

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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April 30, 2017 Jesus Appears to the Two Disciples at Emmaus



Next Sunday Jesus Appears to the Disciples at Sea Heb 13:18-25 (Final Exhortation, Greetings, Blessings) Jn 21:1-14 (The Appearance to the 7 Disciples)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for April 16th-23rd

Online.....\$375.00 Collection.....\$2,537.00 Weekly Total.....\$2,912.00

YTD Total	\$30,978.00
YTD Goal	\$31,382.00

YTD Difference......\$404.00

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 30th, 10:30 am 40 Day Memorial for +Yvette Ghosson

Monday, May 1st Available Intention

Tuesday, May 2nd Available Intention

Wednesday, May 3rd Available Intention

<u>Thursday, May 4th</u> Available Intention

<u>Friday, May 5th</u> Available Intention

<u>Saturday, May 6th</u> Available Intention

<u>Sunday, May 7th</u> Available Intention

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 Sponsorship

Sunday, April 30th Redmond Family Sunday, May 7th Available

Parish Events

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (MYA)

Ages 18-35

MAY:

5th: Dinner at Bethany Public House and game night at Bethany Starbuck's 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

For Sacrament Preparation and Angel Scouts

*Grades 1-6 *Last day for 2016-17 school year is Sunday, April 30th *Classes will resume in September

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Community Events



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2017-2018 Scholarship applications Deadline is May 15, 2017

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54th Annual Convention

St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church Greenville, South Carolina June 28 – July 2, 2017 **Pre-registration deadline: June 5, 2017**

Website: http://www.namnews.org/index.php?page=nam2017

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 Centannial Plgrimage to St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May 13th, 2017: the Feast day of Our Lady of Fatima.

Various locations will be conducting a "Pilgramage 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 <u>MaterDeiRadio.com</u> for more information, or, call 503-784-8039 and Learn, Live and Spread Our Lady's Message.

ABOUNA'S CORNER

Road To Emmmaus Gospel of Luke 24:13-35

Brothers and Sisters,

Don't you wish you could have been there when Cleopas and his friend were walking to Emmaus?

Wouldn't it have been exciting to hear Jesus interpreting the Scriptures for them and to see the flash of recognition in their eyes when he broke bread with them? Well, in a sense, we can "be there." Jesus' word can cause our hearts to burn, and bring us to the place where we recognize him. How is this possible? Because the Scriptures do more than teach us about Jesus—they bring him to us.

As many times as we hear the Scriptures read on Sundays, it's good to be reminded that they aren't just words on a page. As St. Paul taught, they are "living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12). Because they are inspired by God, they are filled with his presence. They have the Spirit's power to bring us his wisdom, peace, and joy—if only we make the effort to hear them with faith!

These two disciples had to walk a long way with Jesus before they recognized him—and sometimes we do too. When we hear the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass, we can't just assume that we have received everything we need from them. It's so much better to listen carefully and try to imagine that we are there—in Galilee, in Jerusalem, or wherever—hearing Jesus speak to us. We should try to put aside any distractions, and listen for what Jesus may want to say to us personally.

In all of this, we can take comfort in knowing that the Holy Spirit is at work as well, pouring out the grace not only to help us hear the word but to make it bear fruit in our lives. We spend our early lives learning how to pray to God, but this Gospel is inviting us to learn to look for God, to recognize him in our lives. He comes to us in so many ways – Sacred Scripture, the guidance of a priest; but so too in silence after prayer, or through the word spoken to us through a friend.

Our prayer this week: Lord Jesus, help me to recognize you when you are right by my side, don't let me miss your words to me, whether in Scripture or from a brother or sister"

God bless you, Abouna Christopher



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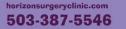
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