



Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



October 13-14, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

BACK TO DEFENDING OUR FAITH

Before we delve deep into moral issues concerning the Church, we must have some background as to how we decide what is moral. How do we evaluate moral acts and what are approved moral principles? This is where we will begin so that when an act is determined immoral we will have the understanding as to why the Church believes what it believes and why we teach what we teach.

Morality considers the rightness and wrongness of human actions. According to Rev. Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham, authors of *Beginning Apologetics*, there are three sources that determine the morality of human acts. They are: the object of the act (what the act is objectively); the intention or purpose of the act (why the act is chosen subjectively); the circumstances surrounding the act. For an act to be morally good, all three of these elements must be good. If any one of these is defective, then the act is morally bad.

They also give examples of these elements which will be helpful in our understanding. "For example, praying, which is objectively good, becomes bad if it is done with the

bad intention of gaining human praise." Likewise, good intentions such as wanting to take a family vacation don't justify evil actions such as robbing a bank. The ends (good intentions) don't justify the means (objectively bad acts). "An action is morally good only when the object, intention, and circumstances are simultaneously good. There three sources of morality are like three rivers flowing into one lake. If all three are pure, the whole lake is pure. If any one is polluted, the whole lake is polluted." This is an introduction to Catholic morality and how the Church defends morally wrong acts. Next week we will look at the moral principles that apply to bioethical questions and cases. Below is the Catechism of the Catholic Church's recap of evaluating moral acts.

ARTICLE 4 THE MORALITY OF HUMAN ACTS 1749 Freedom makes man a moral subject. When he acts deliberately, man is, so to speak, the father of his acts. Human acts, that is, acts that are freely chosen in consequence of a judgment of conscience, can be morally evaluated. They are either good or evil.

I. THE SOURCES OF MORALITY 1750 The morality of human acts depends on: *the object chosen; the end in view or the*

intention; the circumstances of the action. The object, the intention, and the circumstances make up the "sources," or constitutive elements, of the morality of human acts. 1751 The object chosen is a good toward which the will deliberately directs itself. It is the matter of a human act. The object chosen morally specifies the act of the will, insofar as reason recognizes and judges it to be or not to be in conformity with the true good. Objective norms of morality express the rational order of good and evil, attested to by conscience. 1752 In contrast to the object, the intention resides in the acting subject. Because it lies at the voluntary source of an action and determines it by its end, intention is an element essential to the moral evaluation of an action. The end is the first goal of the intention and indicates the purpose pursued in the action. The intention is a movement

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There is more value in a little study of humility and in a single act of it than in all the knowledge in the world."

Saint Teresa of Avila

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of the will toward the end: it is concerned with the goal of the activity. It aims at the good anticipated from the action undertaken. Intention is not limited to directing individual actions, but can guide several actions toward one and the same purpose; it can orient one's whole life toward its ultimate end. For example, a service done with the end of helping one's neighbor can at the same time be inspired by the love of God as the ultimate end of all our actions. One and the same action can also be inspired by several intentions, such as performing a service in order to obtain a favor or to boast about it. 1753 A good intention (for example, that of helping one's neighbor) does not make behavior that is intrinsically disordered, such as lying and calumny, good or just. The end does not justify the means. Thus the condemnation of an innocent person cannot be justified as a legitimate means of saving the nation. On the other hand, an added bad intention (such as vainglory) makes an act evil that, in and of itself, can be good (such as almsgiving).³⁹ 1754 The circumstances, including the consequences, are secondary elements of a moral act. They contribute to increasing or diminishing the moral goodness or evil of human acts (for example, the amount of a theft). They can also diminish or increase the agent's responsibility (such as acting out of a fear of death). Circumstances of themselves cannot change the moral quality of acts themselves; they can make neither good nor right an action that is in itself evil.

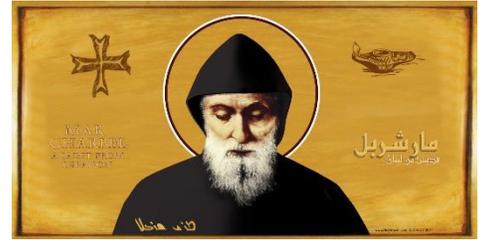
II. GOOD ACTS AND EVIL ACTS 1755 A morally good act requires the goodness of the object, of the end, and of the circumstances together. An evil end corrupts the action, even if the object is good in

itself (such as praying and fasting "in order to be seen by men"). The object of the choice can by itself vitiate an act in its entirety. There are some concrete acts - such as fornication - that it is always wrong to choose, because choosing them entails a disorder of the will, that is, a moral evil. 1756 It is therefore an error to judge the morality of human acts by considering only the intention that inspires them or the circumstances (environment, social pressure, duress or emergency, etc.) which supply their context. There are acts which, in and of themselves, independently of circumstances and intentions, are always gravely illicit by reason of their object; such as blasphemy and perjury, murder and adultery. One may not do evil so that good may result from it.

