



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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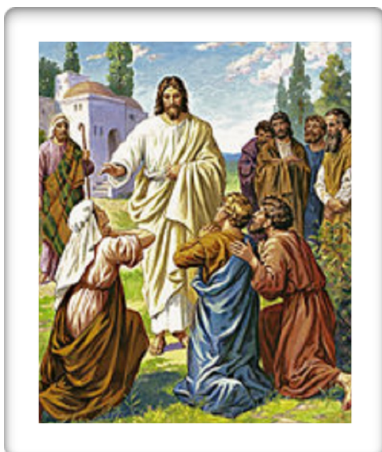
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September 18, 2022

First Sunday After the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

Second Sunday After the Holy Cross

1 Cor 15:19-34 (Christ the Firstfruits/Practical Arguments)

Mt 24:1-14 (The Destruction of the Temple Foretold/ Beginning of Calamities)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for September 4th - 10th

Online.....\$1,167.50

Collection.....\$2,119.00

Weekly Total.....\$3,286.50

YTD Total.....\$79,651.11

YTD Goal.....\$83,088.00

YTD Difference.....-\$3,436.89

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, September 18th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, September 19th

Christopher & Nadia Redmond

Tuesday, September 20th

Available

Wednesday, September 21st

Dennis Myers

Thursday, September 22nd

Available

Friday, September 23rd

Available

Saturday, September 24th

Available

Sunday, September 25th

+Rabih Ghostine

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, September 18th

Redmond Family

Sunday, September 25th

Ghossein Agopos

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

Message From Abouna:

Abouna has a new Oregon phone number!
503-961-4881

Please change his number in your contacts to this new number as the old phone number will not be in operation much longer.
Thanks!

Parish Programs



St. Sharbel's MYO or "The Cedars of Saint Sharbel" will start gathering again on October 23 in the upstairs meeting room immediately after mass. The group is for boys and girls ages 13-18.

Stay tuned for more details to come...

Religious Education

2022-23 Maronite Faith Formation Information Day for our Youth and Families

October 9, 2022 after the Divine Liturgy, 12:00 PM – meet upstairs in the classroom (above sacristy). Information about Family Catechesis, Sacrament Preparation, and Volunteer opportunities will be available.

Please contact Nadia for more information Coordinator of Religious Education,
n.redmond@comcast.net

Please continue to pray for our parish and ministries



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.

Community Events

October 9th is designated "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. We will have a brief, special presentation on the Order that day. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for educating our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at <http://www.orderstsharbel.org> or ask Father for more information.

With gratitude for all your love for the Church, I remain,
Yours in Christ,

+ A. Elias



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

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

Catholic Friendship Group - Singles, ages 40-60.
Eucharistic Adoration followed by a talk and discussion led by Fr. Joshua Clifton.

Next topic: The Apostolic Fathers.

Our group continues to grow! Come join us for our next gathering.

Friday, September 23rd.

NEW START TIME: 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Visit www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com for more details.

Location: St. Birgitta Catholic Church, 11820 NW St. Helens Rd, Portland. RSVP to:

CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.com

JOIN THE ORDER

TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MARONITE SEMINARIANS
AND HELP BUILD THE FUTURE OF THE MARONITE CHURCH



JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL TODAY

Enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or in your Parish.

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, Chorbishop Donald J. Sawyer, D. Min, at 512-458-3693 or dsawyer@grandecom.net

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

Reflection

Symbols and signs have a great power. Whether it be a company logo, that identifies for us a brand, or a signature, which communicates a person's approval of to whatever it is attached, an identity is communicated. Along with that identity, the personal credibility of the person or thing to whom the sign belongs is accessed by it. The cross is both sign and signature of Christ, accessible to us at every hour.

In former times, especially when most people could not read, a king's sign was extremely important. If an order was issued by the king, it came into force when he added his seal. Similarly, when his soldiers would go to war they would carry his sign on a banner to show the soldiers acted on his behalf. So the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, has likewise given us His symbol – the cross. At our baptisms, the priest drew the sign of the cross over us, which claimed us for Christ, as he said, "May he/she be signed a simple lamb of Your flock; by Your sign, may he/she be numbered among Your spiritual herd and enter Your sheepfold. May he/she be mixed with Your sheep and become Yours..." By the sign of the cross, we become Christ's – as His followers and His siblings, heirs of the Father. Just like a royal person has a crest, we have taken the sign of the cross as our family crest, and we become divine sons and daughters of God.

The same baptism prayers continues and expresses a second reason why we are given the sign of the cross, "...May he/she be protected from all evils. By the sign of the glorious Trinity, may You sanctify him/her and may he/she come to a second birth, singing glory and offering thanks to You..." The sign of the cross acts like the banner soldiers would carry into war, to protect us from harm and give us the help of our King. It is our "Armor of Righteousness and Helpful Companion" as we call it on the Feast because it is the sign by which Christ chose to save the world. When we sign ourselves with it and invoke the Trinity, we receive an overflowing of invisible assistance. As expressed by a Syriac hymn:

In the evening I sign my limbs with the cross and You have made it my guard night and day. In the middle of the night when the Evil One comes he sees the cross. He flees from it and hides himself in the dark place and in the morning I rise to sing You praise, O Lord
(Trans. from Syriac Maronite Thursday Vespers)

We carry with us every day the sign of the cross the Church marked us with on our baptism. As St. Paul says, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20) for "all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Gal. 3:27). The whole almighty power of Christ, Who conquered death and Satan by the cross, we have put on in baptism. Each time we sign ourselves with His cross, we obtain all the assistance of that power.

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