



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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The Fruit of the Message to the Gentiles



Next Sunday

Preaching the Word

1 Cor 3:1-11 (Ministers of the New Covenant/Contrast with the Old Covenant)

Lk 8:1-15 (The Parable of the Sower)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, August 16th 10:30 am

Available

Monday, August 17th

Available

Tuesday, August 18th

Available

Wednesday, August 19th

Available

Thursday, August 20th

Available

Friday, August 21st

Available

Saturday, August 22nd

Available

Sunday, August 23rd

+ *Maria Garcia Abrigo*

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 Aug 2nd - 8th

Online.....\$695.00

Collection.....\$340.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,035.00

YTD Total.....\$50,586.29

YTD Goal.....\$57,226.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$6,639.71**

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, August 16th

Available

Sunday, August 23rd

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Parish / Community Events

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Sunday, August 16, 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.

COVID MASS POLICIES

- 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

In our gospel reading today, a Canaanite woman (a non-Jew) approached Jesus to ask for help. She referred to Jesus as the Son of David (who is considered by the Jews as the great King of Israel even to this day) and acknowledged Jesus as a master and healer.

The Canaanite woman asked Jesus to have mercy on her and her daughter who was sick and tormented by the demon. Even if she wasn't being heard initially, her efforts paid off and Jesus was able to give her his attention and help.

Illnesses may not always be personal but also social. Sickness in our family, community, country, and in our world. When one experiences moral or spiritual illness, it means the person is detached from his/ her humanity and God is far from him/ her. In this case, God is the only cure.

He is the truth and the only way to genuine faith, hope, justice, and peace. The Canaanite woman had a strong faith in God. She was convinced that she can only find real mercy and complete healing only through Jesus.

In the gospel reading, Jesus had remarked that salvation is for the family of Israel. The Canaanites were not mentioned by him. Still, the Canaanite woman insisted that salvation can still be received. To receive God's mercy even if it just portion of it may be given by Jesus. The metaphor and imagery of scrap on the table that are eaten by dogs, is an image of desperation especially for the woman who was begging Jesus for mercy because she had great faith in him.

Jesus was overwhelmed by the faith of the woman; it is great faith from a non- Israelite. Let us ask God to give us the faith of the Canaanite woman so we can also partake in God's saving love.

Let us pray, reflect and ask ourselves:

Am I well and spiritually healthy?

Am I happy with what is going on in my life?

How do I handle sickness and pain that comes my way?

Do I trust in the Lord at all times?

Do I have the same faith like the Canaanite woman?

Do I really believe that only God can heal me and restore me to health?

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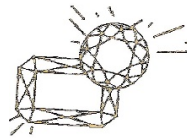
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