IN BRIEF 1757 The object, the intention, and the circumstances make up the three "sources" of the morality of human acts. 1758 The object chosen morally specifies the act of willing accordingly as reason recognizes and judges it good or evil. 1759 "An evil action cannot be justified by reference to a good intention" (cf. St. Thomas Aquinas, Dec. praec. 6). The end does not justify the means. 1760 A morally good act requires the goodness of its object, of its end, and of its circumstances together. 1761 There are concrete acts that it is always wrong to choose, because their choice entails a disorder of the will, i.e., a moral evil. One may not do evil so that good may result from it.

BIBLE STUDY

Fr. David will have bible study on Thursday, October 18, at 7:00 PM in the Church hall. I hope many of you will join us as we begin another year of bible study and the Church history. Thank you once again Fr. David for your knowledge and instruction.



ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL SUNDAY

This year October 14 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 14, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask Father for more information.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle is being offered for a special intention.

SATURDAY NIGHT TIME CHANGE DURING SAINT JUDE NOVENA

During the Saint Jude Novena, Saturday, October 20 and October 27, Divine Liturgy will be held at 7:00 PM. This is only during the Saint Jude Novena. Please make note of this change. Thank you for your understanding.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FALL HAFLI, Saturday, October 20, immediately following 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy. Tickets are now on Sale.**
- **SAINT JUDE NOVENA, October 20-28**
- **SAINT JUDE NOVENA DINNER, October 28, pasta dinner after novena, \$5.00 per dinner.**

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 13, 2018 @ 6:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Evelyn Burns requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 14, 2018 @ 11:00 AM, (St. Isaiah the Monk) liturgy is offered for the soul of Maurice Al Shouli and Ziad Sholy requested by Marie Al Shouli and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Monday, October 15, 2018, @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. Theresa of Avila)

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of St. Longinus)

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Sts. Cosmas and Damian)

Thursday, October 18, 2018 @ 11:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist)

Saturday, October 20, 2018, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of St. Shallita) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Maron and Theresa George requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, October 21, 2018 @ 11:00 AM, Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Ann and Michael Trabulsy requested by the Edmond Tayoun Family. May their souls rest in peace.

CONFESSION

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLUB OF SAINT MARON

I would like to organize a men's and women's club of St. Maron Church. The intention of these clubs is to gather our community in spiritual unity, to gather socially for fun and activities, to work together for the advancement and building of the Church, and to organize charity work for outside the parish. These clubs will act independently of each other and at times gather together for different functions that will be sponsored at the Church. These clubs will gather every 6-8 weeks. I hope many of you will be a part of these clubs and to reignite the zeal and love we all have for this Church. Members of the Parish Council will be going around with a sign-up sheet.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lorraine Gerace, Raja Kaldany, Lucy DiLuce, Kevin McCrea, Brian McBride, Cat Niven Glaze, Laurent Chidiac, Albert Saleem, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Alexis Carine, Albert Anderson, Sr., Joseph Realdine, Benjamin Uzzo, Emily Stone, Roseann Anthony, Elaine Nader, Michael Pascucci, Nicholas Carine, Amelia Habib, Suzanne Haney, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joseph Alestra, Chucky Simon, Mary Fetterman, Aminee Skaf, Carmen Marrone, Yasmine Myers, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Helen Freedenberg, Maryann

SAINT JUDE NOVENA

Saturday, October 20, 7:00 PM, (Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Maron and Theresa George requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, October 21, 7:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Esposito requested by Theresa George. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, October 22, 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Pope John Paul II) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Esposito requested by Patti Impo and Family. May his soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Tom Baxter requested by Patti Impo. May his soul rest in peace.

Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Frank and Mary Macrina by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Thursday, October 25, 7:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Esposito requested by the parish of Saint Maron Church. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is also offered for the soul of Fidelia and Joseph Tavani requested by their daughters Suzanne and Deebeanne Tavani. May their souls rest in peace.

Friday, October 26, 7:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of George Lemmon requested by Chucky Simon. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, October 27, 7:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary Felici requested by Chucky Simon. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 28, 7:00 PM, (Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Michael Simon and Chubby Simon. May their souls rest in peace.

