



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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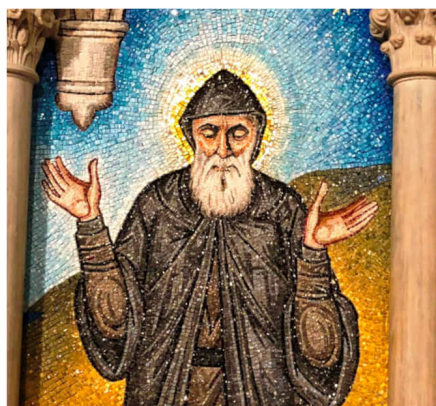
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## July 17, 2022

7th Sunday of Pentecost



**Next Sunday**

8th Sunday of Pentecost

**Rom 8:1-11** (The Flesh and the Spirit)

**Mt 12:14-21** (The Chosen Servant)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for July 3rd - July 9th*

Online.....\$1,472.00

Collection.....\$922.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,394.00

YTD Total.....\$63,054.32

YTD Goal.....\$62,316.00

YTD Difference.....\$738.32

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 17th, 11:00am

**+Samir Hatoum**

Monday, July 18th

**+Bernice Wentzlaff**

Tuesday, July 19th

**+Bernette Breije**

Wednesday, July 20th

**+Rev. Fr. Michael Gilbert**

Thursday, July 21st

**Joe and Denise Myers**

Friday, July 22nd

**Brandon Graham**

Saturday, July 23rd

**Rhonda Graham**

Sunday, July 24th

*Available*

**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, July 17th**

*Ghossein Agopos*

**Sunday, July 24th**

*Redmond Family*

# 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

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+Deacon Tony

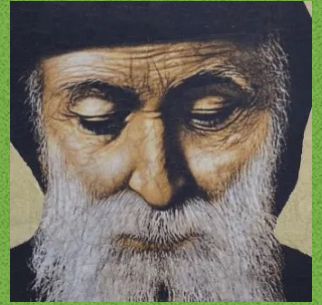
+Finance  
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## St. Charbel Novena Abouna Chris Invites You...

To pray the novena from your home as a way to reverence  
our parish's patron saint.

**Starts Today July 15**, see the link for details  
<https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/st-charbel-novena/>

**This Link is for the Novena in Arabic**  
<https://www.heartofmaryarabic.com/?p=4136>



## //REMINDER//

**Sunday - July 17th** — we will celebrate the feast of our patron saint.

We will have a parish fundraiser lunch directly following Mass. You can buy tickets from Gus or Eva, or at the door. It will be a full Lebanese meal, beverages including wine, and dessert and coffee. \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Given this is a fundraiser we will accept additional donations.

I invite you to support this important fundraiser but also to come celebrate our patron saint.



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*





# Community Events

## 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](mailto:n.redmond@comcast.net)

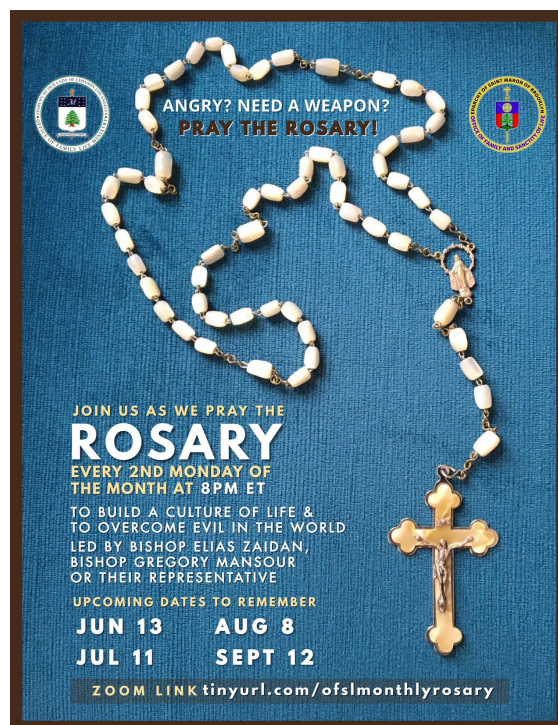
## CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL

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!



## Reflection

Saint Sharbel, baptized as Youssef (Arabic for Joseph), was one of five children born into a poor family from a remote village in the hills of Lebanon. They were devout Maronite Catholics whose relatives included priests and monks. Youssef shepherded his family's small flock of animals when he was young. Very early on, he displayed a tender devotion to the Virgin Mary and a natural disposition toward prayer. In his early twenties, he left the family home to enter a monastery. In due time he made his religious profession and took the name Sharbel (or Charbel) after a second-century martyr from Antioch, a city not far from Lebanon. He then studied, was ordained a priest in 1859, and returned to his monastery to live as a strictly observant monk practicing austere mortifications. In 1875 he was granted the privilege to live as a hermit in a chapel under his monastery's supervision and care.

And there he stayed—alone, isolated, mortified, poor, reflective, and silent—for the next twenty- three years in Christian “solitary confinement,” willingly separating himself from the world so he could more easily attach himself to Christ. He died of a stroke at the age of seventy while saying the Divine Liturgy. He slumped to the floor with the Holy Eucharist still in his hands! Saint Sharbel lived the model life of an Eastern hermit-monk in the ancient tradition of Saint Anthony of the Desert. Western monasticism is focused on community life and liturgy, common meals and spiritual reading, farming, schools, chant, and hospitality. The Eastern monastic tradition has less engagement with the world, and the monks have less contact with each other. Eastern monasteries are often perched on remote mountaintops. They are inaccessible, unadvertised, and imposing. Their monks are like eagles, proud and alone, dwelling in the heights. Western monasteries, on the contrary, are easily found, open their doors to every visitor, and often flower into schools and universities. Some Benedictine monasteries are even embedded within bustling campuses. The different modes of life, rules, and apostolates of Eastern and Western monasticism are stark.

Although little known during his life, miracles were attributed to the intercession of Saint Sharbel soon after his death. His body was exhumed and for many decades was found to be incorrupt, although it eventually decomposed. Father Sharbel was never photographed during his lifetime, and only a few monks ever saw him after he entered the monastery. But in May 1950 some Maronite monks from the U.S. visited Fr. Sharbel's grave on his birthday and took a photo. When the film was developed a mysterious hooded figure with a white beard appeared among them. When shown the photo, some elderly monks from the monastery had no doubt. It was Sharbel. All images of the hermit Sharbel are based on this photo.

Saint Sharbel was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1965 at a Mass at the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council. And in 1977 he became the first Eastern Christian to be canonized in modern times. Various Lebanese government officials attended the Canonization Mass, along with members of Saint Sharbel's family. At the time, a proud Lebanese-American bishop described the new saint as the “Perfume of Lebanon” and as proof that the Maronite Church “is a living branch of the Catholic Church and is intimately connected with the trunk, who is Christ...” Devotion to Saint Sharbel is widespread in Eastern Christianity. In an unusual but beautiful proof of the universality of the Church, devotion to Saint Sharbel was also brought by Lebanese immigrants to Mexico, where images of the pensive, hooded, mysterious looking saint are ubiquitous, and his intercession constantly sought.

Saint Sharbel, may your serene example of prayer, fasting, and mortification be an inspiration for all who do battle in the spiritual desert, for all who struggle with the sins and temptations offered by the world, the flesh, and the devil. Help us to follow your unique path of holiness.

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