



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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August 29, 2021

15th Sunday of Pentecost

Receiving the Word



Next Sunday

16th Sunday of Pentecost

Prayer, The Fruit of the Word

Rom 8:18-27 (Destiny of Glory)

Lk 18:9-14 (The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for August 15th - 21st

Online.....\$455.00

Collection.....\$272.00

Weekly Total.....\$727.00

YTD Total.....\$61,453.47

YTD Goal.....\$62,764.00

YTD Difference.....-\$1,310.53

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, August 29th, 11:00am

All St. Sharbel Graduates

Monday, August 30th

The MYO Program

Tuesday, August 31st

Available

Wednesday, September 1st

Available

Thursday, September 2nd

Available

Friday, September 3rd

Available

Saturday, September 4th

Available

Sunday, September 5th

+Carolee Gavigan

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, August 29th

Available

Sunday, September 5th

Available

Parish / Community Events

MASK UPDATE:

Starting Aug. 13, masks are mandatory in all indoor spaces in Oregon. We will need to mask up for Mass starting this Sunday, August 15.

At this time no other measures will be required, but please wear your masks if you are attending mass in person.

Thank you in Advance!

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Please keep us in prayer--and start filling your local vigil NOW by signing up to pray this **September 22 - October 31**: 40daysforlife.com/portland. Shawn Carney, 40 Days for Life

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese:

9/16 Human Trafficking Silent Prayer Vigil: Please join us to pray for victims and an end to human trafficking. We will meet at 11 AM on the sidewalk in front of St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church, 601 West Burnside Street, Portland.

9/22 40 Days for Life Begins

Reflection

Lk 7:36-50

If those [angels] clothed-in-lightning looked upon Him they would be burned but lowly dust [man] sees Him face-to-face while eating Him.

Receiving the Eucharist is the most sublime moment of one's week. To those who do not know Him, like in this Gospel of this Sunday, they say, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). But to those who know what they are receiving, they approach the altar knowing that they are about to receive the true flesh and blood of our God. The prophets could not even imagine so great a gift of God, as each time God appeared to them they hid their faces in fear, knowing not even the angels look upon Him. Yet He has taken flesh so that "If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever" (John 6:51).

The prophets revealed that the presence of God is magnificent – surrounded by fire upon a throne with legions of uncountable angels serving Him, yet hiding their faces to not look upon Him because of His exceeding brilliance. This is why St. Ephrem says we receive "Fire in the bread, Spirit in the cup." But the body and blood, which appears before us, is not on fire or shining brightly – why? Jesus, in His love for mankind, condescended to a lowly state for our salvation. The King of Kings became a poor child born to poor parents, born in an animals' trough. But how appropriate that the King of Kings should be placed into an animals' trough because He entered the world in a lowly state to feed us with His flesh that gives eternal life though we do not comprehend it, just as a caretaker feeds His flock though they do not fully understand. His love for us is so great that the Immortal God would die so that we may eat of Him, the Medicine of Immortality, and receive the forgiveness of our faults, freed from the death brought by sin.

"When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?'" (John 6:60). From the very moment Christ revealed His love there were those who doubted even among His disciples because of its great abundance. What need does God have to give us His flesh and blood so that we have life? None. But He does it in love of us for He does not wish to see His image, man, perish in the death that he chose through sin. Yet Christ does not force us to accept even what is good but He leaves us the option of receiving His body, just as He left Adam and Eve the choice of a tree of life and a tree of death.

For us, we are left with these two options: we can approach the tree of death, which our father Adam ate of in his pride, or we can approach the Tree of Life, the cross on which hung the food come down from heaven. If we approach the Tree of Life, we should be prepared for the trials that await us – the disbelief of others, the difficulty of following the cross, and the demands of Christian love. But if we should succeed in approaching the Tree of Life and eating of its food, the body and blood of our Lord, we shall obtain eternal life, the forgiveness of sins and union with God. Then, with St. Peter, let us say, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:67).

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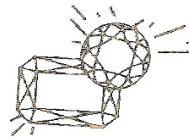
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