



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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October 14th, 2018

Fifth Sunday After the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

Sixth Sunday After the Holy Cross

Gal 6:1-10 (Life in the Community of Christ)

Mt 25:14-30 (The Parable of the Talents)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for September 30th - October 6th

Online.....\$420.00

Collection.....\$1,406.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,826.00

YTD Total.....\$70,289.94

YTD Goal.....\$73,876.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$3,586.06**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 14th, 10:30 am

Hanna and Souad Bassily

Monday, October 15th

TheresAnne HauDuc Nguyen

Tuesday, October 16th

Available

Wednesday, October 17th

Available

Thursday, October 18th

Available

Friday, October 19th

Available

Saturday, October 20th

Available

Sunday, October 21st

+Josephe Atie

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, October 14th

Available

Sunday, October 21st

Redmond Family

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)

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Gus Bekahi

Nick El Hajj

Agopos Ghossein

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+Claude Karam

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(Secretary)

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+Thaddeus Rask

Nadia Redmond

Mitch Siekmann

Laif Waldron

Ex Officio

+Deacon Tony

+Deacon Wadih

+Finance Committee

Parish Events



Fall Dinner Shift Sign Ups

We are in need of people to help work the Fall Dinner Fundraiser. There are two shifts for the dinner on October 28. Each shift has twelve spots. You can sign up to help at the link below. Shifts are:

Sunday 8:00am-1:00pm

Sunday 1:00-6:00pm

Please Sign Up at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qavCKpJPB4elc3N5Na2wqGvWntthA9VBA1mDfP7dzHo/edit?usp=sharing>

The Cedars!

The Schedule is being re-worked and therefore will not appear in bulletin this week, but be aware that the Cedars Youth Group will be starting soon!

Who: Anyone ages 13-18 (ish) interested in building friendships, participating in important and relevant discussions, having fun, and most importantly, following Jesus!

What: Saint Sharbel's Cedars is a group of young people, inspired by our Lord's call to be His disciples, who will meet twice a month for sessions which teach us about our identity as followers of Christ, service to others, and social activities.

Facilitated by Maroun Maroun and Gennifer Karam, Please contact Gennifer or Maroun directly to register.

Sunday School Program

Sunday School classes started September 30, 2018 for grades 1st-6th. Classes start at 9:15 am till 10:15 am.

To register your child(ren) for classes, please complete the registration form (attached as pdf to original email).

Contact Nadia Redmond for further information, phone: 503-671-0440 or email: n.redmond@comcast.net



Community Events



October 13th, 2018: Marian Retreat Day with Archbishop Alexander Sample

Holy Rosary Church & Siena Hall: 375 NE Clackamas St., Portland, OR 97232

101st Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima "The Miracle of the Sun"

All Marian Groups and the Faithful are invited to attend a Marian Retreat Day at Holy Rosary Church hosted by the **Portland Archdiocese Division of The World Apostolate of Fatima**.

08:00am – 08:30am: Continental Breakfast (Siena Hall)

08:45am – 10:15am: Marian Conference #1 (Siena Hall)
"Mother and Pure Image of the Church: The Role of Our Lady in Times of Crisis"
Father Vincent Kelber, OP – Pastor of Holy Rosary Church

10:30am – 11:00am: Rosary and Confessions (Holy Rosary Church)

11:00am – 12:00pm: Holy Mass (Holy Rosary Church)
Archbishop Alexander Sample – Presiding with Homily

12:00pm – 01:15pm: Angelus / Lunch (Siena Hall)
Archbishop Alexander Sample in attendance

01:30pm – 03:00pm: Marian Conference #2 (Siena Hall)
"How to Pray the Rosary & Assimilate it in Our Lives"
 (An interactive session will follow the conference topic with Father Sergott facilitating)
Father Joseph Sergott, OP – Director of the Rosary Center

03:00pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Siena Hall)

There is no registration required. A Free Will offering will be accepted. For more information, phone Mary at 503-914-8411, or Norma (en Espanol) 503-807-9956. Please send an email if you are planning to attend: brenda.wafpdx@gmail.com

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Volunteer with the Catholic Charities' Save First Financial Wellness as a Financial Coach! Help us support families in the making a positive financial change. Join us for a Volunteer Financial Coach training on November 7th from 9am-12pm at the Catholic Charities Clark Family Center. Refreshments will be provided. Interested? Please contact Katie Earley at katie@SaveFirstFinancial.org or 503-688-2575.

Portland Life Chain will be on October 28th, Sunday, 2:30 pm - 4 pm, in front of Planned Parenthood Center at 3727 NE MLK Jr. Blvd, Portland, Oregon. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. Bring your whole family! Rosaries, lawn chairs, strollers, umbrellas are welcome and encouraged! This event is organized by Oregon Knights of Columbus. For more info, please contact Tony D'Silva at spx.koc.forlife@gmail.com.

Reflection

MT 25:1-13

The Parable of the 10 Virgins

With the Parable of the Virgins, this Sunday, the theme of being alert and prepared, in the Gospel of Matthew continues to be our main theme for this holy season of the Cross. However a new accent is added to it – the preparation is for a wedding, that is: for joy!

Faith and love are the images used here in the Gospel of Matthew as the oil in the lamp: the lamps of our hearts. This oil can run out: thus the caution. Joy, a pure grace from God, is not contrasted with the shortage of oil, rather, Saint Matthew hints that our individual faith and love by themselves may not be enough for revealing Christ to the world.

The lesson on faith-shortage can be understood in daily life in terms of the inability of anyone to substitute for the faith of another. We all have to carry and generate our own faith from day to day. Joy, however, wells-up as a running fountain by itself – it comes from an overflow of love. It is the faith and love generated by the power of the grace of Christ – the oil of Christ – that spills out into joy as it becomes more fervent; and then there is more to share!

We should encourage joy by being heralds of joy! My prayer for us all is that we increase the quality of our companionship: in acts of common prayer and praise which happen in our homes and in our church; in cooperative works of stewardship through the events we sponsor; in shared festivities of joy of meals shared and parties plans all the while making sure that more than just our close friends are invited.

Throughout this we must remember the central role that Our Lord Jesus Christ, plays by the outpouring of his love that comes to us as our faith and love we receive through the Sacraments – the oil – as Our True Giver of Joy. It is the way Christ is present to us through the Church, and through our faith that is nourished by it, that makes the final wedding festivity – and our joy – possible.

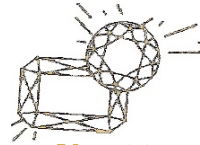
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