



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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November 8, 2020

Renewal of the Church



Next Sunday

The Annunciation to Zechariah

Rom 4:13-25 (Inheritance Through Faith)

Lk 1:1-25 (Announcement of the Birth of John)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for Oct 25th -31st

Online.....\$870.00

Collection.....\$1,271.90

Weekly Total.....\$2,141.90

YTD Total.....\$75,299.66

YTD Goal.....\$79,378.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$4,078.34**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, November 8th, 10:30am

+Habib Moussa

Monday, November 9th

Available

Tuesday, November 10th

Available

Wednesday, November 11th

Available

Thursday, November 12th

Available

Friday, November 13th

Available

Saturday, November 14th

Available

Sunday, November 15th

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, November 8th

Available

Sunday, November 15th

Available

Parish / Community Events

Sunday, November 8th, 2020, 10:30am

Youtube Channel Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi8CEQIEhX-VeERKBMqhKRA>

We'll be using this same link every week since it connects to St. Sharbel's Youtube Channel. Once there click on the appropriate date for mass.

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YOUTH GROUP

Calling All Youth ages 13-18!!

The Cedars of Saint Sharbel is a "family" of young people who will meet in virtual meetings to discuss real life and how it relates to our faith in God and His tremendous love for humankind. We'll dig deep to answer some of life's greatest questions while developing friendships and having fun at the same time.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, November 14, at 1pm

Zoom invitation soon to come

Please email Gennifer Karam for questions or to sign up for the email list:

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In-Person Mass Sign Ups

We are switching over to using Sign-Up Genius for our weekly in person sign ups. The system will allow you to access at any time and register or alter a reservation. It is able to update in real-time, where as I am not.

Here is the link in case you need to check or alter your reservation.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EA9AF23A4FC1-inperson>

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

This Sunday's Gospel reading mentions our Lord in Jerusalem during the Jewish Feast of the Dedication, or better Renewal, of the Temple. This feast was established by Judas Maccabaeus after re-dedicating the Temple after a Seleucid king named Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated the Temple by sacrificing a pig on the altar, as a historian called Josephus tells us. In the Jewish tradition, the Renewal signals the Jews overcoming their invading enemy, and making holy again what had once become unholy. As we know from the Temple, the Jewish high priest had to repeatedly offer new sacrifices for the remission of sin, using its blood to remove ritual defilement. But as St. Paul tells us today in Hebrews, "He entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption (9:12)."

Christ in His love for mankind, the same love that created it, wished to renew humanity once sin had brought death "for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 6:23)." As St. Ephrem, the great Syriac poet tells us, God expelled Adam from the Garden of Eden not out of vindictive punishment, but so he will not eat of the Fruit of Life, and life in a state of permanent separation from God. Instead, Christ planned from all eternity to renew His damaged image. And so the Maronite office for Sunday evening prayer says, "The fruit that Adam ate killed him. The Fruit from heaven redeemed him." The Fruit come down from heaven is Christ Himself, Who has made Himself the food of the eternal banquet of the Church so that we might eat the true Body and Blood of the immortal Lord and live forever. This is why we sing today in our night office:

The Church offers to Him, on behalf of her children, the mystery of Body and Blood of the Prince, and it is distributed by the hands of priests for forgiveness of debts. Sinners receive it in true faith, and by it their debts and sins are forgiven, hallelujah and hallelujah!

God established the Church, the eternal banquet in His love for mankind that we know Him intimately, we delight in His company. But not being perfect, we have failed from the very beginning by being disobedient with Adam. But God does not grow impatient with us or tire so long as we show genuine sorrow for our sins. This is why He has placed in His Church His Body and Blood for the remission of our sins, and for our eternal life. In choosing to do wrong, we corrupt the image of God in which we were made (Gen. 1:27), but by the love of God He has established the means of renewal of ourselves, the temples of the Holy Spirit, in the Church through the sacraments – the most frequent of which is His Body and Blood, the Eucharist.

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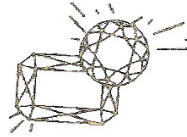
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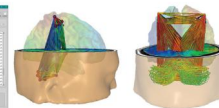
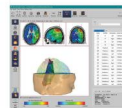


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