



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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June 21, 2020

Jesus Rejoices in the Holy Spirit



Next Sunday

The Calling of the Apostles

Phil 3:7-14 (Righteousness from God/Forward in Christ)

Mt 10:1-7 (The Mission of the 12/The Commissioning of the 12)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 7th - 13th

Online.....\$1,485.00

Collection.....\$0.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,485.00

YTD Total.....\$37,815.29

YTD Goal.....\$40,612.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,796.71**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 21st 10:30 am

+Brahim Khal

+Angelina Lozano by Tomas Cueva

Monday, June 22nd

Available

Tuesday, June 23rd

Available

Wednesday, June 24th

Available

Thursday, June 25th

Available

Friday, June 26th

Available

Saturday, June 27th

Available

Sunday, June 28th

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, June 21st

Redmond Family

Sunday, June 28th

Available

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

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Sunday, June 21, 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

This Sunday we continue to celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost when the life-giving Holy Spirit descended upon the face of the earth and filled the apostles and disciples with Himself. By the Spirit, our God Who gives life to all things and perfects all things, we live and breathe, and do all that we do. In the ages of the kings and prophets of Israel, the Spirit, Father or Son had not yet been revealed to Israel. However, in Christ's redeeming actions on Earth, He revealed to us His Father and Spirit, and gave us not only knowledge but the opportunity in His love and mercy to be greater than the kings and prophets ever were by sharing in His divine nature; this is why Christ rejoices today and says to His disciples, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it" (Luke 10:24).

Throughout all of the Old Testament, the prophets all await the coming of God, though they do not know or understand how it will occur. Still, the prophets eagerly know God in what had been limitedly revealed to them. But whenever the prophets stood in great fear before an appearance of God or one of His angels it was because, as God says to Moses, "you cannot see my face, because no one can see me and live" (Ex. 33:20) since the time of the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. But as Christ tells His disciples, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see" for they not only see the face of Jesus Christ, Who is God, but He reveals to them His works on Earth. The Son Who was once hidden on a fiery throne in heaven, unknown to men, has put on the flesh of a weak man in His love so that we might draw near to Him. And, indeed, we do at every moment we look upon the Eucharist, which is Christ's flesh that He gave us to eat for eternal life and the forgiveness of sins. No king or prophet before could even look upon God, but we eat His body for the nourishment of our souls.

Likewise, Christ says in joy to His disciples, "I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted...to hear what you hear but did not hear it." Before Christ, even the prophets and kings, though they received holy anointing by the priests of God, could only be called servants of God at best. But Christ said to His Apostles, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15). Through the acts of Christ and the works of the Spirit, we have become the brothers of Christ, and sons of the Father. As Christ put on flesh and became man, we put on Christ in our baptism by the Holy Spirit (Gal. 3:27). No king or prophet was anointed to become friends or sons of God, even though it was foretold. But before we are anointed, just like the kings and prophets of old, at baptism the priest prays over the person to be baptized:

May Your grace accompany him/her all the days of his life that he/she may arrive at Your holy temple for the precious seal of the pure Myron and pleasant fragrance by which, through the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, we are sons of God and heirs in Your kingdom according to Your true promises toward us for You are our God...

(From the Maronite Prayers over a Mother and Her Child Before Baptism)

By the outpouring and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we are the heirs of the Kingdom of God. When we think upon our baptism and the reception of the Eucharist, let us remember God has blessed us with a share in His life greater than any prophet or king.

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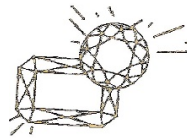
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