week	Wed June 2	Rom chap 9&10
7th Week	Wed June 9	Rom Chap 11&12
8th Week	Wed June 16	Rom Chap 13&14
9th Week	Wed June 23	Rom Chap 15&16

Called to *Serve*
Lectors

In light of recent events, we have had to put a hold on our Lectors Ministry. We would like to begin scheduling readers as

before. For those who wish to be a part of our Lectors schedule, please show your interest by calling the Office @ 978-685-7233 or send us an e-mail @ bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org. Please be sure to indicate which Liturgy you will be attending as well as if you prefer to read the Arabic or English Epistle. For your convenience, Readings will be e-mailed to you or you can access them through our website via Online Bulletin. Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon!

Guidelines For Public Liturgies During Pandemic – Capacity 50%

Should I come to Liturgy? Anyone who is ill, symptomatic, or has been exposed to someone else with the coronavirus within 14 days cannot enter the church.

What should I do if I cannot come to Liturgy? We will continue to livestream our Liturgies on our [Facebook page](#).

How will we be kept safe when we come to Liturgy? All pews are wiped down with disinfectant; and all Qurbono Books are removed; and all surfaces used frequently (restroom facilities, door handles, etc.) are sanitized before each service.

Everyone attending Liturgy is obligated to wear a mask or other facial covering. The only exception during Liturgy is when receiving Holy Communion.

You'll be asked to observe social distancing – staying at least six feet from people not in your household. You can drop your donation in a stationary basket, or continue to use the online provided by your parish.

Can we receive Holy Communion? Yes, but only the Most Precious Body and only by hand. Parishioners who would like to have Holy Communion brought to their homes should contact the office @ 978.685.7233 during normal business hours.

What do we need to keep in mind as we leave Liturgy? Please leave Liturgy together as a household, wearing your masks or other facial covering and observing six feet of distance from others.

NAM's Annual Scholarship

Applications - 2021-2022

1. NAM General Application for Scholarships:

- John A. Solomon Memorial - MYO Scholarship; Two scholarships of \$2000 each, for high school seniors who are active members of MYO
- Massabki Brothers Scholarship; One scholarship of \$2000, payable over 2 years, available for high school seniors
- Naomi & Paul Kassouf Scholarship; Two scholarships of \$2000 each, payable over 2 years, available for high school seniors
- Bouna Sharbel Scholarship; One scholarship of \$1000, available for high school seniors
- Gilbert Chagoury Undergraduate Scholarship; One scholarship of \$2000, available for students already in college
- Thomas and Jennie Ayoub Memorial Scholarship; One scholarship of \$2000, payable over 2 years, available for students already in college
- Gilbert Chagoury Graduate Scholarship; One scholarship of \$2000, available for students already in masters or doctorate program

2. USEK Scholarship: 10 Summer scholarships will be awarded which will include full tuition and dormitory; and \$500 once the semester is completed. Available for college students; Summer 2022.

3. NDU Scholarship: 12 scholarships for the Spring or Fall semester, full tuition and dormitory; and \$500 once a semester is completed. Available for college students; Fall/Spring 2021-22

To apply, or for further details, visit namnews.org or contact Curtis Taylor @ 330-212-9207 or via email @ namscholarships@gmail.com.

