



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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April 18, 2021

Jesus Appears to the Two Disciples at Emmaus



Next Sunday

Jesus Appears to the Disciples at Sea

Heb 13:18-25 (Final Exhortation, Greetings, Blessings)

Jn 21:1-14 (The Appearance to the 7 Disciples)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for April 4th - 10th

Online.....\$990.00

Collection.....\$1,728.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,718.00

YTD Total.....\$28,405.47

YTD Goal.....\$27,690.00

YTD Difference.....\$715.47

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 18th, 12:00pm

+Abdo Massad

Monday, April 19th

Available

Tuesday, April 20th

Available

Wednesday, April 21st

Available

Thursday, April 22nd

Available

Friday, April 23rd

Michael & Judith Saleman

Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, April 24th

Available

Sunday, April 25th

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, April 18th

Redmond Family

Sunday, April 25th

Available

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)

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Gus Bekahi

Nick El Hajj

Agopos Ghossein

Adib Karam

+Claude Karam

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(Secretary)

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Ex Officio

+Deacon Tony

+Deacon Wadih

+Finance
Committee

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, April 24 @ 1pm on ZOOM

Watch for invitation in your inbox

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

jmkaram3@gmail.com

Catholic Charities

Inspired by the transformative power of God's love, Catholic Charities of Oregon — the social service arm of the Catholic Church in western Oregon — partners with the most vulnerable, regardless of faith, to achieve lasting solutions to poverty and injustice.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



HEALTHY HOUSING INITIATIVE

In partnership with the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon and Providence Health & Services, Catholic Charities' Healthy Housing Initiative is an ambitious effort to holistically address the homelessness crisis. The Healthy Housing Initiative is a collaborative, place-based approach to create greater access to permanent supportive housing that integrates health and wellness with on-site social services. The goal is to create safe and affordable housing while providing a blanket of support, such as easy access to primary health care and hands-on support to find jobs and build life skills, to increase our clients self-sufficiency and ensure these houses truly become homes for our most vulnerable neighbors.



HOUSING SERVICES

Catholic Charities develops innovative solutions for some of our region's most pressing housing challenges through our Housing Services programs. Caritas Housing, Catholic Charities' dedicated housing entity, acquires, develops, rehabilitates, and manages permanent affordable housing across the state for those in need of a home, creating more than 800 units of affordable housing for over 1,900 individuals. Catholic Charities' Resident Services Program provides on-site, relationship-centered services with the primary goal of helping residents maintain their housing and thrive as members of their community.



HOMELESS SERVICES

Our Homeless Services programs are dedicated to supporting those experiencing, or who are vulnerable to, homelessness. The Housing Transitions Program helps women recover from homelessness and become fully participating members of their communities. The program assists in removing barriers to permanent housing, provides housing services to self-identified women experiencing homelessness, and includes drop-in services which offer community-building for those who have achieved housing. Our street outreach team visits neighborhoods, business areas, and green spaces to meet folks who are sleeping outside, in their cars, or in shelters. Building strong relationships between outreach workers and people living outside is essential to addressing barriers to housing. Kenton Women's Village is made up of 20 sleeping pods, offering a new approach for addressing homelessness on a small scale. The villagers are empowered, have a sense of purpose, and take daily steps toward financial housing.



SAVE FIRST FINANCIAL WELLNESS

Save First Financial Wellness offers a full suite of financial wellness services that empower individuals to get their money matters under control and take the first steps toward financial freedom. Save First provides the tools needed to improve financial literacy and stability. Learn to create savings, track expenses, reduce debt, and manage credit, so you can get on with living life.



FAMILY SERVICES

Catholic Charities' Family Services Program provides clients with an array of family supportive services including counseling, case management, and education. We work with parents looking for support during their pregnancy and after the baby's birth as they adjust to their newest family member. We support pregnant and parenting families to become more resilient and thrive by teaching important parenting skills, providing trauma recovery support, and helping our clients to establish stable home environments for their children. Catholic Charities is also licensed by the State of Oregon Department of Human Services as a Child Caring Agency that works with expectant and prospective adoptive parents who live in Oregon. If you're interested in adoption, or unsure about your next step, our case managers will guide you through the available options.



IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

Our legal services division works to protect, maintain, and unify individuals and families in need. Immigration Legal Services provides low-cost consultations and legal representation to immigrants and refugees throughout Oregon and southwest Washington. We educate the public, immigrant communities, and the organizations who serve them to promote justice for all newcomers and support conditions for their full participation in American society.

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REFUGEE SERVICES

As one of only three refugee resettlement agencies in the state of Oregon, Catholic Charities provides resettlement and case management services to individuals and families who seek to make Oregon their new home. The Refugee Services Program assists individuals and families that must leave their homelands due to the fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership in particular social group, and/or political opinion. The services offered through our Refugee Services Program address a wide array of needs, ranging from initial resettlement to long-term, intensive case management.



INTERCULTURAL COUNSELING CENTER

Our Intercultural Counseling Center offers services to help children, teens, adults, elders, and families overcome the impact of overwhelming fear and anxiety, hopelessness and depression, unpredictable mood changes, traumas, abuses and losses, and many other adversities. Our team of skilled clinicians, who come from a variety of backgrounds and cultural identities, offer services in several languages. Each culture brings unique strengths, and the Intercultural Counseling Center provides care that recognizes these strengths and is informed by each culture and the dynamics of traumas.



DISASTER SERVICES

Catholic Charities' Disaster Services program works to strategically coordinate readiness, response, and recovery when disasters occur across the state. Disaster Services effectively implements relief programs such as disaster case management, immediate financial assistance, delivery/distribution of bulk food and other commodities, volunteer intake and mobilization and target community outreach.