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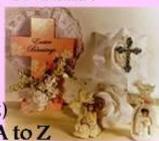
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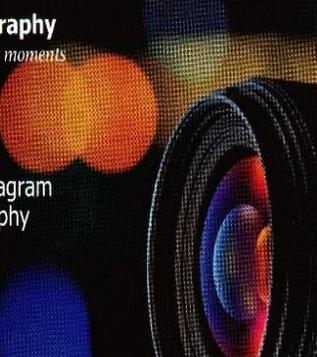


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First Reading

Philippians 2:12-18

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِعْمَلُوا لِخَلَاصِكُمْ بِخَوْفٍ وَرِعْدَةٍ، كَمَا أَطَعْتُمْ دَائِمًا، لَا فِي حُضُورِي فَحَسَبَ، بَلْ بِالْأَحْرَى وَبِالْأَكْثَرِ الْآنَ فِي غِيَابِي. فَاللَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يَجْعَلُكُمْ تُرِيدُونَ وَتَعْمَلُونَ بِحَسَبِ مَرْضَاتِهِ. إِفْعَلُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِغَيْرِ تَدْمُرٍ وَجِدَالٍ، لِكِي تَصِيرُوا بُسْطَاءَ لَا لَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَأَبْنَاءَ لِلَّهِ لَا عَيْبَ فِيكُمْ، وَسَطَ جَيْلٍ مُعَوِّجٍ وَمُنْحَرِفٍ، تُضِيئُونَ فِيهِ كَالنَّيِّرَاتِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، مُتَمَسِّكِينَ بِكَلِمَةِ الْحَيَاةِ، لِأَفْتِخَارِي فِي يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، بِأَنِّي مَا سَعَيْتُ وَلَا تَعَبْتُ بَاطِلًا. لَوْ أَنَّ دَمِي يُرَاقُ عَلَى ذَبِيحَةِ إِيمَانِكُمْ وَخِدْمَتِهِ، لَكُنْتُ أَفْرَحُ وَأَبْتَهِّجُ مَعَكُمْ جَمِيعًا. فَأَفْرَحُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا وَأَبْتَهِّجُوا مَعِي.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 25:1-13

The Apostle Writes:

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنَ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قال الرب يسوع: «يُشْبِهُ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ عَشْرَ عَدَارَى أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَخَرَجْنَ إِلَى لِقَاءِ الْعَرِيسِ، خَمْسٌ مِنْهُنَّ جَاهِلَاتٌ، وَخَمْسٌ حَكِيمَاتٌ. فَالْجَاهِلَاتُ أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَلَمْ يَأْخُذْنَ مَعَهُنَّ زَيْتًا. أَمَّا الْحَكِيمَاتُ فَأَخَذْنَ زَيْتًا فِي آيَةِ مَعَ مَصَابِيحِهِنَّ. وَأَبْطَأَ الْعَرِيسُ فَتَعَسَّنَ جَمِيعُهُنَّ، وَرَقَدْنَ. وَفِي مُنْتَصَفِ اللَّيْلِ، صَارَتِ الصَّيْحَةُ: هُوَذَا الْعَرِيسُ! أُخْرَجُوا إِلَى لِقَائِهِ! حِينَئِذٍ قَامَتِ أُولَئِكَ الْعَدَارَى كُلُّهُنَّ، وَزَيَّتْ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ. فَقَالَتِ الْجَاهِلَاتُ لِلْحَكِيمَاتِ: أَعْطِينَا مِنْ زَيْتِكُنَّ، لِأَنَّ مَصَابِيحَنَا تَنْطَفِئُ. فَأَجَابَتِ الْحَكِيمَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: قَدْ لَا يَكْفِينَا وَيَكْفِيكُنَّ. إِذْهَبْنَ بِالْأُخْرَى إِلَى الْبَاعَةِ وَأَبْتَعْنَ لِكُنَّ. وَلَمَّا ذَهَبْنَ لِيَبْتَعْنَ، جَاءَ الْعَرِيسُ، وَدَخَلَتِ الْمُسْتَعِدَّاتُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ، وَأَغْلَقَ الْبَابَ. وَأَخِيرًا جَاءَتِ الْعَدَارَى الْبَاقِيَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: يَا رَبُّ، يَا رَبُّ، أَفْتَحْ لَنَا! فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُنَّ، إِنِّي لَا أَعْرِفُكُنَّ! إِسْهَرُوا إِذَا، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا السَّاعَةَ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لْجَمِيعِكُمْ.