



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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June 25, 2023

5th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

6th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Cor 12:12-13,27-30 (One Body, Many Parts,
Application to Christ)

Mt 10:16-25 (Coming Persecutions)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 11th- 17th

Online.....\$1,230.80

Collection.....\$1,356.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,586.80

YTD Total.....\$44,042.05

YTD Goal.....\$55,392.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$11,349.95**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 25th, 11:00am

+Ibrahim Khal

Monday, June 26th

Available

Tuesday, June 27th

Theresa Wold

Wednesday, June 28th

David Wrublik

Thursday, June 29th

Available

Friday, June 30th

Available

Saturday, July 1st

Available

Sunday, July 2nd

**For the intentions of Steph Stewart ,
and for her family.**

**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 25th

Available

Sunday, July 2nd

Available

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Bruce Ashford

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Collection:

JUNE 25, 2023

Peter's Pence



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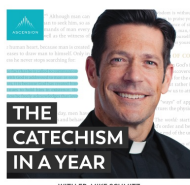
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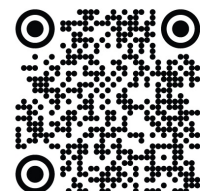
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Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

SAVE THE DATE

BBQ PARTY



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

SAVE THE DATE:

August 26th, Barbecue and Bonfire at Claude and Gennifer's home in Dundee.

MORE DETAILS TO COME

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

Reflection

As we continue celebrate the Season of Pentecost, in which the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, we also continue to reflect upon the Holy Spirit in the lives of each Christian. Pentecost served as the great fulfillment of Christ's promise that He would never abandon His Apostles, but send them His Advocate, the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-18). This promise remains true for every Christian who has been clothed in Christ in baptism. St. John assures us of this when He records Christ then said, "The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them" (John 14:21). Because God is love, those who act in love participate in a divine act, in the life of God, through the Holy Spirit.

If we look in the world, we see the mark of the most excellent artist, Who is God. He has used the most vivid colors to create the masterpieces of creation – and greatest of them all is humanity, Who He made in His image. The paint of God's creation is His love for all He has created and saved. In fact, the word *philanthropos* (lover of man) is a divine title, attributed to God for Who loves their work greater than the artist?

The vivid colors in which God painted the world is His love, and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. God is Spirit, and therefore, as St. John wrote, "No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God remains in us." God could have painted the picture of Himself, yet He wishes us, Who are made in His image, to participate in His artistry of creation. By every brush stroke of our lives, God calls us to be artists, to add every drop of paint that shows forth His very existence of love that we might participate in the divine life we have been born into by baptism. God is the true philanthropist, and by our love, we imitate His Being. We enter into a participation in the divine mystery of creation, adding to reveal the face of God in the world by our Christian lives– in prayer, in charity, and by every little deed.

Certainly, there will be blotches and mistakes, spills and slips in the life of every Christian, because we are finite and imperfect. But as any good artist knows, an organic painting is often an unexpected result, and with intentional diligence, even a mistake can be not only corrected but incorporated. God gives us every means to obtain the remission of our sin and every moment to repent for our transgressions. And we must always remember nothing is done by our own brilliance alone – even the very paint we use and fabric we paint upon is a divine gift, and God, the greatest artist, will always accompany us, bringing to perfection the love He has placed in us in baptism.

The altar is the easel of the canvas of our Christian lives, and the inkpot of love given at baptism is the vivid colors we have been given to paint with. Let us paint upon the canvas of our lives with every small deed so that all who look upon it may see and know that we are servants of the true Artist.

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