



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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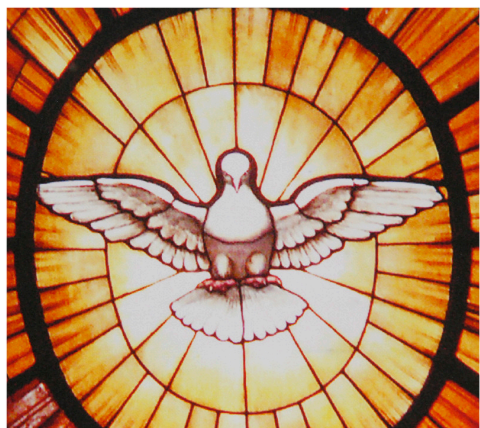
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June 19, 2022

3rd Sunday of Pentecost: The Spirit Teaches



Next Sunday

4th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Cor 2:11-16 (The True Wisdom)

Lk 10:21-24 (Praise of the Father)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 5th - 11th

Online.....\$1,612.00

Collection.....\$401.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,013.00

YTD Total.....\$56,794.32

YTD Goal.....\$53,084.00

YTD Difference.....\$3,710.32

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 19th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, June 20th

+Carolee Gavigan

Tuesday, June 21st

+Ken Rathjen

Wednesday, June 22nd

+Bob Dulley

Thursday, June 23rd

Jessica Graham

Friday, June 24th

+Brahim Khal

Saturday, June 25th

+Tom Gorman

Sunday, June 26th

+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 19th

Redmond Family

Sunday, June 26th

Available

Parish Events

Parish Council

Bruce Ashford
Charlie Ashou
Gus Bekahi
Ben El Hajj
Agopos Ghossein
Adib Karam
+Claude Karam
Lydia Massaad
+Doug Raab
+Thaddeus Rask
Nadia Redmond
Peter Rizk
Mitch Siekmann

Ex Officio
+Deacon Tony

+Finance
Committee



I delight to do Your will,
O God;
Your law is within
my heart.

PSALMS 40:8

With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God
the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles
and the Karam family
are honored to invite you to

the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ
of Deacon Antoine Karam

through the invocation
of the Holy Spirit
and by the Imposition of Hands of His Excellency
The Most Reverend Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, D.D., M.L.M

Saturday, August 27, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
at St. Pius X Catholic Church
1280 NW Saltzman Rd.
Portland, Oregon

A lunch reception will follow immediately
at Saint Pius X Community Center hall.

Abouna Tony Sharbel will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving
at St. Sharbel Maronite Church on August, 28, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
1804 SE 16th Ave, Portland Oregon, 97214



Please respond by July 1st, 2022 by call or
text: Deacon Antoine Karam (503) 705-5874
Emelin Karam (503) 989-6911

CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL

Youth Group for Ages 3-18 — Meetings for this year have concluded!



Maronite Young Adults (MYA) — The MYA is a group of men and women ages 18-40 (ish) which meets once a month for fellowship, prayer, and social activities
SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

St. Sharbel Sunday School Program (Ages 6-12)
— Meetings for this year have concluded!

Invitation to all sisters in Christ,

A year ago, we formed a group of 7 sisters in Christ to join the Seven Sisters Apostolate, <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>.

Catholic parishes across the United States have joined this beautiful apostolate to pray for our priests.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a “holy wasting” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

St. Sharbel's 7 sisters are committed to pray for one Holy Hour per week for Abouna Christopher.

If the Holy Spirit is calling you to make this commitment, please contact Nadia Redmond at 503-671-0440 or email:
n.redmond@comcast.net

Community Events



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

Life and Dignity for All

June 22 – June 29, 2022

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom. Saints Thomas More and John Fisher were Renaissance men, talented and energetic. More wrote theological and philosophical treatises, while making a career as a lawyer and government official. Bishop John Fisher worked as an administrator at Cambridge, confronted the challenge Martin Luther presented to Christian Europe, and most importantly served as Bishop of Rochester. More and Fisher are well-known for opposing King Henry's divorce. Ultimately, it was their refusal to sign an oath of supremacy that led them to be executed. King Henry VIII claimed to be the supreme head of the Church in England, asserting sovereign power over English Christians. Neither Fisher nor More could abide this claim which put them in conflict with the king and they were convicted of treason. Saint Thomas Moore's story is depicted in a wonderful movie, "A Man For All Seasons". **Saint Thomas More and Saint John Fisher** show us what faithful citizenship looks like. They loved and served their country. In the moments just before his execution, More is said to have stated, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." When the law of the king came into conflict with the law of Christ, they submitted to Christ. May their example continue to illuminate the path for us, as we seek to faithfully serve our Church and country. We ask for the intercession of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, that we too would be good servants to our country, but God's first! To read the entire article from the USCCB, go to <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>

Pray-Reflect-Act

June 22 - **Walking with Moms in Need:** Pray that local churches and communities will have the vision and the freedom to walk with moms in need.

