



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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## November 11, 2018

### Renewal of the Church



### Next Sunday

*The Announcement to Zechariah*

**Rom 4:13-25** (Inheritance through Faith)

**Lk 1:1-25** (Announcement of the Birth of John)

## Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for October 28th - November 3rd

Online.....\$215.00

Collection.....\$698.00

Weekly Total.....\$913.00

YTD Total.....\$82,203.94

YTD Goal.....\$81,260.00

YTD Difference.....\$943.94

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, November 11th, 10:30 am

+*Pierre Kassab*

Monday, November 12th

+*Joan Jensen*

Tuesday, November 13th

+*Hyrum Jensen*

Wednesday, November 14th

+*Harold Jensen*

Thursday, November 15th

+*Reginald Jensen*

Friday, November 16th

+*All Jensen Family*

Saturday, November 17th

+*Elaina Graham*

Sunday, November 18th

+*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, November 11th**

+*Available*

**Sunday, November 18th**

+*Redmond Family*

## 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

### Children's Christmas Eve Pageant

You are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Eve pageant. Registration and first choir rehearsal is after the Divine Liturgy this Sunday, November 4th. You will be provided with songs to practice for the pageant and your parents will receive further information. All attendees of this first rehearsal will have the first choice for a role in the Christmas Eve Pageant!

**All Children, ages 3-13**

**Parents:** mark these dates in your calendar for pageant rehearsals:  
Sundays, November 4th, and December 9th and 23rd.

**Time:** Immediately after the Liturgy (approximately noon to 1pm)

**Place:** Upstairs Classroom

Looking forward to a joyful season, Nadia Redmond, Edith Demers, and Katherine Moffitt  
Your Christmas Eve Pageant Organizers

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Community Events

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

#### 11/10 & 11/14 Mother and Child Education Center Volunteer

**Opportunities:** Visit the Mother and Child Education Center website, MomChildPDX.org, for details on how to help with sorting of donations, bundling baby clothing or diapers, and organizing items or rooms around the center.

**11/11 Monthly Prayers for Life:** There will be a prayer service including the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the culture of life at St. Agatha's Catholic Church on November 11, at 12 PM. St. Agatha's is located at 1430 SE Nehalem Avenue, Portland.



#### *The Monastic Vocation*

*"As we progress in this way of life and in faith, we shall run on the path of God's commandments, our hearts overflowing with the inexpressible delight of love."*

— The Holy Rule of St. Benedict

#### **Discernment Retreat Dates**

November 16–18, 2018

March 22–24, 2019

July 20–22, 2019

October 18–20, 2019

***Come and See.*** Discerning a vocation to the monastic life is best done by personal experience and an encounter with the monks behind the cloister. We, at Mount Angel Abbey, open our door to men at least 18 years old and are discerning a vocation to come and join us for a three-day monastic discernment experience.



The Benedictine Monks of  
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# Reflection

Jn 10:22-42

## Feast of the Dedication

This Sunday's Gospel reading mentions our Lord in Jerusalem during the Jewish Feast of the Dedication, or better Renewal, of the Temple. This feast was established by Judas Maccabaeus after re-dedicating the Temple after a Seleucid king named Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated the Temple by sacrificing a pig on the altar, as a historian called Josephus tells us. In the Jewish tradition, the Renewal signals the Jews overcoming their invading enemy, and making holy again what had once become unholy. As we know from the Temple, the Jewish high priest had to repeatedly offer new sacrifices for the remission of sin, using its blood to remove ritual defilement. But as St. Paul tells us today in Hebrews, "He entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption (9:12)."

Christ in His love for mankind, the same love that created it, wished to renew humanity once sin had brought death "for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 6:23)." As St. Ephrem, the great Syriac poet tells us, God expelled Adam from the Garden of Eden not out of vindictive punishment, but so he will not eat of the Fruit of Life, and life in a state of permanent separation from God. Instead, Christ planned from all eternity to renew His damaged image. And so the Maronite office for Sunday evening prayer says, "The fruit that Adam ate killed him. The Fruit from heaven redeemed him." The Fruit come down from heaven is Christ Himself, Who has made Himself the food of the eternal banquet of the Church so that we might eat the true Body and Blood of the immortal Lord and live forever. This is why we sing today in our night office:

*The Church offers to Him, on behalf of her children, the mystery of Body and Blood of the Prince, and it is distributed by the hands of priests for forgiveness of debts. Sinners receive it in true faith, and by it their debts and sins are forgiven, hallelujah and hallelujah!*

God established the Church, the eternal banquet in His love for mankind that we know Him intimately, we delight in His company. But not being perfect, we have failed from the very beginning by being disobedient with Adam. But God does not grow impatient with us or tire so long as we show genuine sorrow for our sins. This is why He has placed in His Church His Body and Blood for the remission of our sins, and for our eternal life. In choosing to do wrong, we corrupt the image of God in which we were made (Gen. 1:27), but by the love of God He has established the means of renewal of ourselves, the temples of the Holy Spirit, in the Church through the sacraments – the most frequent of which is His Body and Blood, the Eucharist.



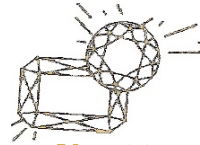
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