



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## October 10, 2021

4th Sunday After the Holy Cross



**Next Sunday**

5th Sunday After the Holy Cross

Phil 2:12-18 (Obedience and Service in the World)

Mt 25:1-13 (The Parable of the Ten Virgins)

## Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for Sept 26th - Oct 2nd

Online.....\$145.00

Collection.....\$250.00

Weekly Total.....\$395.00

YTD Total.....\$69,653.47

YTD Goal.....\$73,840.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$4,186.53**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 10th, 11:00am

+Yvonne Foulia

Monday, October 11th

Available

Tuesday, October 12th

Available

Wednesday, October 13th

Available

Thursday, October 14th

Available

Friday, October 15th

Available

Saturday, October 16th

+Robert Clive Gerald Vardon

Sunday, October 17th

+Dr. Thomas Rask

**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, October 10th

The Torkers

Sunday, October 17th

Available

# Parish | Community Events

## Parish Council

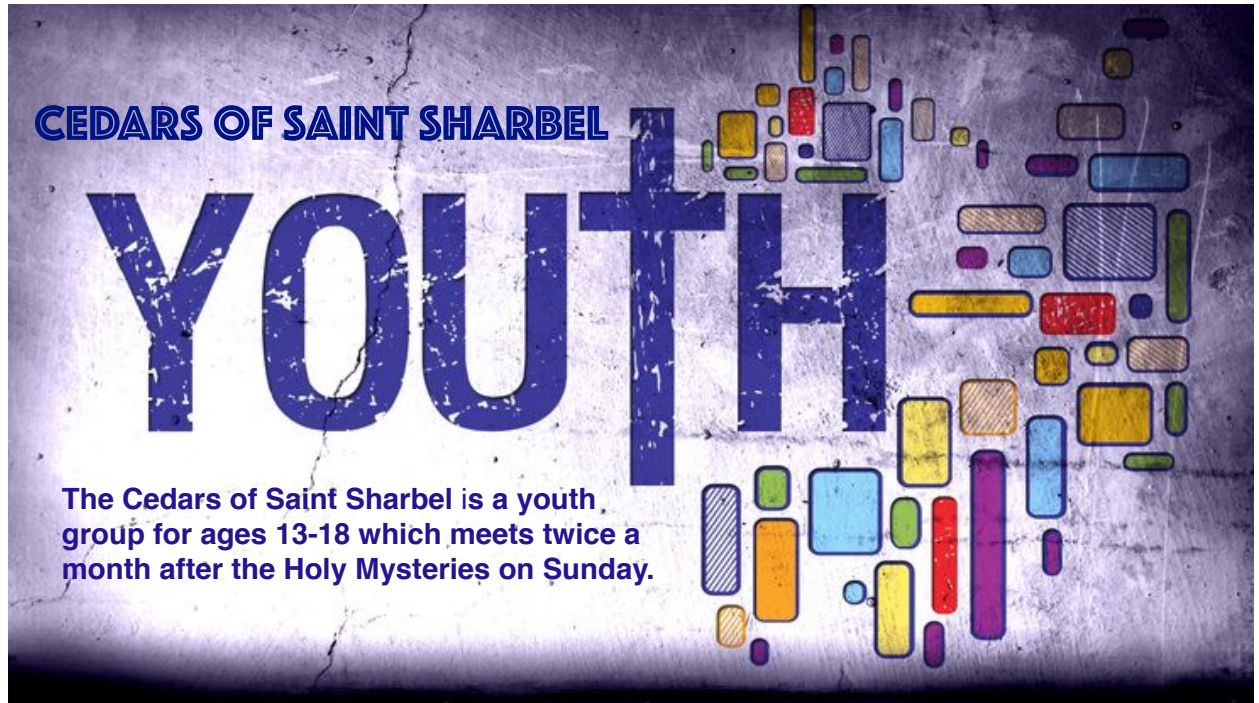
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+Deacon Tony  
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+Finance  
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## All Families with children age 6 to 12 (grades: 1-7):

**St. Sharbel Sunday School Program** started on Sunday, October 3, 2021. The goal of this program is to prepare our kids for the Sacraments and to build a strong relationship with each other and their parish. Please email Nadia Redmond at [n.redmond@comcast.net](mailto:n.redmond@comcast.net) to register for the program and for more information.



We will be meeting in person, God willing. Meetings will immediately follow mass, in the downstairs basement. All participants will be required to mask and social distance.

Meeting Dates (Subject to Change)

**October 17**

**October 31**

**November 14**

**December 5** — Family Adoration at 10:15am. No additional meeting this month

**Stay Tuned for a list of 2022 Meetings**

Meeting dates are posted here and sent out in email. For more information, contact Gennifer Karam: [jmjkaram3@gmail.com](mailto:jmjkaram3@gmail.com)



The MYA is a group of men and women ages 18-40 (ish) which meets once a month for fellowship, prayer, and social activities.

