



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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## November 5, 2017 Consecration of the Church



### Next Sunday *Renewal of the Church*

Heb 9:11-15 (Sacrifice of Jesus)

Jn 10:22-42 (Feast of the Dedication)

## Your Gifts To God

### Offering Report for October 22nd - 29th

Online.....\$1,370.00  
Collection.....\$510.00  
Weekly Total.....\$1,880.00

YTD Total.....\$75,914.00

YTD Goal.....\$81,224.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$5,310.00**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, November 5th, 10:30 am

*Available*

Monday, November 6th

*+Angelito P. Bustos*

Tuesday, November 7th

*Available*

Wednesday, November 8th

*+Gregorio Cunanan*

Thursday, November 9th

*Available*

Friday, November 10th

*+Jose T. Garcia*

Saturday, November 11th

*Available*

Sunday, November 12th

*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.*

## Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, November 5th

*Available*

Sunday, November 12th

*Available*

## Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford  
(Treasurer)  
Charlie Ashou  
Gus Bekahi  
Nick El Hajj  
Agopos Ghossein  
Adib Karam  
+Claude Karam  
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(Secretary)  
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+Thaddeus Rask  
Nadia Redmond  
Mitch Siekmann  
Laif Waldron

Ex Officio  
+Deacon Tony  
+Deacon Wadih

+Finance  
Committee

## Parish Events



### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Classes are for 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 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

*Healing of Our  
Mother Wound Retreat*



*December 8 - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 6:00 - 10 pm  
Saturday 8 am - 10 pm  
Sunday 8 am - 11 am*

### Conference Talks:

The mother child relationship  
the first "look of love"

The mother, first teacher of the heart,  
learn to share my heart

The mother, the first teacher  
of a relationship

The unloving mother and a human heart  
walls that block trust

The unloving mother  
and the inability to feel

From my mother to Mary,  
the Mother of Jesus

From Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to Mary, my Mother

Mary, the best of all Mothers

Contact: *Sister Mariam*

503-269-3736

Registration \$ 45

Scholarships available

*Mt Angel Retreat Center*

Rooms available if desired

\$ 190 single

\$ 314 double

# **Reflection**

## *Peter's Confession about Jesus*

Mt 16:13-20

There is speculation regarding Jesus. His thought-provoking teaching, the healing power emanating from his hands, the authoritative casting out of the demons. People talk when such things occur. They wonder. They postulate.

Our conversation begins in relatively safe territory: 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?'

Representing the plethora of opinions Jesus has spawned is easy: 'John the Baptist', 'Elijah', 'Jeremiah' 'one of the prophets'. People struggle to grasp this traveling teacher and healer. The common denominator here is prophetic. Jesus reminds many of the ancient holy men.

But then Jesus personalizes the question: 'But who do you say that I am?'

This is fundamentally different. The stakes are significantly higher. The disciples are the ones closest to Jesus. They know him better. They witnessed more. Simon Peter is something of a team captain, a spokesman. He is known for getting it wrong.

This time, however, Peter is right: 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' He is finally living up to his Jesus-given name: 'Rock'. Rockie's answer is a foundation on which Jesus can build his hell resistant, key-carrying, community.

I wonder if Peter is proud of his answer. Does his insight go to his head? Is the power to bind and loose in heaven and earth too much for this fragile ego?

If so, Jesus has put in safeguards. He reminds – no tells – Peter that this precious insight extends not from his own insight – but from heaven itself.

To be sure Peter stuck by Jesus and sometimes made good and wise observations. He assessed well. But this precious insight is nothing more – or less – than the reigning down of heaven's priceless blessing. It is the gift of God, the Father, who is at work among in these hearts, dwelling with this tiny community.

Do your homework on Jesus; make your observations; ask boldly your questions. Sometimes you will be right. At other times wrong. Know, however, that in all this the Spirit of God is at work. You do not search alone. We seek for one who wants to be found. We inquire of one who desires to be known.

And that is a truly wonderful thought for any God-seeker.



**Gibran N Zogbi**

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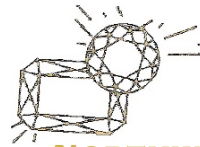
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