Application Deadline is May 28

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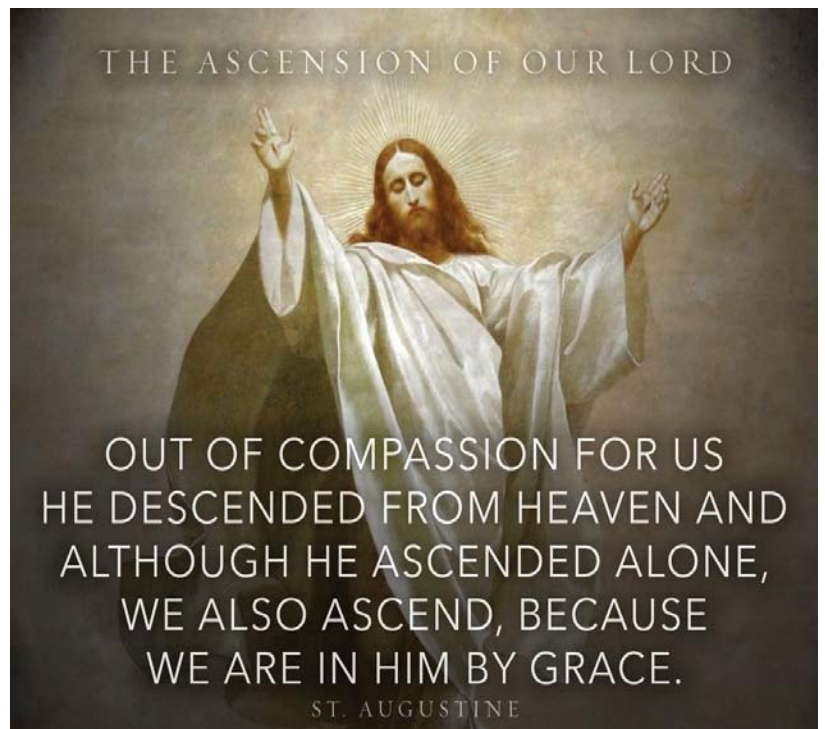
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Saturday, June 12 @ 3:00pm - 8:00pm
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<p>Sides \$5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabboule Baba ghanouj Hummus <p>Sweets also available</p>	<p>Plates \$14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Shawarma Chicken Kabob Beef Shawarma Kafta Falafel with veggies Combo plate (kafta, kibeh, kabob) \$16 <p>All plates come with rice & 2 sides of your choice</p>	<p>Kids \$7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken fingers w/ fries Hamburger w/ fries
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Epistle: Letter to the Romans 10:1-13

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 10:1-13

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ بُغْيَةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ لِلَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَحِيحَةٍ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ، وَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يُثْبِتُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِإِيرِ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَتَبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَقَالَ: «مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا.» «أَمَّا عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: «لا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُنْزَلَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. وَلا تَقُلْ: «مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَابِيَةِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُصْعِدَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ «الكَلِمَةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْكَ، فِي فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ»، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِنَّ أَعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَأَمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، تَخَلَّصَ. فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَالْأَعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لا يُخْزَى.» «فَلا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِجَمِيعِهِمْ، يُفِيضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصُ.»

The church is not a political power; it's not a party, but it's a moral power.

Pope Benedict XVI

Gospel: Saint Luke 24: 36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 24:36-48

فِيمَا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَقَفَّ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَلْسَلَامٌ لَكُمْ!». «فَأَرْتَاعُوا، وَأَسْتَوْلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «مَا بَالُكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ وَلِمَإِذَا تَخَالَجُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظُرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُونِي، وَأَنْظُرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!». «قَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدَ غَيْرِ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرْحِ، وَمُنْعَجِبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟». «فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدٍ عَسَلٍ. فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدُ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَةِ مُوسَى، وَالأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَزَامِيرِ.». حِينِيذٍ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا الْكُتُبَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَتَأَلَّمُ، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ فِي اليَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ. وَبِأَسْمِهِ يُكْرَزُ بِالتَّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الأُمَمِ، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أورشليم. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 9: Chena Farhat, Robert Faris

May 10: Charbel Abi-Samra, Abdo Abi-Samra,
Vicky Abou Zeid, Joseph Cherabie, Melissa Najjar

May 11: Maria Abi-Samra

May 12: Joey Abou Raad, Peter El-Achkar, Libnan Ramy, Valerie Sarkis, Charbel Tawitian

May 13: Tatiana Daher, Brock Lanoue

May 14: Marta Abdou, Roanne El-Hachem, Jean Mazraani, Marcus Mouawad, Christopher Safi, Joey Safi, Elias Yammine

