

# December 18th, 2016

## Genealogy Sunday



Next Week is the Sunday after the Glorious Birth. Please read these Scriptures in preparation: Hebrews 11: 23-31 and the Gospel According to MATTHEW 2: 13-18.

## Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church



*Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!*

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## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, December 18th, 10:30 am

*MICHAEL HARRIS by Najat & Tom Rask*

Monday, December 19th

*Available Intention*

Tuesday, December 20th

*Available Intention*

Wednesday, December 21st

*Available Intention*

Thursday, December 22nd

*Available Intention*

Friday, December 23rd

*Available Intention*

Saturday, December 24th

*Kris and Iku Kochen on the anniversary of their marriage by Sr. Mariam*

Sunday, December 25th, 10:30 am

*The Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*

*Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:00 am  
before the morning Liturgy.*

*Confession every Sunday at 9:15 am before the  
morning Liturgy.*

*Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at  
10:00 am before the Liturgy begins.*

## Altar Flowers

Sunday, December 18th  
Tony & Emeline Karam

Sunday, December 25th  
*open*



## ➤ CHURCH EVENTS & NEWS ◀

- ♦ **Breakfast with Papa Noel, December 18:** Maronteens and Crossroads Youth will be serving up a delicious breakfast after Mass, and Papa Noel will be attending! Proceeds from the breakfast will go to the Monks of Jesus Mary and Joseph.
- ♦ **Reminder about the Novena:** you are all invited to join us at church for the Novena which will be offered daily at 10:00. Families that cannot make the novena and Church are invited to pray the novena at home. A PDF file of the novena is available on the website.
- ♦ On **Christmas Eve** we will start with the children's pageant and concert, and Mass will immediately follow. We should be done by 7:00. If you can't make it Christmas Eve, **Christmas morning** we will have Mass at 9:00am.
- ♦ **New Years Day, January 1st, 2015:** Mass at 10:30AM, as per normal.

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## YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Luke 3:11 has a good blueprint for good stewards: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same!"*

**Offering Report: December 5th - 11th**

**General Collection..... \$1,514.72**

**Projected Weekly Amount Required to Meet Budget  
\$ 2,307.00**

**Difference.....-\$792.28**

## Community Events

**12/28 Feast of the Holy Innocents:** Rosary (6:30 PM) and Mass (7 PM) for the Little Saints at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 3145 SW 192nd Avenue, Aloha. Celebrated by Father Jeff Meeuwsen. This Mass remembers all deceased children, especially those who have died before birth or baptism, and for victims of abortion. If you would like a ride, please call Sharon at 503-675-1874.

**1/15 Roe V Wade Memorial Rally/March,** 2:30 PM at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland (new location).

**1/20-21 WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST:** Join tens of thousands of prolife Americans in San Francisco on **Jan 20-21st** for the Walk for Life West Coast. Events include the Pro-Life Vigil with Vespers on Friday evening Jan 20th at St. Dominic's Church; All night Eucharistic Adoration For Life at the Church of Saints Peter and Paul; Catholic Mass with Archbishop Cordileone at the Cathedral Saturday morning before the Walk; and the Walk for Life Main Event at Civic Center Plaza. For more information, visit: <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/event-info/>.





## Abouna's Corner

### THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS SUNDAY

*Matthew 1: 1 - 17*

On this Sunday we celebrate all the generations in the history of Israel that brought about the coming of the Lord—through faith—beginning with Abraham, and until Joseph the Father of Jesus.

In Matthew's Gospel, God's plan of salvation reflects the patience of God and his mercy towards our human nature, through both faith (trust and obedience), and sin (expressed in doubting). Saint Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds all nations – Jews and Greeks alike—how they have been included in God's saving plan. Now we all have become children of Abraham through faith like his own!

Our Hoosoyo this Sunday focuses on Christ, the God become man to be revealed as the hidden mystery of God to us and transfigured in God's proper time. Like the generations of the past – as a confirmation of our inclusion in this divine plan – the Church and her children now prepare for Christ's nativity – being eternally renewed and transfigured before us.

The Qolo and the Mazmooro hymns, dwell on the Cave of Bethlehem, where all creation has gathered to worship in wonder God's humble presence in their midst: Emanuel (Hebrew: God among us)! Like heaven, earth, has become God's dwelling place. All creatures now give praise to the Son of God who has become the Son of Man. He has made his nature one with ours; he has taken what is ours and made it his own. He has established his family with Mary and Joseph in our midst: the cribs in our churches reflect this so wonder-fully!

From now on both heavenly and earthly beings will stand forever stilled in awe at his gentle presence. Christ is our Covenant of Grace as we hand him down from generation to generation. He is carried by the angles and by the ark whose two fiery wheels are Joseph and Mary.

*May the Wonder Child of Grace  
come to be your guest this Christmas!  
May you learn to open the doors  
of your hospitality forever wide!*



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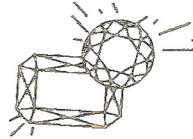
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