



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## June 4, 2023

*3rd Sunday of Pentecost*



**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 May 28th - June 3rd*

Online.....\$483.30

Collection.....\$724.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,207.30

YTD Total.....\$40,132.95

YTD Goal.....\$50,776.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$10,643.05**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 11th, 11:00am

**+Dolores Bushy**

Monday, June 12th

**Cyrus French**

Tuesday, June 13th

*Available*

Wednesday, June 14th

**Theresa Myers**

Thursday, June 15th

*Available*

Friday, June 16th

**Daniel Myers**

Saturday, June 17th

*Available*

Sunday, June 18th

*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, June 11th**

*Available*

**Sunday, June 18th**

*Redmond Family*

## SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

### Women's Conference

June 10, 2023

Christ the King Catholic Church  
11709 SE Fuller Rd, Milwaukie, OR



- 8:00 - 8:30 Registration
- 8:30 - 9:00 Mass
- 9:00 - 9:30 Introduction and  
"Hello" from Apostolate Founder Janette Howe
- 9:30 - 10:30 Msgr. O'Connor  
Msgr. Cihak  
Fr. Randy Hoang  
"Distractions in Prayer"
- 10:30 - 11:30 Adoration and Confession
- 11:30 - 12:30 Christin McIntyre  
"The Hows and Whys of Intercession"
- 12:30 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 Elizabeth Farley  
"Blessed Virgin Mary - Our Mother and Teacher"

For preregistration email: [SevenSistersPortland@gmail.com](mailto:SevenSistersPortland@gmail.com)

**Cost: \$50.00** \*Pay at the door, cash or check please.

### Parish Council

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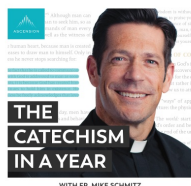
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## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Collection:

**JUNE 25, 2023**

Peter's Pence

# Parish Programs

## 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

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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