



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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September 3, 2023

15th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1 Cor 1:18-25 (Paradox of the Cross)

Jn 12:20-32 (The Coming of Jesus' Hour)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for August 20th - 26th

Online.....\$923.30

Collection.....\$609.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,532.30

YTD Total.....\$63,880.57

YTD Goal.....\$78,472.00

YTD Difference.....-\$14,591.43

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, September 3rd, 11:00am

Available

Monday, September 4th

Available

Tuesday, September 5th

Available

Wednesday, September 6th

Available

Thursday, September 7th

Available

Friday, September 8th

Available

Saturday, September 9th

Available

Sunday, September 10th

+Farida Ibrahim

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, September 3rd

Available

Sunday, September 10th

Available

Parish Council

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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.

SAINT SHARBEL

Youth AGES 13-18

"CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL"

Gennifer Karam
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MORE INFO TO COME

If those [angels] clothed-in-lightning looked upon Him they would be burned but lowly dust [man] sees Him face-to-face while eating Him.

Receiving the Eucharist is the most sublime moment of one's week. To those who do not know Him, like in this Gospel of this Sunday, they say, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). But to those who know what they are receiving, they approach the altar knowing that they are about to receive the true flesh and blood of our God. The prophets could not even imagine so great a gift of God, as each time God appeared to them they hid their faces in fear, knowing not even the angels look upon Him. Yet He has taken flesh so that "If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever" (John 6:51).

The prophets revealed that the presence of God is magnificent – surrounded by fire upon a throne with legions of uncountable angels serving Him, yet hiding their faces to not look upon Him because of His exceeding brilliance. This is why St. Ephrem says we receive "Fire in the bread, Spirit in the cup." But the body and blood, which appears before us, is not on fire or shining brightly – why? Jesus, in His love for mankind, condescended to a lowly state for our salvation. The King of Kings became a poor child born to poor parents, born in an animals' trough. But how appropriate that the King of Kings should be placed into an animals' trough because He entered the world in a lowly state to feed us with His flesh that gives eternal life though we do not comprehend it, just as a caretaker feeds His flock though they do not fully understand. His love for us is so great that the Immortal God would die so that we may eat of Him, the Medicine of Immortality, and receive the forgiveness of our faults, freed from the death brought by sin.

"When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?'" (John 6:60). From the very moment Christ revealed His love there were those who doubted even among His disciples because of its great abundance. What need does God have to give us His flesh and blood so that we have life? None. But He does it in love of us for He does not wish to see His image, man, perish in the death that he chose through sin. Yet Christ does not force us to accept even what is good but He leaves us the option of receiving His body, just as He left Adam and Eve the choice of a tree of life and a tree of death.

For us, we are left with these two options: we can approach the tree of death, which our father Adam ate of in his pride, or we can approach the Tree of Life, the cross on which hung the food come down from heaven. If we approach the Tree of Life, we should be prepared for the trials that await us – the disbelief of others, the difficulty of following the cross, and the demands of Christian love. But if we should succeed in approaching the Tree of Life and eating of its food, the body and blood of our Lord, we shall obtain eternal life, the forgiveness of sins and union with God. Then, with St. Peter, let us say, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:67).

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