If interested, please contact Claude Karam at

[claudio@trazzafoods.com](mailto:claudio@trazzafoods.com)

Next Meeting Date TBA



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If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Vocations Director, Msgr. Donald J. Sawyer, D. Min, at 512-458-3693 or [dsawyer@grandecom.net](mailto:dsawyer@grandecom.net)



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## Seek Things Above

### MONASTIC DISCERNMENT RETREAT OCTOBER 15 - 17

at Mount Angel Abbey

For information or to register, contact  
Fr. Odo Recker, OSB, Vocation Director  
503.881.8919 | [vocation@mtangel.edu](mailto:vocation@mtangel.edu)

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### Wedding Planning Checklist

#### 4 MONTHS TO GO

- ☐ PLAN THE CEREMONY
- ☐ WRITE VOWS
- ☒ ATTEND COUPLES WORKSHOP  
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FOUNDATION FOR MY  
MARRIAGE

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Preparation Journey.\*\*

### NEXT WORKSHOP IS:

Friday, November 12, 6 pm–8 pm &  
Saturday, November 13  
9 am–11am & 1 pm–3 pm  
(Couples must attend each session)

### WHERE

Online with Zoom  
(Couples will be emailed with log-in information)

### COST

\$225 per couple

### REGISTRATION

Register and pay online at  
[nwcounseling.org/product/couples-workshop/](http://nwcounseling.org/product/couples-workshop/)

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## Building a Grief Practice

### October Workshop

*Loss is something we all experience, and we  
each grieve in different ways. In this  
workshop, we will explore a model for  
stages of grief, how some people observe  
grief, and how grief can be processed  
through creativity and activity. Each  
participant will create an outline for their  
own personal grief practice.*

*\*This workshop is best suited for those now  
experiencing an immediate and recent loss.*

### REGISTER

Online:

[nwcounseling.org/product-  
category/workshops/](http://nwcounseling.org/product-category/workshops/)

Or Call:

503.253.0964



Presented by  
Thomas Grubb, LPC  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22  
1PM-3PM PT

ZOOM | LINKS TO ACCESS THE  
WORKSHOP WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL  
ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

COST: \$30 PER HOUSEHOLD  
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## Reflection

We await Your Second Coming.  
(In every Anaphora of the Syriac Maronite Tradition)

Gargantuan monsters (whether political or actual), widespread natural disaster, and a blackened sky while the very fabric of society falls apart are the assumed elements of any standard apocalypse movie. However, these are probably not the ideas that come to mind when we say “We await Your Second Coming” every time we go to the Maronite Divine Liturgy. Whether or not these things occur before the Second Coming of Christ these are certainly not what we await nor what is really meant by the word “apocalypse,” which means the revealing of something.

As odd as it is to say, as Christians we have long awaited the apocalypse. But it is not an apocalypse of destruction and calamity for the Christian faith, but the revealing of the glory of God. As St. Paul writes in this Sunday’s epistle, the end is destruction for those who are not expecting it. However, we are children of light and the Last Day should not surprise us like a “thief in the night,” whether it is in a day or 10,000 years. For the unprepared, the apocalypse is a frightening idea because it marks the end of the material world and the coming of the Judge of Judges. But for those who put on “faith and love as armor, and the hope of salvation as a helmet,” the Second Coming is something worth mentioning every Liturgy because it marks the coming of our beloved Lord. Rather than unexpected, for those who await the Lord’s coming, it is a surprise visit like a dear family member or friend who comes to our house without our knowledge but we are nonetheless overjoyed to see them.

Sunday’s Gospel compares a good and a bad servant upon the arrival of their master’s return. The good servant has continued to do what he was asked because he has faith in his lord’s justice, love for his lord and his household, and hope that his lord shall actually return to him.

When the master returns, the good servant is so happy to see his lord again because he missed him and the day he would see him again. The good servant is honored in the household. The bad servant, in turn, focuses on using his master’s possessions for his own good because he does not have faith, love or hope. When the master returns, he is taken by surprise and punished for selfishly abusing his master’s possessions given for the good of the household and the other servants. The bad servant thought he could fool his master, had no love of him or his servants, and did not wish to see him again because that marked the end of his “freedom.”

Likewise is the spiritual reality of the apocalypse; the preparation of the good Christian is faith, love and hope. In the end, the Second Coming is not meant as a threat or a device of fear – after all, as St. Paul says, “God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:9). For those who have faith in the Lord, love Him and His servants, and hope in His return, the apocalypse is not the end but the revelation of a new and greater life with Him. God is the God of the Living, not death, and therefore He comes to bring us life, love and light that we may forever live with Him. Let us recall this each time we say, “We await Your Second Coming.”

*O Splendor of brilliant rays and the Illuminating Light of all Who shone forth from the Eternal Father, You illumined us lying in darkness, through Your bodily appearance rolled away the darkness of sin from the earth, and rejoiced the whole world by Your light. Now, O Lord, rejoice us on the day of Your glorious apocalypse and gladden us by Your sight. Shine Your mercy upon us and dawn Your compassion on us for You are the True Light and Illuminator of Creation, now and at all times, forever. Amen.*

(From the Syriac Maronite Morning Prayer for Sunday)

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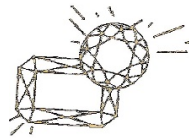
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