



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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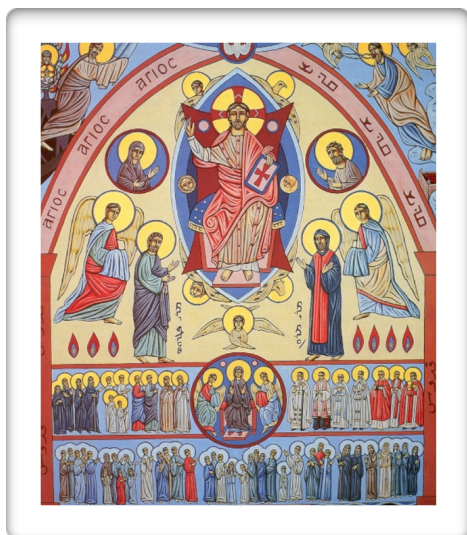
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## January 31, 2021

**Commemoration of the Righteous and Just**



### Next Sunday

*Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*

**1 Thes 5:1-11** (Vigilance)

**Lk 16:19-31** (The Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus)

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, January 31st, 10:30am

10:30am +Manne Atie

12:00pm +Barbara Harris, 40 Day  
Memorial

Monday, February 1st

Available

Tuesday, February 2nd

Available

Wednesday, February 3rd

Available

Thursday, February 4th

Available

Friday, February 5th

Available

Saturday, February 6th

Available

Sunday, February 7th

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.*

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for Jan 17th - 23rd*

Online.....\$830.00

Collection.....\$406.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,236.00

YTD Total.....\$6,780.00

YTD Goal.....\$7,384.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$604.00**

## Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, January 31st

Available

Sunday, February 7th

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, February 13, 2021**

**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 31, 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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**,

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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.

## 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 is the second of the three weeks of commemorations of the departed before Lent which encourage us to pray for the eternal rest and forgiveness of specific groups within the Church. Last Sunday, as we recall, was the Commemoration of Priests in which we prayed for those priests who served the Lord in His Church on Earth. This Sunday we specifically pray for the righteous and the just who have left from amongst us in this world for the next. As we reflected upon last week, we pray for the departed that they may be forgiven of any offense they committed on Earth and enter the eternal life of heaven. Praying for the dead is an ancient practice God revealed in the Old Testament, and which is precisely why we sometimes call the funeral rite in Syriac the Takso dLwoyo (the Rite of Accompaniment). We accompany the body of the dead to their grave and we accompany their soul to the Kingdom of Heaven by our prayers.

Of course, as Christians we believe death is a temporary state, permanent as it seems. The Resurrection of Christ has foreshadowed the fate of all mankind for we will all be raised on the last day for Judgment. As Christ taught us, He will justly judge us, separating the just from the wicked, and “When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers” (Prov. 21:15). What is this just reward that brings joy the just? One of the hymns describes it simply:

“The righteous never die,” our Lord said in His Gospel, and death shall never reign upon them for our Lord is their resurrection. May our brethren who have justly labored and righteously toiled with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Patriarchs, arrive at the Place of Life. (Trans. from Evening Prayer of the Commemoration of the Just and Righteous)

The payment of the just, who labored for the work of the Lord in this life, is eternal life in the next in heaven. It follows, then, that the punishment for those who were wicked is eternal death in hell. But the motivation of the just is not the fear of punishment, but the joy of justice – love of the Lord and His work. The just are those who followed our Lord’s commands in prayer, fasting and charity. In following the Lord in this perishable life, they will share in His divine splendor in the next when “the just will rise from their graves clothed in light like the sun.”

We pray this Sunday that those who are righteous and just are forgiven all their sins and granted eternal repose in heaven for “No one living is righteous before You” (Ps. 143:2) – even those who seem to have been perfect upon Earth. Every person is in need of our prayers, and this Sunday we pray especially for those who provided an example of a good Christian life in this world for us. We ask the Lord that He forgive them in His superabundant mercy and raise up His own image from the dirt of death, into which sin has dragged it:

Renew, O Lord, the image of Your likeness which death has cast into the abysses of ravenous Sheol. Raise up the bodies from the deep pits and cracks of the earth of those who renounced the world, its detestable things, its disgraceful pleasures, toiling diligently in just works and monastic ways of life and, as the rest of mankind, have tasted the cup of tyrannous death. Awake, O Lord, their souls and bodies, and shake the dust and dirt from their faces. Make them worthy of the Resurrection on Your right hand so that with confidence they may offer glory and thanks to You, and to Your Father, and to Your living and Holy Spirit, now and at all times, forever. Amen.

(Trans. from Evening Prayer of the Commemoration of the Just and Righteous)

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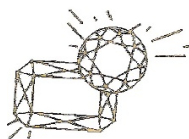
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