



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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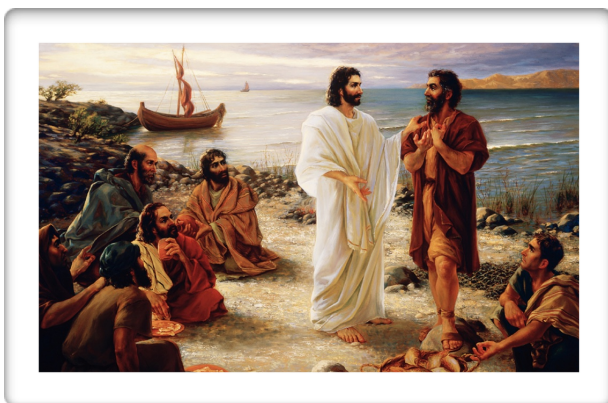
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## May 7, 2023

**5th Sunday of the Resurrection:**  
**Jesus Delivers the Office of Shepherd to Peter**



**Next Sunday**

**6th Sunday of the Resurrection:**  
**Jesus Appears to the Apostles in the Upper Room**

**Rom 10:1-13** (Righteousness Based on Faith)

**Lk 24:36-48** (The Appearance to the Disciples in Jerusalem)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for April 23rd - 29th*

Online.....\$933.30

Collection.....\$2,875.00

Weekly Total.....\$3,808.30

YTD Total.....\$34,485.45

YTD Goal.....\$39,236.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$4,750.55**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 7th, 11:00am

*Available*

Monday, May 8th

*Available*

Tuesday, May 9th

*Available*

Wednesday, May 10th

*Available*

Thursday, May 11th

*Available*

Friday, May 12th

*Available*

Saturday, May 13th

*Available*

Sunday, May 14th

*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, May 7th

*Available*

Sunday, May 14th

*Available*

## Parish Council

Bruce Ashford  
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**Application Deadline: May 31, 2023**



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## SECOND COLLECTIONS

*Next Collection:*

**MAY 7, 2023**

Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine and Basilica

# Parish Programs



St. Sharbel's MYO or "The Cedars of Saint Sharbel" gathers in the upstairs meeting room immediately after mass. The group is for boys and girls ages 13-18.

## Meetings have Concluded for the Year!

Please contact Gennifer Karam at [jmjkaram3@gmail.com](mailto:jmjkaram3@gmail.com) to register

## Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

MYA is a local chapter of a national Maronite organization for single and married men and women ages 19+



Next Event:

**TBA**

For more info on the MYA, contact [Claude@trazzafoods.com](mailto:Claude@trazzafoods.com)

## Religious Education

*To ALL Families with children between Ages 6-11*



For Information about family catechesis and sacrament preparation Contact Nadia Redmond, Coordinator of Religious Education, [n.redmond@comcast.net](mailto:n.redmond@comcast.net)

Please continue to pray for our parish and ministries

## 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)



## Reflection

"Do you love me?" is a question that can evoke many different feelings from its recipient, especially after a fight. In today's Gospel, Peter is eating with our Lord after seeing Him for the first time after Peter denied Him three times before His Crucifixion. One can only imagine the tension Peter held in his heart for his betrayal – when His Lord and beloved friend needed him most, he not only ran away but denied him. Then our Lord asked Peter, "Do you love me?" The Gospel tells us that Peter was hurt after Christ asked a third time, but perhaps Peter was hurt from the first time he was asked because of His own denial of the Lord three times. But Christ does not ask Peter "Do you love me?" in condemnation, but in negation for his previous rejection of Christ. In God's mercy, for every denial against Him He invites Peter back to Him!

God's mercy is wider than the sea, which is why He asks Peter the question "Do you love me?" for every time he denied the Lord. As Christ said earlier in the Gospel, "If you love me, you will keep my commands" (John 14:15). As the Lord of Mercy, Christ came to forgive our sins and so always gives us renewed opportunity to be forgiven. "Perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment" (1 John 4:18). It is God Who always initiates with us, even when we do not realize, but responding to the Lord with love, Peter is restored in his relationship with Jesus. Likewise, no offense of ours is too great for the Lord of Mercy – we must respond in contrition and love towards the Lord at His constant invitation to return to His love by denouncing our sin instead of denouncing Him.

When Peter responds three times that he does love the Lord, Christ restores him to a trusted place in the mission of the Church. As one of the diaconal proclamations during the Ordination Rite proclaims:

The Lord gave His sheep to Peter's care for he obeyed;  
He made him a shepherd for He saw he loved Him.

Christ had asked him if he loved Him to feed His lambs;  
He knew Peter's love for Him was much so He gave much.

Love does indeed drive out fear and the fear of punishment, and "God is love" (1 John 4:8). When we separate ourselves from God, we delve into fear itself. And shortcomings are inevitable because we are imperfect people. But when we turn back to the Lord and seek to reunite with Him, we are restored just as Peter. But in desiring to be united to the love of the Lord, Peter was asked to be a light to the world (Matt. 5:14), and see that others are brought to the true faith and the eternal life of the Resurrection. Peter's love of God was not to be a "personal matter," but required him to change the very nature of his life. Because Peter loved the Lord, the Lord asked him to shepherd other lambs to the True Shepherd's sheepfold, the Church.

How shall we then respond to the Lord's constant inviting question "Do you love me?"

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