

# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## May 23, 2021

**Pentecost Sunday: Descent of the Holy Spirit**



**Next Sunday**

*Sunday of the Holy Trinity*

**Rom 11:25-36** (God's Irrevocable Call/Triumph of God's Mercy)

**Mt 28:16-20** (The Commissioning of the Disciples)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for May 9th - 15th*

Online.....\$970.00

Collection.....\$630.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,600.00

YTD Total.....\$36,225.47

YTD Goal.....\$36,920.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$694.53**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 23rd, 11:00am

*+Sonia Bsaiibes*

Monday, May 24th

*Available*

Tuesday, May 25th

*Available*

Wednesday, May 26th

*Available*

Thursday, May 27th

*Available*

Friday, May 28th

*Available*

Saturday, May 29th

*Available*

Sunday, May 30th

*Niko Folkestad*

***Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 10:00 am before the morning Liturgy.***

***Confession every Sunday 10:35-10:50am before the morning Liturgy.***

***Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at 10:30 am before the Liturgy begins.***

## Altar Sponsorship

**Sunday, May 23rd**

*Redmond Family*

**Sunday, May 30th**

*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

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+Deacon Tony

+Deacon Wadih

+Finance  
Committee

## Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday,  
May 23, 2021**

**Immediately  
Following Mass**



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# *Covid Mass Policies*

**\*\*SUNDAY MASS TIME\*\***

11:00am

Confessions: 10:35-10:50am

## **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, May 23, 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.**

# Reflection

This Sunday the Easter Season concludes with the Feast of Pentecost. We celebrated on last Thursday the Feast of the Ascension, which marked the moment Christ ascended to heaven. Now, 50 days (which is what 'Pentecost' means) after the Resurrection we celebrate the fulfillment of Christ's promise:

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another paraclete (advocate) to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth... the Paraclete (Advocate), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:16-17, 26)

Today, the Father sent the Holy Spirit and He came to rest upon the Twelve Apostles in the Upper Room, filling them with His power and wisdom. Whereas Israel relied upon the Law given to Moses, the Apostles interacted with God directly, first with the Son and then with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit:

On Sunday the laws and commands came down from Mt. Sinai in the hands of meek Moses to the Hebrew Peoples. On Sunday the Apostles received the Spirit, the Paraclete, and went out to preach in creation the Resurrection and life. (Trans. from the Syriac Maronite Morning Prayer for Pentecost)

The Law, which the Jews had received, was given to preserve them from sin. However, it was only intended as a preparation for what was to come in Christ – that we should become temples of God Himself. Just as the Apostles received the Holy Spirit and went out to preach the truths of the Resurrection and life, so too do we receive Him in baptism. On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles received the same Holy Spirit Who had given the prophets of the Old

Testament glimpses of God. But, unlike the prophets, the Apostles had seen both God in the flesh, Jesus Christ, and now became the very dwelling of Himself, the Holy Spirit. It is the same Spirit that perfects the sacraments, and dwells upon us Christians beginning with baptism, which is our spiritual womb into eternal life.

Christ did not abandon us when He ascended to heaven, but raised us up to heaven with Him by bringing our human nature to sit on the right hand of His Father. As Christ never left the Father, He also never left the Spirit, as the Three Persons of the Trinity are inseparable. By being baptized into Christ, we are also joined to the life of the Father and the Spirit as well. Today, Christ made evident to His Apostles, who had been with Him since the beginning, that He would never abandon them but the contrary – He is closer to us than with anyone before. Moses ascended to the height of Mt. Sinai to speak with God, yet He dwells in all the baptized. Likewise, He has sent us the Paraclete – the Advocate – who instructs us and perfects all things for us. It is the Paraclete Who prepares changes the waters of baptism into water, the bread into the flesh of Christ, and turns the sinner's heart back to God. It is the same Spirit Who, always and everywhere, assists us in all things and allows our prayers to be made as part of the Body of Christ. With confidence in this, we supplicate Him:

O Holy Spirit, O Paraclete, Who today descended in the likeness of tongues of fire, Who confirmed the prophets in His mystery, Who perfected the Apostles in His sanctity, Who strengthened the martyrs in His service, and Who made resplendent the resplendent ones by His brilliance, confirm Your servants. Perfect and sanctify us in Your holy things. Strengthen us by Your strength. Make us resplendent by Your brilliance and deliver us from all harm in Your mercy. Our Lord and our God, to You be glory forever. Amen.



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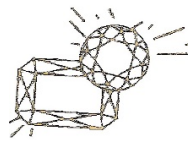
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