



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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October 31, 2021

7th Sunday After the Holy Cross
(Christ the King)



Next Sunday

Consecration of the Church

Heb 9:1-12 (The Worship of the First Covenant)

Mt 16:13-20 (Peter's Confession About Jesus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for October 17th - 23rd

Online.....\$635.00

Collection.....\$4,287.00

Weekly Total.....\$4,922.00

YTD Total.....\$76,800.47

YTD Goal.....\$79,378.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,577.53**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 31st, 11:00am

+**Rabih Ghostine** 40 Day Memorial

+**Whitney Elliot Neal** 40 Day Memorial

Monday, November 1st

In Honor of All the Saints

Tuesday, November 2nd

The Holy Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday, November 3rd

Available

Thursday, November 4th

Available

Friday, November 5th

Available

Saturday, November 6th

Available

Sunday, November 7th

+**Antoine & Georgette Zogbi**

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 31st

Available

Sunday, November 7th

Available

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

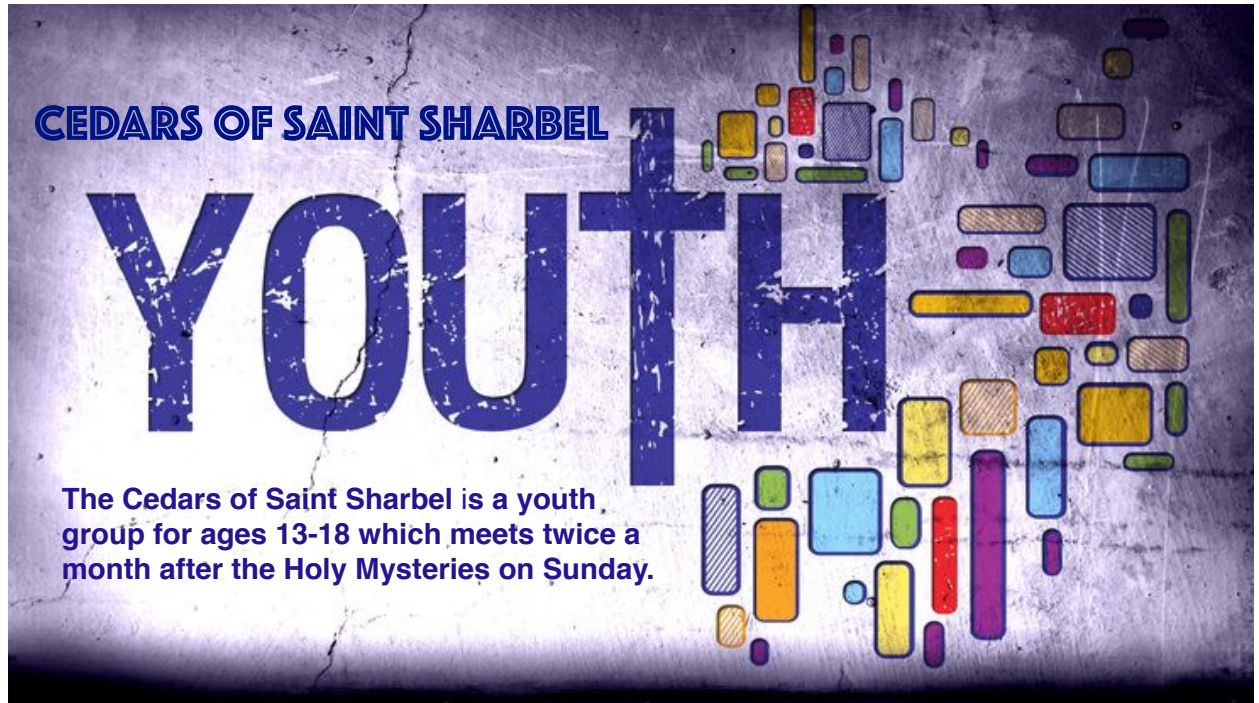
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All Families with children age 6 to 12 (grades: 1-7):

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 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 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



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

Next Meeting Date TBA

Wedding Planning Checklist

4 MONTHS TO GO

- ☐ PLAN THE CEREMONY
- ☐ WRITE VOWS
- ☒ ATTEND COUPLES WORKSHOP TO BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR MY MARRIAGE

NEXT WORKSHOP IS:

Friday, November 12, 6 pm–8 pm &
Saturday, November 13
9 am–11 am & 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
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For more information about the Order, please contact your Parish Priest or Order of Saint Sharbel President Jim Abdo at info@orderstsharbel.org or call the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles at (314) 231-1021.

