



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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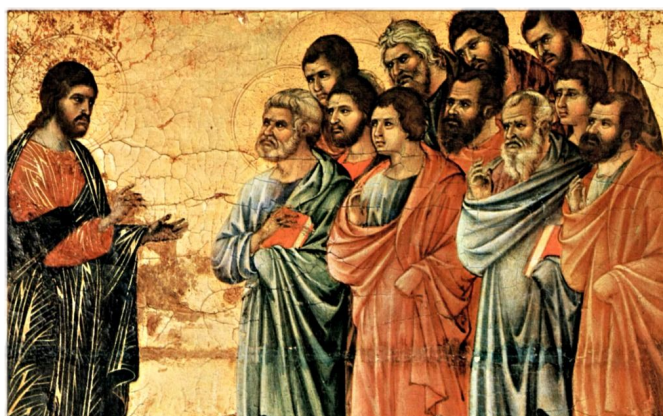
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June 17, 2018

The Calling of the Apostles



Next Sunday

The Sending Out of the Apostles

1 Cor 12:12-13, 27-30 (One Body, Many Parts/
Application to Christ)

Mt 10:16-25 (Coming Persecutions)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 3rd -9th

Online.....\$1,080.00

Collection.....\$500.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,580.00

YTD Total.....\$40,198.68

YTD Goal.....\$42,458.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,259.32**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 17th, 10:30 am

Available

Monday, June 18th

Available

Tuesday, June 19th

Available

Wednesday, June 20th

Available

Thursday, June 21st

Available

Friday, June 22nd

Available

Saturday, June 23rd

Available

Sunday, June 24th

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, June 17th

Available

Sunday, June 24th

Redmond Family

Parish Events



Lebanese Food Festival Sponsorship



Interested in Sponsoring the Food Festival? Send us your logo and business information and we will prominently display it on the banner at the festival. Please contact Gladys Allam alunui3r@frontier.com or Katherine Mofitt at moffittkatherinea@gmail.com if you're interested. Sponsorships are available to all parishioners and any referrals from parishioners. The deadline for all sponsors is Monday July 9th. For your convenience, the sponsor form is attached to the original email.

Community Events

Regina Caeli Academy 2018-2019

Come join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy (www.rcahybrid.org) provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3- 12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes taught by trained tutors two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Lesson plans for home days are included and optimized for in-home education. Location: 2710 NE 65th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98661. For enrollment information, or to schedule a tour of our facility (by appointment only), please contact our admissions representative at admissions@rcahybrid.org or (470) 239-0259.

WANT AN EXTRAORDINARY WAY TO LIVE OUT YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT THE POWER OF FAITH, HOPE & LOVE?

Check out Project Aurora, a unique ministry whose mission is mending lives affected by abortion. An informative introductory workshop and orientation will be presented in three separate locations to introduce the curious and the serious to Project Aurora's work of providing Rachel's Vineyard™ post-abortion healing retreat services in Oregon.

Yes! You can become one of the compassionate pieces of this exceptional healing ministry serving those who are experiencing the after-math of abortion.

LAKE OSWEGO – July 21, 2018 Our Lady of the Lake parish center
EUGENE – August 18, 2018 St. Mary's Catholic Church parish center
GRANTS PASS – September 15, 2018 Taprock Grill

For detailed information and to pre-register please go to our website www.Project-Aurora.org or email ProjectAurora@aol.com/ Registration is requested but not required.

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2018 SAINT SHARBEL LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

COME ENJOY A BITE OF LEBANESE CULTURE!

Kids activities, games and fun for the whole family!



July 14th & 15th
Saturday Noon–9pm
Sunday Noon–5pm

A SHOWCASE OF AUTHENTIC LEBANESE CUISINE & MUSIC

- Hummus
- Fattouch Salad
- Falafel
- Chicken/Lamb Shawarma
- Chicken Skewers
- Rice
- Manakish Zaatar (ground thyme with sesame seed)
- Elephant Ears
- Desserts

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Reflection

The Calling of the Apostles

On this Sunday we continue to commemorate the full descent of the life-giving Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and disciples on the day of Pentecost. All things that Christ had promised are completed in the same Spirit Who strengthened the Apostles to bear witness to Christ. In today's gospel reading Christ commissions His Apostles to do as He does in His mercy of healing, exorcizing and cleansing those in need of His help. Christ, our Almighty God, commissions His Apostles not because He is limited, but He wishes His works of mercy to be spread upon the earth through humans so that they may participate in His dispensation. In Christ's infinite love He wished that these deeds of mercy not end when His Apostles died, but that His Apostles should be succeeded by the bishops and priests of the Church to continue these works by the same Spirit Who ordains them.

Being the Almighty Lord, God is not made any less by giving to us. In fact, He wishes to enrich us if we ask of His wealth. Though God is very mysterious and incomprehensible because of His infinite being, He wished to make Himself accessible throughout the ages so He established the Church and commission her ministers as we recall in our prayers:

He who chose for Himself priests on Earth, set them in authority over the treasury of His kingdom, and in their hands placed the keys to His treasury so that they may distribute His riches to the poor.

(From the Maronite Prayers for Wednesday Night)

The riches of the treasury of God the prayer speaks of are the mercy of God given through His Holy Mysteries, the sacraments, which the Holy Spirit allows the priests to perform. As the Syriac Father Narsai states, at Mass even the holiest layman cannot call the Spirit down to make the bread and wine the Body and Blood of Christ unless he is a priest for priests have been ordained to this sacred duty. It is not because priests are worthy that they can perform the sacraments, but because God loves His people and wishes to give them a normal and known way of regularly receiving His mercy – what better way than to receive eternal life and the forgiveness of sins through His Body and Blood, the Eucharist. And just as Christ commissioned His Apostles to go out and heal, He gave them the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Penance so that they may make us well.

The same power Christ gave to His Apostles continues to be given to the priests of the Church through the Holy Spirit so that we may all receive healing, both physical and spiritual. In fact, the Syriac Fathers often refer to the Apostles as the “Twelve Physicians” and the priests continue to exercise that role today. The Light of the World, Jesus Christ, wishes that we be able to see Him, and so “Twelve Lamps that burn the oil of the Holy Spirit were sent from the Upper Room to all the corners. They illumined the peoples in the darkness of idolatry” (From the Maronite Prayers for Sunday Morning). The priests of the Church are the new lamps, equipped with the same Holy Spirit, who are sent out in the love and mercy of God to enrich us with the treasures of heaven. Let us gladly receive from Him what He has sent us for our own salvation and flourishing.



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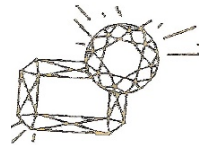
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