

# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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## July 19, 2020

### The Spirituality of God's Messenger



### Next Sunday

*The Mission of God's Messenger*

**2 Cor 5:20-6:10** (The Ministry of Reconciliation)

**Lk 4:14-21** (The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry/  
The Rejection at Nazareth)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for July 5th - 11th*

Online.....\$1,423.00

Collection.....\$0.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,423.00

YTD Total.....\$44,503.29

YTD Goal.....\$49,842.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$5,311.71**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 19th 10:30 am

+*Manne Webby Atie*

Monday, July 20th

*Fr. Giles Michael Gilbert, OFM Conv.*

Tuesday, July 21st

*Available*

Wednesday, July 22nd

*Available*

Thursday, July 23rd

*Sherman Arndt*

Friday, July 24th

+*Joan Jensen*

Saturday, July 25th

*Available*

Sunday, July 26th

*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, July 19th

*Redmond Family*

Sunday, July 26th

*Available*

# Parish / Community Events

## Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford  
(Treasurer)

Charlie Ashou

Gus Bekahi

Nick El Hajj

Agopos Ghossein

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+Claude Karam

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+Thaddeus Rask

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+Deacon Tony

+Deacon Wadih

+Finance  
Committee

Sunday, July 19, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Michael and Vanessa Layoun welcomed

**Jonah Elie** into this world

July 14, 2020 @22:26

Parents and baby are still at OHSU and request blessings and prayers for them all.

## REMINDERS FOR MASS

- 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

Today is the Feast of Saint Sharbel Makhoul, the great Lebanese Saint who lived between 1828-1898. This first Lebanese Saint to be canonized formally by Rome, has shone in the world through his virtuous life and the numerous miracles that have happened through his intercession.

During his seventy years on earth, Sharbel has witnessed a very devastating time in his life, something similar to what is happening to our beloved Lebanon today. When he was 12 years old, a great persecution happened in Lebanon, mainly against the Christians who resisted the Ottoman's occupation of their land.

Twenty years later in 1860, when Sharbel was 32 years old, he witnessed another harsh persecution, again by the Ottomans. This war destroyed many villages and killed over 22,000 Maronites in Lebanon and Cyprus. History tells us that over 40 Maronite villages were burnt to ashes in Cyprus alone, not to count the devastation that took place in Mount Lebanon.

Following these two wars and before First World War, Lebanon lost almost 1/3 of its population to war and plague and perhaps one third fled the country, including our ancestors who came to Minneapolis starting in the 1880s.

Like then, now there is a need of people who are peacemakers and people who dedicate themselves to prayer and supplication on behalf of a humanity that has lost its course in life and that is striving for power and domination by killing the innocents and transgressing every rule and law. We need to pray that God may change the hearts and minds of the leaders of the Middle East and the world so that they may work for peace and justice among all people.

The hermit Sharbel spent many of his years in prayer and supplication, asking the Lord of Peace to send peace to the land where he walked and healed and preached the Gospel of life and salvation, especially, Tyre and Sidon and Maghdoushe and Cana and the land of Palestine and Israel. We pray for those who are fighting and killing each other so that they may see the light and give a chance for people to live in peace and harmony.

The ironic thing is that Sharbel did not only live through two wars, but he was canonized during another war that happened in Lebanon in the early 1970's. He was canonized a saint on October 9, 1977 when Lebanon was going into its third year of devastating war.

This Great Saint, known as the Miracle Worker of the East, teaches us that even in the darkest of time, God's light is still as bright as the sun and his love continues flowing as a river of mercy and compassion. God is our hope; He is our rock and salvation. To him we turn today asking him to grace us and to help us be instruments of Peace and channels of his love.

We know that everything passes away, including heaven and earth, but the Word of God and his love will remain forever.

May God through the intercession of Saint Sharbel bless you all, bless Lebanon and bring tranquility and calm to its people.

Happy Feast Day!



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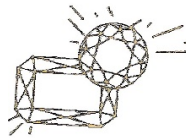
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