

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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July 8, 2018

The Spirituality of God's Messenger



Next Sunday

The Mission of God's Messenger

2 Cor 5:20-6:10 (The Ministry of Reconciliation)

Lk 4:14-21 (The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry/
The Rejection at Nazareth)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 24th -30th

Online.....\$930.00

Collection.....\$304.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,234.00

YTD Total.....\$44,699.68

YTD Goal.....\$47,996.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$3,296.32**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 8th, 10:30 am

+Merle James Myers

Monday, July 9th

Available

Tuesday, July 10th

Available

Wednesday, July 11th

Available

Thursday, July 12th

Available

Friday, July 13th

Available

Saturday, July 14th

Available

Sunday, July 15th

Peter Zogbi

***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, July 8th

Available

Sunday, July 15th

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.

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Food Festival Sign Up

We have a food sign up to help with supplies for the food festival. Please Sign up in the google doc below if you can help. Supplies need to be to the church by Sunday, July 8.

SIGN UP HERE

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jHxKp1iUp5uIVjCKAfWHhjw9qkT9EWmggcuqkVFIYY/edit?usp=sharing>

Community Events

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.

2018 SAINT SHARBEL LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

COME ENJOY A BITE OF LEBANESE CULTURE!

Kids activities, games and fun for the whole family!

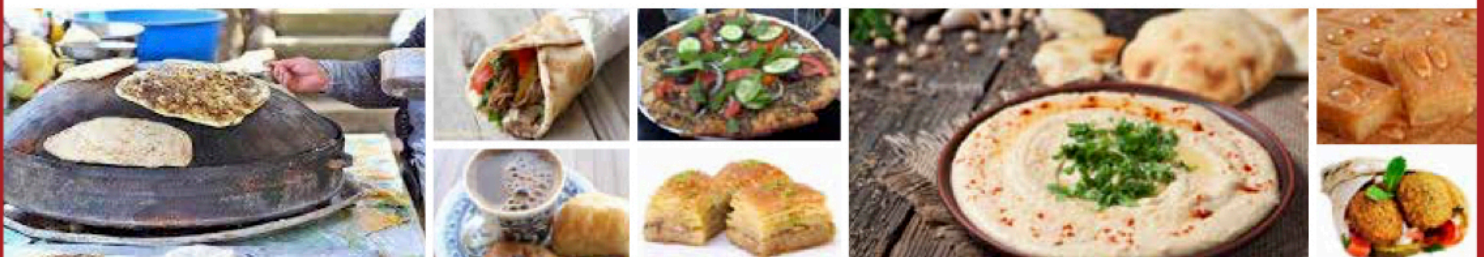


July 14th & 15th
Saturday Noon–9pm
Sunday Noon–5pm

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 Spirituality of God's Messenger

Mt 12:14-21

Jesus is becoming a figure of controversy. We saw how he was accused by Pharisees of condoning the breaking of the sabbath on the part of his disciples. Far from apologizing, Jesus defended his followers and implied that he himself was greater than the Law. Immediately afterwards he went to a synagogue and, in spite of a challenge about healing on the sabbath, went ahead and cured a physically handicapped man.

At the end of this story, Matthew says, “The Pharisees went out and began to plot against him, discussing how to destroy him.” He was seen as a severe threat to their authority. And that is where our reading begins today.

Jesus was fully aware of their plotting and so he disappeared from sight for a while. We should be clear that Jesus did not go out of his way to confront and attack people. Still less was his behavior deliberately designed to create trouble for himself. There are people like that; they go out of their way to make trouble for others and for themselves. Jesus never behaved in such a way. He did not want to attack or be attacked by certain people. He did not deliberately engineer his own sufferings and death; quite the contrary. So now, as things get hot for him, he withdraws for a while.

At this point, Matthew, who, we remember is writing for a Jewish readership, shows how Jesus' behavior corresponds to a prophecy in the Old Testament. This is something he does a number of times.

The passage is from the prophet Isaiah (42:1-4) and it shows Jesus as full of the Spirit of God campaigning for justice for peoples everywhere. He is the servant whom God has chosen, “my beloved in whom I delight”. He is no demagogue shouting from a soapbox. “He will not contend or cry out, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.” He moves around quietly and, at the same time, is tolerant and understanding of the weak. His behavior is described beautifully as, “The bruised reed he will not crush; the smoldering wick he will not quench.”

We, too, are called to live and proclaim the Gospel without compromise but to do so without any taint of arrogance or bullying and, at the same time, with patience and understanding for those who are not yet ready to answer Jesus' call.



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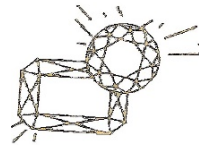
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