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

Unhealed effects from abortion experiences do not have to compound the extraordinarily massive stress in countless lives right now. The power to resolve abortion-related trauma and grief are found in an upcoming Project Aurora sponsored Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend.

Upcoming Retreat Dates

Portland: **November 12-14, 2021** and **February 18-20, 2022.**

Retreats are offered in full compliance with COVID-19 safety regulations.

If you are suffering after abortion, experience a Rachel's Vineyard healing weekend sponsored by Project Aurora. The weekends are for women, men, and anyone impacted by abortion regardless of faith background. Each retreat starts on Friday at 2 PM and ends on Sunday at 5 PM. Participation at the retreats is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion.

Cost: The cost is \$250.00 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. *If you have a financial burden, assistance is available!*

For more information or registration contact: Project Aurora at 541-942-2861/E-mail: ProjectAurora@aol.com.

Symptoms of Post-Abortion Trauma: Denial, Depression, Shame, Anger/Rage, Grief/Loss, Drive to Succeed, Emotional Numbness, Difficulty with Relationships, Anxiety and Panic Attacks, Multiple Abortions, Sexual Problems/Promiscuity, Self-Punishment, Guilt/Regret, Risk Taking, Fear of God's Punishment, Eating Disorders, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Control Issues.

Reflection

Videos of ISIS entering churches in Syria and Iraq to destroy icons and images of Christ are circulating the internet. They show the contemptible acts of the militants going into these sanctuaries and smashing and burning these sacred images. These men desecrate sacred symbols of the good and merciful Lord of All Who. Though we know damaging these images of Christ in no way harm Him or His majesty, it still evokes a gut reaction of revulsion or insult. Each and every time we wrong one another, even if they “desire it” or have wronged us, we similarly enter into the sanctuary of the Lord to destroy an icon of Him.

In the first book of Scripture, the very first thing God says of man before he is even created is, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness” (Gen. 1:26). Before man existed, God planned for him to exist as the very icon of His own being. This is why we often state, such as in the baptismal rite, that rather than see His image perish in Adam’s sin, God enacted the plan of salvation to restore His image. This is why when we wrong each other, even the least amongst us, we wrong God for He has created us in His own image. When we insult one another to get even, when we ignore the earnest request of one another when we are able to help, when we wrongfully take what is ours, we do all these things against Christ Himself, no matter how we justify it.

But God wishes for us to participate in His divine image, as He formed us. It is not only a caveat to avoid wronging others, but an invitation to participate in the creative love of God. God is the God of the Living, not the dead, (Luke 20:38) Who created all things and gives them life. We can likewise participate in this creative life-giving towards others. In this Gospel, Christ gives us examples of feeding the poor, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and imprisoned. But Christ’s examples abound through all of the Gospel.

If we truly aspire to call ourselves ‘Christians,’ we must strive to imitate Christ in even His most radical example. On Holy Thursday, Jesus Christ, the omnipotent God and Creator of All, knew that one of His beloved friends would betray Him. He, the Commander of the Angels of Fire, could have called down the legions of heaven and annihilated His enemies. Yet He bent down before the traitor, Judas, a servant made from dust, and washed his feet. This is the same love and mercy that moved the Almighty to become weak and the Immortal to die so that He might give us salvation, the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He Who had everything made Himself nothing that He might give to us what was His.

Contemplating the mystery of God’s divine generosity, let us consider every action we take, even though it may seem small or justified. Are we respecting the image of God in which the other is made or acting to desecrate it, even inadvertently? More over, how should we act knowing each other is an image of God, and whatever we do to one another we do to Christ?

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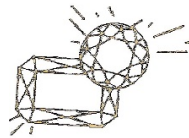
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