FOOD RESPONSE NETWORK

Germaine's Kitchen and Café is the heart of our food response network. Germaine's produces hot meals at multiple sites and provides a culinary training program across those locations. Our food pantry and distribution efforts provide access to fresh, healthy food to those in greatest need. The Food Response Network responds to the food insecurity needs of our local communities by focusing on food preparation and distribution efforts to feed the houseless, delivering boxes of food to the doors of farmworkers in farmworker housing communities, and running food pantry services at our headquarters and our housing communities.



POPE FRANCIS CENTER

The Pope Francis Center is our center for volunteerism, engagement, and education. The Center provides meaningful information and opportunities to engage in the mission of Catholic Charities of Oregon.

PARTNER AGENCIES

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF LANE COUNTY

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Since 1933, Catholic Charities of Oregon has been a trusted ally of the most poor and marginalized and a leader in finding innovative solutions to poverty and injustice. With a mission deeply rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, Catholic Charities of Oregon offers a broad array of social services that not only meet the basic needs of our clients, but also provide them with the tools, knowledge, and support needed to improve their situations and break free from the bonds of poverty. It is with the dedication and generosity of a strong community of donors, volunteers, partners, and supporters that Catholic Charities of Oregon can continue to offer support that meets people where they are and provides them with access to life saving services as they rebuild their lives. For more information about the agency, please visit www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org

Attending Mass During Covid

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. The sign up sheet is emailed every Wednesday, prior to the week's masses.

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.

Sunday, April 18, 2021, 10:30am

Youtube Channel Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi8CEQIEEnX-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.



" I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day" ~Our Lady of Fatima



JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE

ROSARY

EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 8PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME

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FEBRUARY 8

LED BY BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR

MARCH 8

LED BY CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS

APRIL 12

LED BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN

LOOKING AHEAD ■ **MAY 10**



ZOOM LINK

MEETING ID: 883 4965 1080

PASSCODE: rosary

<https://tinyurl.com/OFSLROSARY>



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This year's drawing will be held on **May 2nd, 2021** at St. Maron, Youngstown (Ohio)

You can see the drawing live at [NAM FaceBook](#)

Thank you for your support in previous years for this raffle fund-raiser, as it is an important part of the NAM annual budget. We are counting on your generosity once again, to support our community projects.

Call Nadia Redmond at 503-671-0440 by April 11 if you would like to purchase a raffle ticket.

Reflection

On Sunday the Living One rose from the grave and He did not see corruption among the dead as was written. He killed death by His death, destroyed Sheol, broke the bow of its lord and shamed Satan for by His death He put to death sin. By His resurrection He justified our nature. Glory be to Him who redeemed His Church by His death and resurrection.

(Trans. from the Syriac Maronite Morning Prayer for the Sundays of Easter)

The Season of the Resurrection continues this Sunday and will continue until the Feast of Pentecost on June 9. The fact that we celebrate Easter on our calendar for fifty days illustrates that it is truly the greatest feast day of our faith. But we not only celebrate Easter until Pentecost but every day of our Christian lives. But why?

In today's Gospel reading Christ appears once again to His disciples. When He appears He begins to explain Christ is the fulfillment of everything the prophets foretold (Luke 24:25). Indeed, ever since the beginning of the world, God had been preparing it to enter into the world that He might join Himself to it and perfect creation by allowing us to share in His divine nature. He sent the prophets throughout every age to prepare the faithful to receive Him, and revealed Himself bit by bit, which is why we still read the prophets of the Old Testament, until He appeared Himself.

Easter is the Feast of Feasts that all ages have awaited prefigured by the prophets. Abraham is given a lamb to sacrifice instead of his only son, Isaac. Moses instructs the Jews to sacrifice a lamb on Passover in Egypt, and the Angel of Death passes over them. Lambs are continually sacrificed in the Temple of Jerusalem for the forgiveness of sin. But in each situation, a finite animal is sacrificed and it only averts a small situation – Isaac lives another day to die a natural death, Moses lives longer to die before entering the Promised Land and every year the Jewish priests sacrificed more and more lambs for the forgiveness of sins. All of it foreshadowed Christ, the True Lamb of God.

Christ, our God, was sacrificed as the True Lamb, prefigured by all the prophets of the Old Testament. But unlike their sacrifices, He was not an animal but our immortal God Who accepted to be sacrificed on the cross of Golgotha. By dying, He killed death and sin because Jesus, Life Himself, descended to death and killed death itself for all of us. Of course, bodily death still remains in this world, just as Christ died a bodily death. But just as Christ died, those who die in Him will also be resurrected on the Day of Judgment for those who believe in Him will never die, as He promised (John 11:26). The resurrection destroyed the oppression of death which threatened mankind and allows our nature to partake of the divine nature's immortality.

On Easter, Christ rose from the dead, ending death for all who unite themselves to Him. This is why we celebrate Easter as the greatest feast of the year – on this day, death itself died because, in His great love, the immortal God Who died for us rose again to new life.

O Christ, our God, You rose in glory and majesty, and woke the souls of those slumbering in the heavy sleep of death. Awake our souls, O Lord, from the immersion of sin. Grant that we may know and understand the wonders which You have done for our salvation, and we shall glorify You ceaselessly now and at all times, forever. Amen.

(Trans. from the Syriac Maronite Morning Prayer for Easter Monday)

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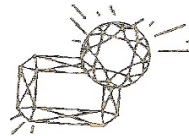
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