



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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June 20, 2021

The Calling of the Apostles



Next Sunday

The Sending Out of the Apostles

1 Cor 12:12-13, 27-30 (One Body, Many Parts/
Application to Christ)

Mt 10:16-25 (Coming Persecutions)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 6th - 12th

Online.....\$1,525.00

Collection.....\$3,685.00

Weekly Total.....\$5,210.00

YTD Total.....\$46,450.47

YTD Goal.....\$44,304.00

YTD Difference.....\$2,146.47

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 20th, 11:00am

+Ibrahim Khal

Monday, June 21st

+Ken Rathjen

Tuesday, June 22nd

Marie Alain

Wednesday, June 23rd

Available

Thursday, June 24th

+Brahim Khal

Friday, June 25th

+Elias Khal

Saturday, June 26th

+Tom Gorman

Sunday, June 27th

+Ibrahim Khal

***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, June 20th

Redmond Family

Sunday, June 27th

Available

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)

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Gus Bekahi

Nick El Hajj

Agopos Ghossein

Adib Karam

+Claude Karam

Anne Marentette
(Secretary)

+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

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Mitch Siekmann

Ex Officio

+Deacon Tony

+Deacon Wadih

+Finance
Committee

// MASS UPDATE //

We no longer need to use a sign-up sheet for
Sunday Mass!
Sunday mass is open to Parishioners at this point.



****SUNDAY MASS TIME****

11:00am

Confessions: 10:35-10:50am

Sunday, June 20, 2021, 11:00am

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.

Reflection

On this Sunday we continue to commemorate the full descent of the life-giving Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and disciples on the day of Pentecost. All things that Christ had promised are completed in the same Spirit Who strengthened the Apostles to bear witness to Christ. In today's gospel reading Christ commissions His Apostles to do as He does in His mercy of healing, exorcizing and cleansing those in need of His help. Christ, our Almighty God, commissions His Apostles not because He is limited, but He wishes His works of mercy to be spread upon the earth through humans so that they may participate in His dispensation. In Christ's infinite love He wished that these deeds of mercy not end when His Apostles died, but that His Apostles should be succeeded by the bishops and priests of the Church to continue these works by the same Spirit Who ordains them.

Being the Almighty Lord, God is not made any less by giving to us. In fact, He wishes to enrich us if we ask of His wealth. Though God is very mysterious and incomprehensible because of His infinite being, He wished to make Himself accessible throughout the ages so He established the Church and commission her ministers as we recall in our prayers:

He who chose for Himself priests on Earth, set them in authority over the treasury of His kingdom, and in their hands placed the keys to His treasury so that they may distribute His riches to the poor.

(From the Maronite Prayers for Wednesday Night)

The riches of the treasury of God the prayer speaks of are the mercy of God given through His Holy Mysteries, the sacraments, which the Holy Spirit allows the priests to perform. As the Syriac Father Narsai states, at Mass even the holiest layman cannot call the Spirit down to make the bread and wine the Body and Blood of Christ unless he is a priest for priests have been ordained to this sacred duty. It is not because priests are worthy that they can perform the sacraments, but because God loves His people and wishes to give them a normal and known way of regularly receiving His mercy – what better way than to receive eternal life and the forgiveness of sins through His Body and Blood, the Eucharist. And just as Christ commissioned His Apostles to go out and heal, He gave them the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Penance so that they may make us well.

The same power Christ gave to His Apostles continues to be given to the priests of the Church through the Holy Spirit so that we may all receive healing, both physical and spiritual. In fact, the Syriac Fathers often refer to the Apostles as the "Twelve Physicians" and the priests continue to exercise that role today. The Light of the World, Jesus Christ, wishes that we be able to see Him, and so "Twelve Lamps that burn the oil of the Holy Spirit were sent from the Upper Room to all the corners. They illumined the peoples in the darkness of idolatry" (From the Maronite Prayers for Sunday Morning). The priests of the Church are the new lamps, equipped with the same Holy Spirit, who are sent out in the love and mercy of God to enrich us with the treasures of heaven. Let us gladly receive from Him what He has sent us for our own salvation and flourishing.

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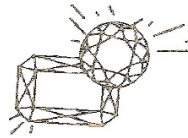
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