

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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October 21, 2018

Sixth Sunday After the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

Seventh Sunday After the Holy Cross

Rom 12:9-21 (Mutual Love)

Mt 25:31-46 (The Judgement of the Nations)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for October 7th - 13th

Online.....\$1,060.00

Collection.....\$713.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,773.00

YTD Total.....\$72,062.94

YTD Goal.....\$75,722.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$3,659.06**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 21st, 10:30 am

+Joseph Ate

Monday, October 22nd

Liesel and Tom Hickey

Tuesday, October 23rd

Available

Wednesday, October 24th

Available

Thursday, October 25th

Available

Friday, October 26th

Available

Saturday, October 27th

Available

Sunday, October 28th

+Mary J. Walsh

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 21st

Redmond Family

Sunday, October 28th

Available

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)

Charlie Ashou

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



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>



Attention all young men and women,

come check out St. Sharbel's new youth group,

The Cedars!



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

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

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.

Where/When: All Cedars sessions are held at the St. Sharbel Church upstairs classroom immediately following the mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:45 am - 1:30 pm, unless otherwise indicated. All meetings, social activities and service events are announced ahead of time through email announcements and church announcements.

Save the Dates! Here's our tentative Cedars Schedule for 2018-2019:

***Please make sure to give your email address and cell number to Gennifer Karam in order to be on the email list for up to date reminders and possible changes to this schedule.

November 11: Session 2: Come and See

November 25: Session 3: Cedars of Saint Sharbel Matinee: A movie TBA

December 16: Breakfast with Santa - Cedars Service Activity for the Church. More info to come.

January 13: Session 3: Real Friends

January 27: Session 4: Follow Me

February 10: Session 6: The Cost

February 23: Cedars Snow Day! Snow intertubing on Mt. Hood - Please note this is a SATURDAY. More information to come.

March 9: Session 7: Undecided Topic TBA

March 24: Session 8: Undecided Topic TBA

April 28: Session 9: City of Jerusalem Presentation

May 12: End of the Year Bowling Excursion.

As most of you are now aware, our friend and brother Tom Rask, lifelong member of our parish, passed into eternal rest Monday night. Funeral arrangements have been made and details are below...

Tom Rask, Sr.

Tuesday, October 23, 2019
Rosary at St. Mary Cathedral -
9:30AM
Funeral at 10:00AM

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



Community Events

Tired of living paycheck to paycheck? Attend a Save First Financial Wellness half-day workshop to learn about money management. You will learn about saving money, debt reduction, budgeting and building credit. The cost is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. The cost covers registration fee and class materials (scholarships are available). Sign up for an upcoming workshop from 9 AM to 12:30 PM on Sat., Nov. 3 or Sat., Dec. 1st. Workshops take place at Catholic Charities' Clark Family Center at 2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland, OR 97202. To register, call 503.688.2596 or email Emily@SaveFirstFinancial.org.

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.

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Reflection

Mt 2:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

There must be a higher reason and purpose on why we are borne. There is a reason for our being and purpose for our becoming. In the gospel reading, we are reminded of our talents that God has given us and how responsible have we been with the development and fruition of our God-given talents.

The parable of the talents that the Lord Jesus has shared with his disciples is still relevant to us today. The master in our gospel account has entrusted to his servants his possessions with clear instructions. Did we make good out of what was given to us? What did we do with what God has entrusted us? Did we use our talents for our good and for others' good? Did we grow, develop, and improve ourselves from where we used to be? Did we make use of our giftedness and share these gifts with others?

Have we grown as better persons with the help of these talents? Do we see the difference of our past life to our present life? Am I like the servant in the gospel who invested what the master has given me or the servant who kept and hid the talent so that others may not get it? Am I the lazy and useless servant who did not do anything for the development of the talents that his master has given him?

As a family person and community figure, have I become a better leader or manager? Have we helped improve the lives of others? Have we made use of our talents for family and community building? Have we accepted and owned our talents and have not become envious of others' talents? Have we become better parents to our children or better children to our parents? Have we become good leaders of a group or a good friend to the neighborhood? Because if we have done any good for what we have, even the little talent that we have will be taken back for there is no use for it. Have we pursued and reached the maxim of our commitment and resolve?

These are concerns that the gospel has exhorted and the disciples had to reckon with. If we do not do anything with what we have, we may have regrets someday because there will be wailing and grinding of teeth for useless and purposeless servants. We have to do something good from what the Lord has given us. So that when the time comes when we meet the one true Master, he will say to us: "Well done, good and faithful servants."

Let us pray, reflect and ask ourselves:

Have I really done what is expected of me?

Did I share selflessly the talents, skills and gifts that I have in building God's reign?

Have I grown as a person and as a Christian?

Am I a good and faithful servant and child of God?

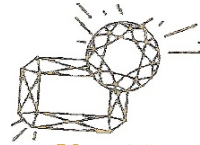
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