



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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June 14, 2020

The Spirit Teaches



Next Sunday

Jesus Rejoices in the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 2:11-16 (The True Wisdom)

Lk 10:21-24 (Praise of the Father)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 14th 10:30 am

+Zaki Kaldawi

Monday, June 15th

Available

Tuesday, June 16th

Available

Wednesday, June 17th

Available

Thursday, June 18th

Available

Friday, June 19th

Available

Saturday, June 20th

Available

Sunday, June 21st

+Angelina Lozano by Tomas Cueva

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 June 1st - 6th

Online.....\$245.00

Collection.....\$0.00

Weekly Total.....\$245.00

YTD Total.....\$36,330.29

YTD Goal.....\$38,766.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,435.71**

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, June 14th

Available

Sunday, June 21st

Redmond Family

Parish / Community Events

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Sunday, June 14, 2020, 10:30am

We're doing things a little differently this Sunday. Rather than sending out a link to a specific video, we'll be sending out the link to the Youtube Channel itself. Then Parishioners will just have to click on the video with the corresponding Mass date.

Channel Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi8CEQIEnX-VeERKBMqhKRA>

We'll be using this same link every week since it connects to St. Sharbel's Youtube Channel. The only thing that will change is that each week new videos will be added to that channel. Some changes are being made to the streaming process this Sunday so we've had to adjust for the changes.

REMINDERS FOR MASS

Sunday Masses — Must Sign up ahead of time.

- You will need to come with a mask. Mask may be removed to receive Communion obviously. We don't have masks to give you so please bring one.
- I cannot give Communion outside of Mass – this means in your cars, on the sidewalk, etc. Communion for the homebound is suppressed also at this time.
- Sit only in spot marked on pews. Remain physically distant as you enter and exit the church through the basement entrance only.
- No lingering after Mass, you will need to leave directly.
- If your name is not of the sign up list the ushers cannot allow you to come in. We will need to be strict about this and apologize in advance for problems that might arise.
- I request you only use the downstairs entrance, below the main stairs, the other doors will be closed, this will help us to be able to clean commonly touched surfaces.
- We will not allow use of missals, or other books in the pews. Do your best with the responses.
- Only people who are members of the parish are eligible at this point to attend our limited Masses. If you have been coming regularly, and are not registered elsewhere but have not registered with us, now is the time to do this. Archbishop has asked that we keep people going to the parishes they are registered as a way to respect fair and equitable access to all.

Reflection

We continue to celebrate the great season of Pentecost this Sunday and will continue to do so until the Feast of the Holy Cross in September. One might ask why we do not simply have Ordinary Time like the Latin Church. It is because by means of our calendar we recognize the need to celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost not only for a day or a week, but for an entire season for on Pentecost the Church received the Spirit that gives and perfects all things in us. Every breath we take and every action we make is only possible because we have been animated by the Spirit, and the graces we receive through the Church are only possible because the Spirit dwells amongst and in us. As Christians, we find consolation in knowing the same Spirit that governs all things has made us His dwelling by baptism and He is with us at all times, as Christ promised when He said in today's gospel, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27).

Throughout all of Scripture the Spirit inspired the prophets and Evangelists to write again and again the phrase "Do not be afraid." To Isaiah He says, "Do not be afraid, for I am your God" (Is. 41:10). In the oft-quoted Psalm, King David affirms this by saying, "Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you [God] are close beside me" (Ps. 23:4). And when God reveals His plan to Mary, His own Mother, and Zechariah, Jesus' uncle, He assures them both by saying, "Do not be afraid" (Luke 1:30, 13). Throughout all of history, God has assured us to not fear because He is with us, and this promise is fulfilled in the indwelling of the Spirit in the baptized. We are assured not to fear for if God is for us, who can be against us (Rom. 8:31)? The same God Who has made all things and can do all things dwell within us, and no better ally can be found.

But when Christ promises His Holy Spirit, He immediately recognizes that He does "not give to you as the world gives." The peace which Christ gives us in the Spirit is eternal, but it is also not easy. For Christ says, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23), and sometimes keeping the word of Christ on Earth encounters a lack of peace in the world. Christ Himself assures us that the world hated Him too for acting with love in the world, yet that is what we are called to do as Christians. To be Christian means that we love one another and God with all our heart, mind and soul (Mark 12:30-31). Then, and only then, we shall find eternal peace with God even if the world, which is only fleeting and will pass away, takes issue with what we do. The world is fleeting but God is eternal, and so we should not fear if we love God and act accordingly for the eternal God will not allow His loved ones to perish but they shall live forever. Perhaps we might encounter great and many problems, but those, too, are only temporary.

With this confidence that God shall keep all things too great from us and give us the strength to bear all the troubles that we are presented with, let us recall:

Hallelujah! "Three walls surround me," says the Church, "And the Insolent One [Satan] is unable to enter my enclosure and destroy me for the three interlock together, and there is no space in between the walls for another. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the three walls and I am placed between them like a glorious bride!" Hallelujah, accept our petition. (From the Maronite Rite of Kneeling for Pentecost)

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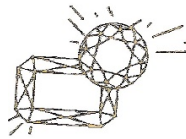
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