



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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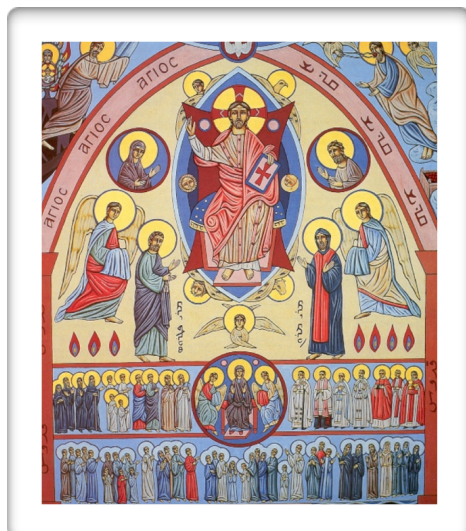
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## January 24, 2021

### Commemoration of the Priests



### Next Sunday

*Commemoration of the Righteous and Just*

**Hey 12:18-24** (Penalties of Disobedience)

**Mt 25:31-46** (The Judgement of the Nations)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for Jan 10th - 16th*

Online.....\$1,135.00

Collection.....\$338.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,473.00

YTD Total.....\$5,544.00

YTD Goal.....\$5,538.00

YTD Difference.....\$6.00

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, January 24th, 10:30am

12:00pm +Fouzi Ghosson

Monday, January 25th

Available

Tuesday, January 26th

Available

Wednesday, January 27th

Frank Sorrentino

Thursday, January 28th

James Monaghan

Friday, January 29th

Available

Saturday, January 30th

Available

Sunday, January 31st

10:30am +Manne Atie

12:00pm +Barbara Harris, 40 Day

Memorial

*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, January 24th

Redmond Family

Sunday, January 31st

Available

# Parish / Community Events

## Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford  
(Treasurer)

Charlie Ashou

Gus Bekahi

Nick El Hajj

Agopos Ghossein

Adib Karam

+Claude Karam

Anne Marentette  
(Secretary)

+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

Nadia Redmond

Mitch Siekmann

Ex Officio

+Deacon Tony

+Deacon Wadih

+Finance  
Committee

## 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>

## 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: Saturday, January 23, 2021 1:00pm**

**Watch for invitation in your inbox**

**Please email Gennifer Karam for questions or to sign up for the email list:**  
[jmjkaram3@gmail.com](mailto:jmjkaram3@gmail.com)

Sunday, January 24, 2021, 10:30am

Youtube 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. Once there click on the appropriate date for mass.





Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

To paraphrase Dr. Alice von Hildebrand, Catholic philosopher and theologian from her article "Spiritual Motherhood Every Woman's Calling" *while I never had the incredible privilege of having children of my own, for goodness sake that doesn't mean I must give up motherhood. That motherhood is not only biological maternity. It is spiritual maternity. It is a part of the essence of femininity.* Gentlemen, I believe this extends to you too. That as a part of the essence of your masculinity as strong Catholic men, you are called to be paternal in your very nature. We, as brothers and sisters in Christ, have children right under our noses in our **greater Portland Catholic community** whom **Jesus** is calling us each to serve.

At **Christ the King Catholic School** at our core serving the children of our **greater Portland Catholic community** is what we do. Our teachers work to ensure the children they shepherd develop to their full potential spiritually, academically, morally, physically, and emotionally. We do this by forming the student in freedom for excellence and guiding their transformation in Christ through grace and virtue. At **Christ the King Catholic School** we recognize our diversity is one of our greatest strengths.

Many of you may not know that the tuition paid by our school families does not cover the annual operating expense to educate the children from our **greater Portland Catholic community** despite the careful stewardship of every tuition dollar received. Each year our school relies on generous donations from benefactors like each of you. Every donation, regardless of its size, makes a difference in the lives of the children **Jesus** calls each of us at **Christ the King Catholic School** to serve.

This year, Catholic Schools Week is January 31st – February 6th. **Christ the King Catholic School** will host a virtual enrollment open house on Sunday, January 31st, and Thursday, February 4th. Access the open house by going to [ctkweb.org](http://ctkweb.org) and click on open house. February 2nd – 3rd is this year's 24-hour fundraising event, Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools. It would mean so much to the children of **Christ the King Catholic School** if you would prayerfully consider donating in support of their strong Catholic faith-based education.

To donate to **Christ the King Catholic School** online go to [ctkweb.org](http://ctkweb.org) click Support at the top of the homepage. Follow the instructions under the Donate Now tab to make a one time or recurring donation to Annual Fund, Endowment Fund or Support a Student.

To donate via check, please make it payable to **Christ the King Catholic School** and reference **CTK School Day of Giving** in the memo line. Donations can be mailed to our parish office to my attention at the address below.

