



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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September 3, 2017

14th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

15th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thes 1:1-10 (Greetings/Thanksgiving for Their Faith)

Lk 7:36-50 (The Pardon of the Sinful Woman)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, September 3rd, 10:30 am

+Bishop Robert Shaheen

Monday, September 4th

Kayla Barton

Tuesday, September 5th

Elaina Graham

Wednesday, September 6th

Stephanie Nickerson

Thursday, September 7th

Tami Graham

Friday, September 8th

Rhonda & Steven Graham

Saturday, September 9th

Pattie Graham

Sunday, September 10th

+Ron Graham

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.

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for August 20th - 27th

Online.....\$820.00

Collection.....\$703.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,523.00

YTD Total.....\$59,798.00

YTD Goal.....\$64,610.00

YTD Difference.....-\$4,812.00

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, September 3rd

Available

Sunday, September 10th

Available

+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

+Finance
Committee

Parish Events

Pray For Texas

We have all seen some of the harrowing scenes coming out of Texas as aftermath of the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. As Christians, we are called to help our brothers and sisters in times of need. Therefore we will have a second collection this Sunday which will go to the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Below are some other ways that you can help.

Catholic Charities USA - the national agency of Catholic Charities around the country - is leading the Church's response to the hurricane efforts. They are assessing the situation, accepting donations, and working closely with Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston. They've asked for people to do the following:

Pray: *God of hope and mercy, we lift up to you all victims of Hurricane Harvey, and those responding with assistance and aid. Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to all those in need; strengthen the weary; console the grieving and heal the suffering; and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of goodwill to respond with compassion and generous hearts. Amen.*

Give: *Help relief efforts in wake of Hurricane Harvey by texting CCUSADISASTER to 71777. You can also give by calling [1-800-919-9338](tel:1-800-919-9338), visiting www.catholiccharitiesusa.org or by mail: **PO Box 17066 Baltimore, MD 21297-1066** (put "Hurricane Harvey" in the memo line of the check). Funds raised will go towards local Catholic Charities agencies' efforts to assist families and individuals with shelter, food, and other immediate and long-term recovery needs.*

At this time, Catholic Charities Oregon does not have the infrastructure or capacity to collect, store and send donated items to the victims in Texas. Monetary gifts are needed most. Please consider making a financial gift directly to Catholic Charities USA to assist their effort in aiding our neighbors in the Houston area."

Community Events

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery'. This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. So many headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a weekend. Retrouvaille is not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with the weekend on Sept 29-Oct 1, 2017, please call [1-503-225-9191](tel:1-503-225-9191) or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

House Bill 3391 Forces Abortion Coverage and Expands Taxpayer-Funded Abortion

The day after our country celebrated Independence Day, the Oregon State Legislature passed a bill that has more to do with force than it does with freedom. House Bill 3391, which has now been signed into law by Governor Brown, forces insurance companies to cover abortion agenda that does not enjoy majority support.

By insisting on complete insurance coverage of abortion, including late-term and sex-selective abortions, the legislature and the Governor show intolerance of widely held opposing views and will compel thousands of Oregonians to support what their conscience rejects.

Oregonians opposed to House Bill 3391 should lend their support to the Stop Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. This measure needs 117,000 signatures to qualify as an initiative for the 2018 election.

Visit www.stopthefunding.org to sign the petition and find out how you can help reverse some of the harmful effects of the current legislation that implements and expands taxpayer funding for abortion.

~Todd Cooper, Oregon Catholic Conference

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REFELECTION

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEASON

Heeding the Word (Martha & Mary)

LK 10:38-42

The contrast is between two types of food, both of which we need in life.

A principal part of christian life is our listening to the word of God like Mary. That's where we find the motivation to find God in the pots and pans and ordinariness, where most of us spend our lives, like Martha.

Someone said – 'my children have left home, now I can serve the Lord!' If she had listened to the word, she would have known that in loving her children she served God!

Listen in peace – Martha was warned about fretting and worry. The quality of her cooking was not in question! The better part is to listen so that we can work in service of others with love. Love grows at the feet of the Lord.

Otherwise our service can be grudging. Why should I do it all? Or self-serving – look how lovely my tea is! Or fussy – 'go on, go on, go on, have another cup'. Prayer teaches us to serve others with love.

Jesus reveals himself everywhere and in everyone. But our ears are attuned by prayer with him. We learn his language and listen. If we spend time at his feet, we will be helped to recognize him everywhere.

So the lady in question – she had served God all her life. She had the prayer part. If we give time to the better part – listening in prayer, then we will find the better part in service too, while knowing our service is valued.



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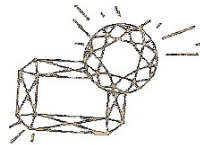
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