



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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October 20, 2019

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)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 20th 10:30 am

+Dr. Tom Rask

Monday, October 21st

+Fr. Elias AbiSarkis

Tuesday, October 22nd

+Nasrene Badra

Wednesday, October 23rd

Available

Thursday, October 24th

Available

Friday, October 25th

Available

Saturday, October 26th

+Rachel Mokeira Charles

Sunday, October 27th

+Halim and Helen Mouawad

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 October 6th - 12th

Online.....\$1,350.00

Collection.....\$641.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,991.00

YTD Total.....\$74,476.14

YTD Goal.....\$75,686.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$1,209.86**

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, October 20th

Torker Family

Sunday, October 27th

Redmond Family

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)

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+Claude Karam

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+Deacon Tony

+Deacon Wadih

+Finance
Committee

The Cedars of Saint Sharbel Youth Group Discussion Schedule:

All meetings held in upstairs classroom immediately following Sunday Mass.

October 20

November 10 and 24

December 22 - Christmas Breakfast Service Project - Church Basement

January 12 and 26

February 9 and 23

March 8 and 22

April 19

May 17



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.



This event is organized by Knights of Columbus

More info - Tony @ spx.koc.forlife@gmail.com

Portland Life Chain

Sunday, 11/3/2019, 2:30 - 4 pm

Planned Parenthood Center - 3727 NE MLK Jr. Blvd, Portland, OR

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
AUTHENTIC LEBANESE DINNER



Join us for our delicious and authentic Lebanese Dinner Fundraiser in our parish hall. We'll be serving generous portions of chicken & beef kabob with garlic sauce, beans over rice, tabouleh salad and hummus. GLUTEN FREE option available.

October 27th • Noon to 6pm
\$15 Dinner Ticket Donation • To Go Orders Available
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We'll also be holding a bake sale of tasty Middle Eastern and American pastries that will tempt any sweet tooth. Children's activities.

COUPON: \$2 off valid between 3pm & 5pm



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Reflection

Sixth Sunday After the Holy Cross

Mt 25:14-30

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?

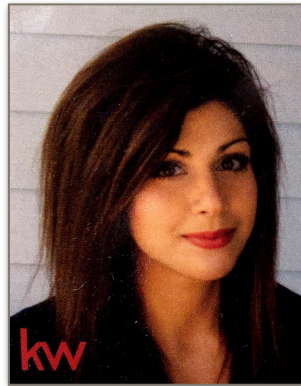
Did I share selflessly the talents, skills and gifts that I have in building God's reign? Have I grown as a person and as a Christian?

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

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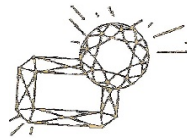
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