

# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## June 24, 2018

### The Sending Out of the Apostles



**Next Sunday**

*The Mission of the 72 Disciples*

**2 Cor 3:1-6** (Ministers of a New Covenant)

**Lk 10:1-7** (The Mission of the 72)

## Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 10th -16th

Online.....\$420.00

Collection.....\$1,328.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,748.00

YTD Total.....\$41,946.68

YTD Goal.....\$44,304.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,357.32**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 24th, 10:30 am

*+John and Farrel Kleem*

Monday, June 25th

*Available*

Tuesday, June 26th

*Available*

Wednesday, June 27th

*Available*

Thursday, June 28th

*Available*

Friday, June 29th

*Available*

Saturday, June 30th

*Available*

Sunday, July 1st

*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 24th

Redmond Family

Sunday, July 1st

Available

## 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](mailto:alunui3r@frontier.com) or Katherine Mofitt at [moffittkatherinea@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:admissions@rcahybrid.org) or (470) 239-0259.

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### **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](http://www.Project-Aurora.org) or email [ProjectAurora@aol.com](mailto:ProjectAurora@aol.com)/ Registration is requested but not required.

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# 2018 SAINT SHARBEL LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

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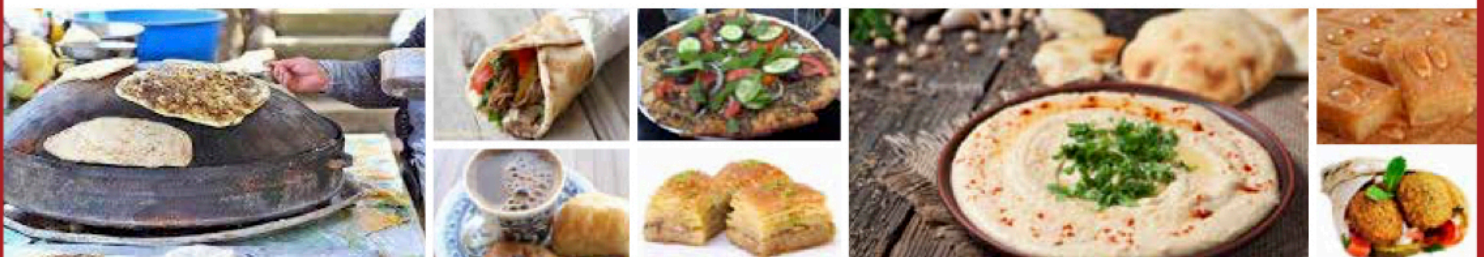


July 14th & 15th  
Saturday Noon–9pm  
Sunday Noon–5pm

## 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 Sending Out of the Apostles*

Christ is the Truth, and in Him is no falsehood. “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves” (Matt. 10:16) is the warning He gives to His disciples as He sends them into the world. Christ warns of the persecution that will come to those who follow Him, being beaten by one’s own community, betrayed by one’s own friends, and put on trial. This is certainly a frightening prospect! Jesus is not sugarcoating the potential danger of being a Christian. Perhaps we do not see this so explicitly in contemporary America, but there’s definitely social ridicule and ostracizing that comes with being Christian. But why would He ask this of us?

The answer can be found in the very name we call ourselves – Christian. We are those who follow Christ. We believe that Christ is the one and only Almighty God Who existed before all things and created all things. He has more power than imaginable – He created the vast stars of the heavens and the great raging oceans and every animal. He revealed His power to us throughout history – He split the Red Sea before Moses and sent a column of fire from heaven to stop Israel’s enemies. The signs of His power are endlessly listed in the Bible, as well as everything we observe in the world. Yet in spite of His omnipotence, He voluntarily descended from His throne in the heavens and became a child so poor His parents put Him in animals’ manger in a cave. He did this because He saw the sin of humanity which tarnished His image in us and in His love did not wish to see us suffer the ultimate pain – separation from Him, in Whom all find completion. So He became weak that He might give us His strength by uniting His divinity with our humanity, and destroy sin by His death. Though many taunted Him and questioned Him, He remained steadfast in His mission. Even at the last moment the crowd at His crucifixion mocked Him by saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself” (Mark 15:29-39).

The wisdom of the world would have you think if you have power you should use it. The crowd doubted Christ’s divinity at His death because He did not come off the cross. But it is precisely that Christ could suffer on the cross that makes Him so great. A tyrant or dictator must constantly show their force to the world for people to continue respecting them. A dignified leader knows the authority he has, and as such acts because he knows what is right, not because he must evoke a certain public image. Christ, being the true King of All, chooses to die in humility so that we might have life. Likewise for us, Christ says, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matt. 16:24-25).

It is in selfless humility governed by love that we imitate Christ, Who lowered Himself to be weak even though He has all the power in the universe. Christ could have destroyed His crucifiers on the cross and all who insulted Him. In fact, there is a Syriac hymn verse for Good Friday about how all the angelic armies in heaven were about to descend with lightning and fire upon those who harmed their Lord. But Christ told them to stop. And by Christ’s example of power in humility at least two men converted there – the Good Thief on His right, who moments before taunted Him, and Longinus, the soldier who pierced His side with a lance but then proclaimed that He was truly the Son of God. By a mere show of strength, there would be no one left. Instead Christ chooses to love and give opportunity for love to be returned, which is why He instructs us to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors (Matt. 5:44). By participating in Christ’s meekness and love we participate in His almightiness.



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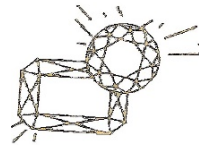
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