

# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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# August 27, 2017 13th Sunday of Pentecost



# Next Sunday 14th Sunday of Pentecost

1Thes 2:1-13 (Paul's Ministry Among Them)
Lk 10:38-42 (Martha And Mary)

### **Your Gifts To God**

Offering Report for August 13th - 20th

Online.....\$145.00 Collection.....\$430.00 Weekly Total.....\$575.00

YTD Total.....\$58,275.00 YTD Goal....\$62,764.00

YTD Difference.....\$4,489.00

# **Liturgy Intentions**

Sunday, August 27th, 10:30 am +Bishop Robert Shaheen

Monday, August 28th
Unavailable Intention

<u>Tuesday, August 29th</u> *Unavailable Intention* 

Wednesday, August 30th
Unavailable Intention

Thursday, August 31st Elaina Graham

Friday, September 1st

Brandon Graham

Saturday, September 2nd Steve Graham

Sunday, September 3rd +Bishop Robert Shaheen

Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:00 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, August 27th

Redmond Family **Sunday, September 3rd** 

Available

Parish Council

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

Ex Officio +Deacon Tony +Deacon Wadih

### **Parish Events**

#### **Altar Sponsorships**

Just a quick reminder...

# Contact Ann Marentette to schedule Altar Sponsorships. Her email is: abmarentette@gmail.com

- •Your gift is a love offering, with the minimum gift being \$30 (Somewhere between \$50-60 is my guess about the break even point for us) Again, there is no set amount, everyone has different means, so offer what you will.
- You can make your offering on the website, or you can put a check in the collection plate, just note on the check or envelope what it is for (Altar Support.)
- •The big Sundays are Easter and Christmas, but also Mother's Day and Feast Days (i.e. St. Sharbel Feast, Ephipany, Holy Cross, Immaculate Conception, etc.) *Those are available on first come first serve basis*. We spend more on flowers those days, so bear in mind in considering your offering for that week's sponsorship.
- •If you want a florist to do the flowers for a big weekend, work with Ann to coordinate.
- •Just like mass intentions, there might be weeks where no one signs up. It would be ideal for people to sign up for every Sunday, but we are inviting you to take the initiative to sign up.

# **Community Events**

**Married Singles Lifestyle** –The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Sept 29-Oct 1, 2017, call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org







#### REFELECTION

#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEASON

Mt 16:13-20

What does this story tell us? Jesus wasn't just asking a rhetorical question. He wanted a response to his question who am I for you? He had spent time with people and some have accepted him. Peter's was the remark of faith. Faith is in the person of Jesus before any creed. Our faith is based on Jesus not on the church. It is knowing Jesus from the inside – knowing who he really is with the knowledge of the heart.

The name of that openness to God's love on the part of the people is "faith." Is our faith just like a birthmark or a way of life and love?

For some it is just a birthmark. A label for birth, marriage and death. It has become more like this in Ireland and the church in many ways allows this. The church is the body of people here for Christ, concerned intimately with whatever concerns people.

Who is Christ for me? The question that will ground our faith.

Christ is bigger than the church, and God is bigger than Christ. We are here for partnership with the Lord in bringing on the reign of God.

What would that look like? That people who care for each other and particularly for the old, the child, the weaker, the unborn and the refugee. The church is the community where the weakest are welcomed.

The son of the living God is the one who heals, cures, wants us, and is the human face of God. We are that too – he has no body now on earth but ours!



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