



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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August 21, 2022

12th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

13th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Cor 3:1-11 (Ministers of the New Covenant/Contrast with the Old Covenant)

Lk 8:1-15 (The Parable of the Sower)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for August 7th - 13th

Online.....\$1,537.70

Collection.....\$574.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,111.70

YTD Total.....\$71,558.61

YTD Goal.....\$73,856.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,297.39**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, August 21st, 11:00am

Unavailable

Monday, August 22nd

Unavailable

Tuesday, August 23rd

Unavailable

Wednesday, August 24th

Unavailable

Thursday, August 25th

Unavailable

Friday, August 26th

Unavailable

Saturday, August 27th

+Evette Ghosson

Sunday, August 28th

+Karam Karam

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 21st

Redmond Family

Sunday, August 28th

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

NOTE FROM THE NEIGHBORS: SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

On Sunday morning the 21st, one of the neighbors is hosting a wedding brunch at their house. There will be a food truck parked in front of the house and lots of guests parking right around the time of Sunday service. Heads up parishioners...parking will be tight that day, might be smart to plan some extra time!



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*



PRAYER FOR DEACON TONY KARAM'S ORDINATION

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, we lift up our prayer to You for deacon Tony as he draws near his priestly ordination. We ask you Lord to let Your holy love surround him and shield him from temptations, and comfort him in struggles. May You Lord, light of the world, guide him in your footsteps, so he may approach the day You will anoint him with a heart full of peace, joy and gratitude. To You be glory and honor now and forever.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

ايها الرب يسوع المسيح، الكاهن الاعظم، نرفع اليك الصلاة لأجل الشماس طوني، وهو يقترب من سيامته الكهنوتية، طالبين منك ان تجعل حبك القدوس يغمره ويحفظه من التجارب ويعزيه في الصعاب. يا رب، يا نور العالم، ليكن نورك هدايته على خطاك، فيقترب من اليوم الذي ستتمسحه فيه بقلب مغمور بالسلام والغبطة والشكران. لك المجد والوقار الآن والى الأبد
أبانا، السلام، المجد

In preparation for the priestly ordination of Deacon Tony Karam let us get united in prayer with a novena starting on August 18th, nine days prior to the ordination. This is the suggested novena prayer in both English and Arabic . Please check it out. Hard copies of prayers will also be available at church.

Community Events



**Star of Bethlehem Raffle Quilt
Tickets
\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00**

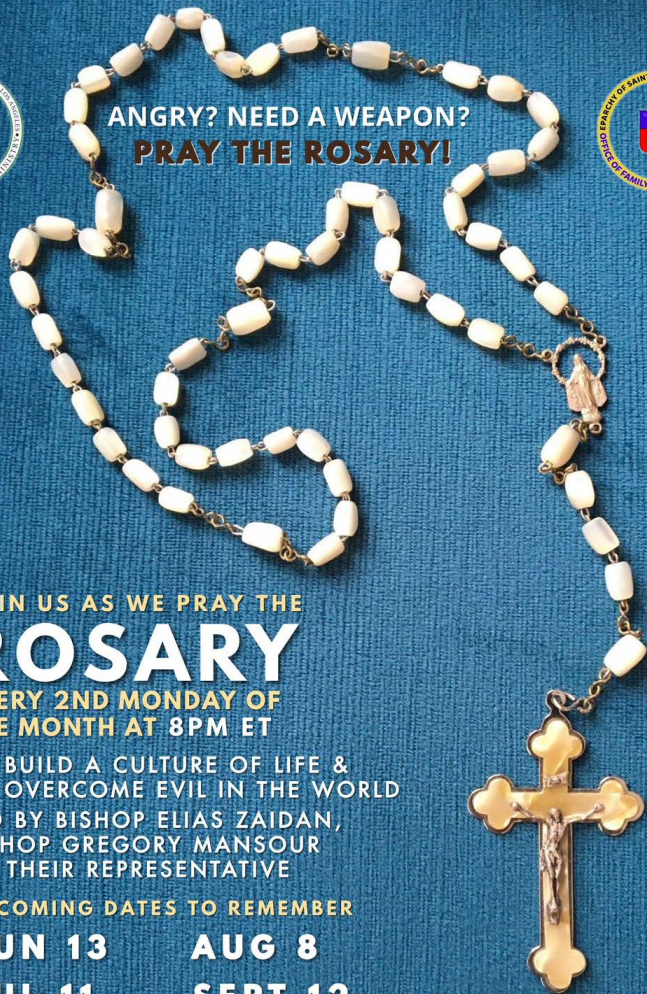
St. Mary's 50th Quilt & Crafts Fair

*September 15, 16, & 17
Thursday through Saturday
10 AM - 4 PM*

Lunch Served Daily at 11:00 AM

**St. Mary's Catholic Church
960 Missouri Avenue
Vernonia, OR 97064
503-429-8841**

maryscatholicchurch@frontier.com



**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

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

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 for men and women ages 18-40 (ish) that meets once a month for fellowship,



prayer, and social activities
SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

Reflection

In our gospel reading today, a Canaanite woman (a non-Jew) approached Jesus to ask for help. She referred to Jesus as the Son of David (who is considered by the Jews as the great King of Israel even to this day) and acknowledged Jesus as a master and healer.

The Canaanite woman asked Jesus to have mercy on her and her daughter who was sick and tormented by the demon. Even if she wasn't being heard initially, her efforts paid off and Jesus was able to give her his attention and help.

Illnesses may not always be personal but also social. Sickness in our family, community, country, and in our world. When one experiences moral or spiritual illness, it means the person is detached from his/ her humanity and God is far from him/ her. In this case, God is the only cure.

He is the truth and the only way to genuine faith, hope, justice, and peace. The Canaanite woman had a strong faith in God. She was convinced that she can only find real mercy and complete healing only through Jesus.

In the gospel reading, Jesus had remarked that salvation is for the family of Israel. The Canaanites were not mentioned by him. Still, the Canaanite woman insisted that salvation can still be received. To receive God's mercy even if it just portion of it may be given by Jesus. The metaphor and imagery of scrap on the table that are eaten by dogs, is an image of desperation especially for the woman who was begging Jesus for mercy because she had great faith in him.

Jesus was overwhelmed by the faith of the woman; it is great faith from a non- Israelite. Let us ask God to give us the faith of the Canaanite woman so we can also partake in God's saving love.

Let us pray, reflect and ask ourselves:

Am I well and spiritually healthy?

Am I happy with what is going on in my life?

How do I handle sickness and pain that comes my way?

Do I trust in the Lord at all times?

Do I have the same faith like the Canaanite woman?

Do I really believe that only God can heal me and restore me to health?

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