



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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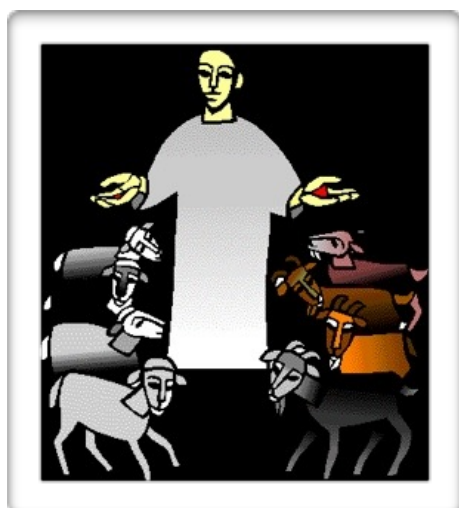
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## October 29, 2017

Seventh Sunday After the Holy Cross



**Next Sunday**

***Consecration of the Church***

**Heb 9:1-12** (The Worship of the First Covenant)

**Mt 16:13-20** (Peter's Confession About Jesus)

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 29th, 10:30 am

+*Eugene Gerges*

Monday, October 30th

*Boris, Branislav, Saski, Peter, Emily*

Tuesday, October 31st

*Available*

Wednesday, November 1st

*Eddie & Emily*

Thursday, November 2nd

*Available*

Friday, November 3rd

*Available*

Saturday, November 4th

*Available*

Sunday, November 5th

*Available*

***Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:30 am before the morning Liturgy.***

***Confession every Sunday at 9:45 am before the morning Liturgy.***

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

## Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for October 15th - 22nd

Online.....\$305.00

Collection.....\$2,450.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,755.00

YTD Total.....\$74,034.00

YTD Goal.....\$79,378.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$5,344.00**

## Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, October 29th

*Available*

Sunday, November 5th

*Available*

## Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford  
(Treasurer)  
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+Claude Karam  
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Ex Officio  
+Deacon Tony  
+Deacon Wadih

+Finance  
Committee

## Parish Events



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:**

Classes are available for 1st-6th Grades.

Class time is 9:15-10:15am.

To register your child(ren) for classes, please complete the registration form attached to the original email.

Contact Nadia Redmond for further information, phone:

[503-671-0440](tel:503-671-0440) or email: [n.redmond@comcast.net](mailto:n.redmond@comcast.net).

**"For heights and depths no words can reach,  
music is the soul's own speech"**

All of the children of the parish ages 3 and up are invited to participate in the singing ministry this fall. We will be learning beautiful music to be sung in annual Christmas Play on Christmas Eve. The scheduled rehearsal dates are the following Sunday immediately after Holy Mysteries:

**November 12th**

**November 19th**

**December 3rd**

**December 10th**

Please mark your calendars. We will have a short social activity and snacks to really make this fun and memorable for the kids.

Please contact Gladys at 503-747-8689 or [alunui3r@frontier.com](mailto:alunui3r@frontier.com).

## Community Events

### Fall Dinner Fundraiser

This Sunday!

Continue to share with your  
friends and family over  
social media, see you there  
Sunday!

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER  
**ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**AUTHENTIC  
LEBANESE DINNER**



Join us for our delicious and authentic Lebanese Dinner Fundraiser in our parish hall. We'll be serving generous portions of chicken & beef kabob with garlic sauce, vegetable & beans over rice, tabouleh salad and hummus. GLUTEN FREE option available.

**October 29th • Noon to 6pm**

**\$15 Dinner Ticket Donation • To Go Orders Available**  
**1804 SE 16th Avenue, Portland • [saintsharbel.com](http://saintsharbel.com)**

We'll also be holding a bake sale of tasty Middle Eastern and American pastries that will tempt any sweet tooth. Children's activities.

# **Reflection**

## *The Judgement of the nations*

Mt 25:31-46

We know this story well. the most important word in it is 'I'. Jesus identifies himself with the people he is talking about. He doesn't just say people were in prison and you visited them or sick, or naked. He says it is 'I' who am in prison, sick and naked. It's even more than being a brother or sister of Jesus. He identified totally with each of us, especially in need.

### **Image of God**

It goes back that we are all made in the image of God. Jesus sees right through us to see God. God is the divine life in each person. So is Jesus.

That makes the difference. We don't help the needy person only because he or she is needy, but because each is in the image of God and Jesus sees him or her and says, 'that's me'.

### **We find that hard to believe!**

We know it is how we can look back on our lives. Pope Francis – “At the end of the world, we will be judged,” he said. “And what will the questions be that the judge will ask?” They are listed in Matthew 25: 35-36: Did you feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit the prisoner?”

This can be a program for life: for the young – can you make a decision about your life that includes deep care from love of those in need? For those in their busy life already and who have chosen their way – how can you show deep care and love for those in need? For the elderly – can you pray for those in need each day and encourage those more active to care for them?





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