If you have questions about our school, its mission, or how we prayerfully discern the proper stewardship of every donation, please, feel free to contact me directly at the number listed below.

With a grateful heart in **Christ the King**.

Brooke Bucciari  
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Christ the King Catholic Parish and School is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Your gifts are tax-deductible.

Our EIN is 93-0504748. We are **truly grateful** for your generosity.

JOIN US VIA ZOOM

# ROSARY FOR Life

MEETING CODE  
**859 1878 8258**

FRIDAY JAN 22  
**8PM EASTERN**

PASSWORD  
**rosary**

DIRECT ZOOM LINK  
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## 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

Praying for the dead is an important part of Christianity, but particularly emphasized in the Syriac tradition. In fact, traditionally, every last verse of a hymn was always for the repose and forgiveness of the dead. Physical death is an inevitability, but we pray for those who have passed away from this world so that they do not suffer eternal, spiritual death but have eternal life in the Kingdom of God. For this reason, the Syriac calendar has three weeks of commemorations for the dead before Lent begins – the first recalls and prays for the priests who have served the Church.

As God spoke through Ezekiel the Prophet, “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live” (Ez. 33:11). It was through sin – the sin of Adam – that death entered the world (Rom. 5:12). But our Lord Jesus Christ came to return us sinners back to our inheritance of life. As He spoke through Ezekiel, He does not wish that we should die – even when wicked – but that we should repent and have life! This is why God became man Himself to give us every means of salvation and the forgiveness of sin, which He perfected by His own life, death and resurrection. He entrusted the Holy Mysteries to the priests to be performed and distributed, each sacrament like a treasury of mercy. God lowers Himself that He may be made present to us, just as one of the hymns for this Sunday beautifully describes the priests raising the body and blood of Christ our God over the altar:

Great wonder and awe seized the heavenly assemblies when they saw earthly priests raise over the altar the One by Whom heaven is filled and upon Whom they cannot look, but to Whom they cry out in fear and trembling, “Holy, holy!”

God, Whom all the prophets and kings of the Old Testament and millennia past desired to see, is made present to us on the altar. The angels cannot look upon Him, yet He has entrusted the priests to feed us His flesh and blood, the Eucharist, for “the Good One has given His body and His blood so that by them our debts could be forgiven.” Even more than the great Mystery of the Eucharist, priests also clothe us in Christ in baptism and forgive us by

His authority by absolution. They teach us the life- giving words of the Gospel of our Lord, instruct us in the way of the saints and give us words of consolation in times of despair that, as the flock of God, we may turn from sin and embrace eternal life. Without the priests, to whom Christ entrusted His Mysteries, we would not have access to the sacraments He prepared for forgiveness and life.

As King David teaches us in the Psalms when praying before God, “No one living is righteous before You” (Ps. 143:2) – including the priests who have been entrusted with His Mysteries, which give us the forgiveness of sin and life! This is why we must pray for the priests, who in this life provided us with means of the forgiveness of sin and the path to eternal life. Now we can assist them by praying that God have mercy upon them and forgive them of all their offenses before Him. The priests who serve the Church, distributing the Mysteries of our Lord, holding the very flesh and blood of God in their hands and calling down the Holy Spirit, are honored with this magnificent duty and great responsibility. As our Lord tells us in the Gospel, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded” (Luke 12:48) and that is indeed much. Therefore, we must be particularly diligent in our prayers for the departed priests because much will be demanded of them in their judgment before the Lord. Let us pray to God on behalf of the departed priests with the words given to us in the hymns for this Sunday:

May the feet that tread through the sanctuary tread through the gates of Paradise, and may the ears that have heard Your words never hear sounds of sufferings. May the mouths that sang praise to You not cry from fire’s heat, my Lord. Place the priests who nobly served You and diligently shepherded Your people in the Jerusalem above, and may they offer thanks and praise with the angels of heaven to Your Divinity.

January 20, 2021

Statement on the Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., as 46th President  
of the United States of America

On this day, upon which a new President has been inaugurated for our country, the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop José Gomez, has issued a statement to which I wish to draw particular attention. I encourage all to read carefully and thoughtfully this important statement at a critical time in the history of our nation.

As the Archbishop of this local Church in western Oregon, I express my full support for this statement by Archbishop Gomez. I am aware that his words are the fruit of much consultation and prayer.

As we face the moral, social and political challenges ahead for our nation, I encourage all Catholics to pray for our new President, Joseph Biden. May the Holy Spirit inspire in his heart a desire and a resolve to serve in the spirit of the Gospel, with a special concern for the most vulnerable among us, including the child in the womb.

May God bless this great land with justice, peace and love.



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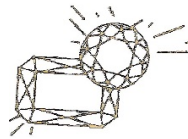
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