May 15: Raymond Germanos, Yola Nammour

ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN

**For the Living and Deceased
family members of
Antoine and Joumana Azzi.**

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR
LOVED ONES

May 10: Charles Chory

May 12: Ann Sign

May 14: Ms. Victoria Bistany

May 15: Santo Messina, Louis Nakley

The Eyes of Love *By Ronald Rolheiser*

Imagine a young couple intoxicated with each other in the early stages of love. Imagine a religious neophyte in love with God, praying ecstatically. Imagine an idealistic young person working tirelessly with the poor, enflamed with a thirst for justice. Are this young couple really in love with each other? Is that religious neophyte really in love with God? Is this young social activist really in love with the poor? Not an easy question.

Whom are we really loving when we have feelings of love? The other? Ourselves? The archetype and energy the other is carrying? Our own fantasy of that person? The feelings this experience is triggering inside us? When we are in love, are we really in love with another person or are we mostly basking in a wonderful feeling which could be just as easily triggered by countless other persons?

There are different answers to that question. John of the Cross would say it is all of these things; we are in fact really loving that other person, loving a fantasy we have created of that person, and basking in the good feeling this has generated inside us. That is why, invariably, at a given point in a relationship the powerful feelings of being in love give way to disillusionment – disillusionment (by definition) implies the dispelling of an illusion, something was unreal. So for John of the Cross, when we are in love, partly the love is real and partly it is an illusion. Moreover, John would say the same thing about our initial feelings of fervor in prayer and in altruistic service. They are a mixture of both, authentic love and an illusion.

Some other analyses are less generous. In their view, all initial falling in love, whether it be with another person, with God in prayer, or with the poor in service, is mainly an illusion. Ultimately, you are in love with being in love, in love with what prayer is doing for you, or in love with how working for justice is making you feel. The other person, God, and the poor are secondary. That is why, so often, when first fervor dies, so too does our love for its original object. When the fantasy dies, so too does the sense of being in love. We fall in love without really knowing the other person and we fall out of love without really knowing the other person. The very phrase “falling in love” is revealing. “Falling” is not something we choose, it happens to us. *Marriage Encounter* spirituality has a clever slogan around this: *marriage is a decision; falling in love is not.*

Who is right? When we fall in love, how much is genuine love for another and how much is an illusion within which we are mostly loving ourselves? Steven Levine answers this from very different perspective and throws new light on the question. What is his perspective?

Love, he says, is not a “dualistic emotion”. For him, whenever we are feeling authentic love we are, at that moment, feeling our oneness with God and with all that is. He writes, “The experience of love arises when we surrender our separateness into the universal. It is a feeling of unity ... It is not an emotion, it is a state of being ... It is not so much that ‘two are as one’ so much as it is the ‘One manifested as two.’” In other words, when we love someone, in that moment, we are one with him or her, not separate, so that even though our fantasies and feelings may be partially wrapped up in self-serving affectivity, something deeper and more real than our feelings and fantasies is occurring. We are one with the other in our being – and, in love, we sense it.

In this view, authentic love is not so much something we *feel*; it is something we *are*. At its root, love is not an affective emotion or a moral virtue (though these are part of it). It is a metaphysical condition, not something that comes and goes like an emotional state, nor something that we can choose or refuse morally. A metaphysical condition is a given, something we stand within, that makes up part of what we are, constitutively, though we can be blissfully unaware. Thus, love, not least falling in love, can help make us more conscious of our non-separateness, our oneness in being with others.

When we feel love deeply or passionately, then perhaps (like Thomas Merton describing a mystical vision he had on a street corner) we can awake more from our dream of separateness and our illusion of difference and see the secret beauty and depth of other people’s hearts. Perhaps too it will enable us to see others at that place in them where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God’s eyes.

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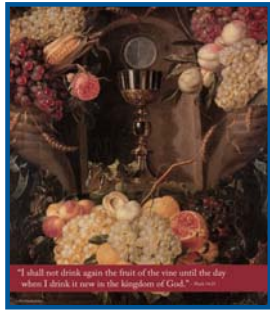


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