



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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August 27, 2023

14th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

15th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thes 1:1-10 (Greetings/Thanksgiving for Their Faith)

Lk 7:36-50 (The Pardon of the Sinful Woman)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for August 13th - 19th

Online.....\$223.30

Collection.....\$417.00

Weekly Total.....\$640.30

YTD Total.....\$62,348.27

YTD Goal.....\$76,164.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$13,815.73**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, August 27th, 11:00am

+Gus Bekahi 40 Day Memorial

Monday, August 28th

Unavailable

Tuesday, August 29th

For the Holy Soul nearest to Heaven

Wednesday, August 30th

Catherine Wood Fisher

Thursday, August 31st

Available

Friday, September 1st

For All the Holy Angels

Saturday, September 2nd

Available

Sunday, September 3rd

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, August 27th

Available

Sunday, September 3rd

Available

Parish Council

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+Thaddeus Rask

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AUGUST 27, 2023

+**Gus Bekahi** 40 Day Memorial Mass

Please Join for a Mercy Meal following
Mass.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Collection:

September 10, 2023

Catholic University



**Wanted ONE Holy
Hour per Week!**

Contact Nadia Redmond

503-671-0440

-or-

Email: n.redmond@comcast.net

More info at:

<https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>

SAVE THE DATE

BBQ PARTY



Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

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

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.

FOR AGES 13-18

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!



Hospitality is one of the coveted possessions of Middle Eastern culture. The very idea of being remarked as a good host is an honor, as the host diligently sees to their guests – and not offering something once, but often three or more times. Beyond being a characteristic of being Middle Eastern, hospitality is a fundamental value of Christianity, as St. Paul suggests (Heb. 13:12). And who could be a greater honor to receive as a guest than Christ, our Lord and God, as Martha and Mary receive Him in the Gospel this Sunday?

At our baptism, we are also honored with the indwelling of Christ to the humble abode of our body. As St. Paul says, “It is Christ who lives in me” (Gal. 2:20) and “Do you not know that you are God’s temple...?” (1 Cor. 3:16). By baptism we welcome Christ into our very selves, and He enters the place we prepare for Him regardless of the sneers of others. Just as when Christ visited Zaccheus the tax collector’s house (Luke 19), He did not listen to those who were questioning Christ for visiting a sinner. In fact, it was because Zaccheus was a sinner that Christ was even more pleased to visit Him because, as He said through the prophet Ezekiel, “For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!” (Ez. 18:32). Should we not prepare, then, a house fitting for the visit of the King of Kings?

But why, then, was Martha corrected by Jesus when she was busy toiling to prepare things for Christ’s visit while Mary sat there entertaining Him? Certainly preparing food and tidying up is an important part of any visit of a guest. But Martha allowed her other cares to distract her from the fact that the King of Kings had come to visit. As our Lord told Martha, “You are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:41-42). Christ is not telling Martha to ignore the necessities of life – indeed, if she let the house fall in, there would be no house to have Christ as a guest. But she is allowing other worries to ignore the most life-giving encounter she could possibly have with Life Himself.

We have been honored beyond our deserving with the visitation of our Lord in our bodies. How do we receive Him? Do we sit attentively at His feet as Mary did? Or do we allow the cares of this world to pull us this and that way, while we say that we are doing what is necessary now and we will give Christ a later time? As Christ Himself says, “But about that day or hour no one knows” (Matt. 24:36) so for all we know that later time we give Christ may never come. Placing Christ at the center of our lives is a life-long process, and not merely a box to check but an act of love. Just as we should not approach the amount of time we give our mothers, the Christian does not think “What is the least amount of time that I can give God and He will still love me?” God will always love us regardless of our acts – the amount of time we give Him in return is our response.

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