

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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April 23, 2017

Jesus Appears to the Disciple and Thomas



Next Sunday

Jesus Appears to the Two Disciples at Emmaus

2 Tim 2:8-13 (Timothy's Conduct)

Lk 24:13-35 (The Appearance on the Road to Emmaus)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 23rd, 10:30 am

For our Loved Ones Remember with Easter Lillies & Our First Communicants

Monday, April 24th

Available Intention

Tuesday, April 25th

Available Intention

Wednesday, April 26th

Available Intention

Thursday, April 27th

Available Intention

Friday, April 28th

Available Intention

Saturday, April 29th

Available Intention

Sunday, April 30th

40 Day Memorial for +Yvette Ghosson

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

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for April 9th-16th

Online.....\$542.00
Collection.....\$ 3,027.00
Weekly Total.....\$3,569.00

YTD Total.....\$28,066.00

YTD Goal.....\$29,536.00

YTD Difference.....-\$1,470.00

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, April 23rd

Available

Sunday, April 30th

Redmond Family

Parish Events

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (MYA)

Ages 18-35

MAY:

6th: Dinner at Bethany Public House and game night at Bethany Starbucks across the street* (**MUST RSVP**)

27th: BBQ and discussion of *Answering the Questions of Jesus* Chapters 10-11*, followed by late night basketball at Claude and Gennifer's.

JUNE:

10th: Day hiking trip TBA and discussion of final chapter of *Answering the Questions of Jesus** (**MUST RSVP**)

*Contact Claude or Gennifer Karam at **971-205-8076** or **jmjkaram3@gmail.com** to **RSVP**, get location, get PDF of chapters emailed to you, or learn about the MYA.

**JOIN US FOR
SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL, AND SERVICE EVENTS**

CONGRATULATIONS to our First Communicants!

Terese Allam
Chloe Elbitar
Maria Zogbi

Please join our parish families in congratulating our communicants, for receiving the Lord in the Blessed Eucharist this Sunday!



Community Events

April 22, 2017:

Oregon Right to Life Conference *"Life...Because Everyone Deserves a Chance".*

Featured speakers include Ryan Bomberger and Randy Alcorn! Join us Saturday, April 22, from 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM at the Portland Holiday Inn Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland. Early Registration before April 14, \$40 Adults and \$30 Seniors/Students. Call [503-463-8563](tel:503-463-8563) or go to www.ortl.org for more details and to register.

May 13, 2017:

Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Pilgrimage and Celebration

Join Archbishop Alexander Sample and the World Apostolate of Fatima Portland Division for the Fatima Centennial Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May 13th, 2017: the Feast day of Our Lady of Fatima.

Various locations will be conducting a "Pilgrimage Procession." All converging on the grounds of St. Mary's Cathedral for a Fatima Centennial Celebration with Archbishop Sample.

Come on May 13th for this Centennial event. We invite everyone to join us. Visit MaterDeiRadio.com for more information, or, call 503-784-8039 and Learn, Live and Spread Our Lady's Message.

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ABOUNA'S CORNER

NEW SUNDAY

Indeed He is Risen!

As we begin the Season of Resurrection we are given the Gospel about Thomas. Although the other apostles had told him that Jesus was alive again, he just couldn't accept it. The truth is, they couldn't. They relayed the message. This must have been a let down for the apostles, who must have been terribly excited to share the news with their friend. Thomas had missed the first time Jesus appeared to them, and now they wondered how they could convince him of what they had seen and heard.

They spoke of their own personal experience. But that was all they could do. It was up to the Lord to take care of the rest. And how did Jesus respond to Thomas' doubt? He met him where he was. He appeared to him personally and invited him to touch his wounds. That was all Thomas needed. This one encounter, this one piece of undeniable evidence, helped him make the leap to a new and deeper faith: Jesus wasn't just a dead man who came back to life. He truly was Lord and God!

Thomas was so deeply convinced about Jesus that he devoted the rest of his life to spreading the good news far and wide, all the way to India. At times we are Thomas, we doubt because we haven't had the kind of reassurance we need from the Lord, at times we are the disciples, trying desperately to convince others of our experience of God acting in our lives. The key to this Gospel is that the Lord was the one who proves himself to each of us. He acts in ways that we see, if we have the eyes of faith to believe.

Our prayer for this week should look something like this: *"Dear Lord, I thank you for the spiritual virtue of faith that you placed in my heart. Though I don't see you physically, I believe in you. I ask that in moments where I struggle you find me through the words and actions of those around me, and enflame my heart. In return, I promise to be your mouth, your hands, your heart in the world when you need to speak through me to those around me. Amen."*



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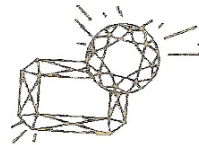
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