



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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October 7th, 2018

Fourth Sunday After the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday After the Holy Cross

Phil 2:12-18 (Obedience and Service in the World)

Mt 25:1-13 (The Parable of the 10 Virgins)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 7th, 10:30 am

+ Yvonne Foulia

Monday, October 8th

Available

Tuesday, October 9th

Available

Wednesday, October 10th

Available

Thursday, October 11th

Available

Friday, October 12th

Available

Saturday, October 13th

Available

Sunday, October 14th

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.

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for September 23rd - 29th

Online.....\$1,260.00

Collection.....\$718.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,978.00

YTD Total.....\$68,463.94

YTD Goal.....\$72,030.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$3,566.06**

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, October 7th

Torker Family

Sunday, October 14th

Available

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)

Charlie Ashou

Gus Bekahi

Nick El Hajj

Agopos Ghossein

Adib Karam

+Claude Karam

Anne Marentette
(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>



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 basement 7:00 to 9:15 pm, usually on Friday evenings, unless otherwise indicated. Social Activities and Service Events are to be 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.

October 12: First meeting - Session 1: Why Are You Here?

October 26: Session 2: Dark Angels and the Light of Christ

November 9: Session 3: Communication

November 30: Cedars Movie Night at St. Sharbel. Movie TBA, 7:00 showtime.

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

January 11: Session 4: Follow Me

January 25: Session 5: Modern Media: Screens Part 1

February 8: Session 6: Modern Media: Screens Part 2

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

March 9: Season of Great Lent Session 7: Pray Unceasingly (THIS IS ON A SATURDAY DUE TO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY EVENING)

April 26: Easter Friday Session 8 - "City of Jerusalem"

May 10: End of the Year Bowling Excursion.

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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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 24:45-51

In today's Gospel we encounter a parable which is meant to teach us something, it was a parable Jesus himself used to teach his disciples. While it might be about many things, there is one thing I would invite you to consider this week. We can all identify times in our day when we know that we are with the Lord. We can also identify other times when we slip into a mentality of doing only what we want to do. And it's in these times that Jesus' teaching takes on new meaning.

Christ compels us to pay attention to our daily action so that we might ask in ways that he would act. We each have tasks which come with our station in life. By examining our thoughts and attitudes towards these things we do in life, we can begin to discover how we move from being fully "awake" and in touch with the Lord to a spiritual slumber that dulls our hearts to His presence. It's always good to ask, "What occasions or situations prompt me to listen for the Holy Spirit's voice and follow his leadings?" And it's just as important to ask, "What occasions or situations make me want to live as something less than a beloved disciple of the Living God?"

Perhaps as a way of practicing, we could look today at our relationships with the people around us. How do I treat those closest to me? Do I look out for what's best for my friends and family? Or do I allow seeds of bitterness, injustice, or selfishness to take root and darken these relationships? Do I try to serve them, or am I more concerned with whether they're treating me the way I feel I ought to be treated? And most importantly, do I ask them for forgiveness and freely offer them my pardon?

Our Lord wants to help us become alert and awake at all times. The One Who Died for Our Sins wants to help us identify the things that draw us closer to him as well as the influences that pull us away from him. He knows that the more alert to his presence we are, the more fully we will experience the new life he has given us.

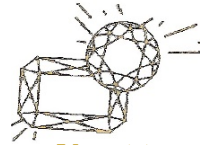
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