



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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June 18, 2023

4th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

5th Sunday of Pentecost

Phil 3:7-14 (Righteousness from God/Forward in Christ)

Mt 10:1-7 (The Mission of the 12/The Commissioning of the 12)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 4th- 10th

Online.....\$498.30

Collection.....\$824.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,322.30

YTD Total.....\$41,455.25

YTD Goal.....\$53,084.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$11,628.75**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 18th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, June 19th

Available

Tuesday, June 20th

Liesel Kiel

Wednesday, June 21st

Available

Thursday, June 22nd

Margaret Bailey

Friday, June 23rd

Available

Saturday, June 24th

Available

Sunday, June 25th

+Ibrahim Khal

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 18th

Redmond Family

Sunday, June 25th

Available

Parish Council

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Gus Bekahi

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+Doug Raab

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MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU
AND PROTECT YOU.
MAY THE LORD SMILE ON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU.
MAY THE LORD SHOW YOU HIS FAVOR
AND GIVE YOU HIS PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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Next Collection:

JUNE 25, 2023

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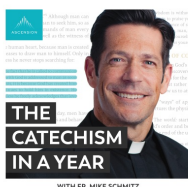
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Parish Programs

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

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

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

Reflection

God the Father, by His nature, is hidden from us because He is greater than understanding or even our senses. But because He loves us, He has revealed Himself throughout the ages because He wishes us to know Him. First, He sent the prophets to reveal their prophecies. Then the Son, our Lord and God Jesus Christ, became man Himself to unite God and man. Lastly, God the Spirit descended on Pentecost to make all Christians His dwelling place and temple, to continue to reveal what is “hidden... from the wise and learned” but “revealed... to little children” (Luke 10:21).

Our baptism was when God the Spirit descended and make us His dwelling, just as He did first at Pentecost. He remains in us as our strength and our “Paraclete” (or advocate), as Jesus Himself called Him, to lead us to know what wise men do not of God. No amount of human wisdom can lead someone to the wisdom that God imparts in baptism, because baptism itself is a spiritual womb which births the baptized anew into God Himself and God dwells in the baptized.

A question that has been long asked is how do we sin if God dwells in us, and whether or not the Holy Spirit departs from us when we sin. But our ancient Syriac tradition has also long answered the question, as Bishop Philoxenus of Mabbug did 1500 years ago. Whatever we do, God remains in us because of His love, as Christ promised when He said “Remain in me, as I also remain in you” (John 15:4). Even when we have sinned, the Spirit remains to lead us back to be reconciled with God. As God promised through Moses in ancient times and He repeats with every mercy, He will never leave or forsake us (Deut. 31:6).

In God’s love He granted us free will to choose or reject Him, as all love must be freely chosen and not forced. So though He dwells in us and remains with us, He allows us to either choose to follow Him and return when we stray, or reject Him without repentance. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul told the Corinthians (1 Cor. 6:19) consecrated by baptism, but by a lack of faith, lack of repentance and lack of godly actions, we can choose to show the disdain for the honor of God dwelling within us. Though God will remain in us, we can make it clear we do not wish to dwell in Him, He Who is life itself. When we choose the death of sin over the life of God, Christ says, “If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned” (John 15:6).

Every time we attend the Divine Liturgy, we profess our faith, calling the Holy Spirit the Giver of Life. He created all life in the beginning, and gives imperishable life in baptism. He has done so not out of our own merit, but out of His love for His creation. Each day we are given the option to live for this life we have been given in God, growing in the divine life. Let us strive to seek God in all things and everywhere, remembering it is He Who gave life and gives it again daily.

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