



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## August 13, 2023

12th Sunday of Pentecost



**Next Sunday**

13th Sunday of Pentecost

**1 Cor 3:1-11** (Ministers of the New Covenant? Contrast with the Old Covenant)

**Lk 8:1-15** (The Parable of the Sower)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for July 30th - August 5*

Online.....\$323.30

Collection.....\$645.00

Weekly Total.....\$968.30

YTD Total.....\$59,459.15

YTD Goal.....\$71,548.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$12,088.85**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, August 13th, 11:00am

*Unavailable*

Monday, August 14th

*Unavailable*

Tuesday, August 15th

*Unavailable*

Wednesday, August 16th

*Unavailable*

Thursday, August 17th

*Unavailable*

Friday, August 18th

*Unavailable*

Saturday, August 19th

*Unavailable*

Sunday, August 20th

*Unavailable*

***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, August 13th

*Available*

Sunday, August 20th

*Redmond Family*

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## BRIDGE CLOSURES — PLAN AHEAD AUGUST 13th

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## SECOND COLLECTIONS

*Next Collection:*

**September 10,  
2023**

Catholic University



## Parish Programs

### 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:**

**NEW DATE - September 16th**

Barbecue and Bonfire at Claude and Gennifer's home in Dundee.

**Starting @3:00PM**

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,  
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Please continue to pray for our parish and ministries.

## CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL

Mandatory Parent Mtg.  
Sunday, August 27

After the Holy Mysteries — We will meet to discuss the needs and goals of the youth group this year!



## *Reflection*

In our gospel reading today, a Canaanite woman (a non-Jew) approached Jesus to ask for help. She referred to Jesus as the Son of David (who is considered by the Jews as the great King of Israel even to this day) and acknowledged Jesus as a master and healer.

The Canaanite woman asked Jesus to have mercy on her and her daughter who was sick and tormented by the demon. Even if she wasn't being heard initially, her efforts paid off and Jesus was able to give her his attention and help.

Illnesses may not always be personal but also social. Sickness in our family, community, country, and in our world. When one experiences moral or spiritual illness, it means the person is detached from his/ her humanity and God is far from him/ her. In this case, God is the only cure.

He is the truth and the only way to genuine faith, hope, justice, and peace. The Canaanite woman had a strong faith in God. She was convinced that she can only find real mercy and complete healing only through Jesus.

In the gospel reading, Jesus had remarked that salvation is for the family of Israel. The Canaanites were not mentioned by him. Still, the Canaanite woman insisted that salvation can still be received. To receive God's mercy even if it just portion of it may be given by Jesus. The metaphor and imagery of scrap on the table that are eaten by dogs, is an image of desperation especially for the woman who was begging Jesus for mercy because she had great faith in him.

Jesus was overwhelmed by the faith of the woman; it is great faith from a non- Israelite. Let us ask God to give us the faith of the Canaanite woman so we can also partake in God's saving love.

Let us pray, reflect and ask ourselves:

Am I well and spiritually healthy?

Am I happy with what is going on in my life?

How do I handle sickness and pain that comes my way?

Do I trust in the Lord at all times?

Do I have the same faith like the Canaanite woman?

Do I really believe that only God can heal me and restore me to health?

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