June 23 - **Church Vandalism:** Pray that Christian witness in the face of attacks on our churches will convert hearts to faith in Jesus Christ.

June 24 - **Adoption and Foster Care:** Pray that people of faith will continue to have the freedom to serve in the life-affirming ministry of adoption and foster care.

June 25 - **Taxpayer Funding for Abortion:** Pray that civic leaders would promote life and dignity for all.

June 26 - **Religious Freedom in China:** Pray for the freedom of the Church in China, and that the rights of all religious minorities would be respected.

June 27 - **Pregnancy Resource Centers:** Pray that women facing unplanned pregnancies will continue to have access to support from people who help them choose life.

June 28 - **Health Care Workers:** Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable.

June 29 - **Free Speech:** Pray that Christians will have the courage to proclaim the gospel of life and dignity for all with kindness and clarity, even in the face of adversity.

Pregnancy Help: To help pregnant moms in our own community, please check out the [BLUE Resource Trifold](#) in our vestibule.

ANGRY? NEED A WEAPON?
PRAY THE ROSARY!

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE
ROSARY
EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF
THE MONTH AT 8PM ET
TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE &
TO OVERCOME EVIL IN THE WORLD
LED BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN,
BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR
OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE
UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER
JUN 13 AUG 8
JUL 11 SEPT 12
ZOOM LINK tinyurl.com/ofslmonthlyrosary

Reflection

We continue to celebrate the great season of Pentecost this Sunday and will continue to do so until the Feast of the Holy Cross in September. One might ask why we do not simply have Ordinary Time like the Latin Church. It is because by means of our calendar we recognize the need to celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost not only for a day or a week, but for an entire season for on Pentecost the Church received the Spirit that gives and perfects all things in us. Every breath we take and every action we make is only possible because we have been animated by the Spirit, and the graces we receive through the Church are only possible because the Spirit dwells amongst and in us. As Christians, we find consolation in knowing the same Spirit that governs all things has made us His dwelling by baptism and He is with us at all times, as Christ promised when He said in today's gospel, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27).

Throughout all of Scripture the Spirit inspired the prophets and Evangelists to write again and again the phrase "Do not be afraid." To Isaiah He says, "Do not be afraid, for I am your God" (Is. 41:10). In the oft-quoted Psalm, King David affirms this by saying, "Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you [God] are close beside me" (Ps.23:4). And when God reveals His plan to Mary, His own Mother, and Zechariah, Jesus' uncle, He assures them both by saying, "Do not be afraid" (Luke 1:30, 13). Throughout all of history, God has assured us to not fear because He is with us, and this promise is fulfilled in the indwelling of the Spirit in the baptized. We are assured not to fear if God is for us, who can be against us (Rom. 8:31)? The same God who has made all things and can do all things dwell within us, and no better ally can be found. But when Christ promises His Holy Spirit, He immediately recognizes that He does "not give to you as the world gives." The peace which Christ gives us in the Spirit is eternal, but it is also not easy. For Christ says, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23), and sometimes keeping the word of Christ on Earth encounters a lack of peace in the world. Christ Himself assures us that the world hated Him too for acting with love in the world, yet that is what we are called to do as Christians. To be Christian means that we love one another and God with all our heart, mind and soul (Mark 12:30-31). Then, and only then, we shall find eternal peace with God even if the world, which is only fleeting and will pass away, takes issue with what we do. The world is fleeting but God is eternal, and so we should not fear if we love God and act accordingly for the eternal God will not allow His loved ones to perish but they shall live forever. Perhaps we might encounter great and many problems, but those, too, are only temporary.

With this confidence that God shall keep all things too great from us and give us the strength to bear all the troubles that we are presented with, let us recall:

Hallelujah! "Three walls surround me," says the Church, "And the Insolent One [Satan] is unable to enter my enclosure and destroy me for the three interlock together, and there is no space in between the walls for another. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the three walls and I am placed between them like a glorious bride!" Hallelujah, accept our petition. (From the Maronite Rite of Kneeling for Pentecost)

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