



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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October 22, 2023

Sixth Sunday After the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

Seventh Sunday After the Holy Cross

Rom 12:9-21 (Mutual Love)

Mt 25:31-46 (The Judgement of the Nations)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for October 8th - 14th

Online.....\$1,425.80

Collection.....\$416.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,841.80

YTD Total.....\$73,889.17

YTD Goal.....\$94,628.00

YTD Difference.....-\$20,738.83

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 22nd, 11:00am

+Rabih Ghostine

Monday, October 23rd

Available

Tuesday, October 24th

Available

Wednesday, October 25th

Available

Thursday, October 26th

Available

Friday, October 27th

Available

Saturday, October 28th

Available

Sunday, October 29th

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, October 22nd

Redmond Family

Sunday, October 29th

Available

Parish Council

Charlie Ashou

Eva Bekahi

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Agopos Ghossein

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+Claude Karam

Lydia Massaad

+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

Nadia Redmond

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+Finance Committee

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Collection: **October 22, 2023**, World Mission Sunday—
Propagation of the Faith

respect life month novena



Join thousands of Catholics in prayer
starting this Friday!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Respect Life Month.

Join a nationwide novena starting Friday for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, as well as a short reflection, suggested actions, and more.

Join THOUSANDS of Catholics in prayer Friday, October 13 - Saturday, October 21.

<https://www.respectlife.org/confirmation-respect-life-novena>

Catholic Friendship Group

Fr. Joshua Clifton - catholicfriendshipgroup@outlook.com

The Catholic Friendship Group is for single Catholics ages 40 to 60 throughout the Archdiocese of Portland who are looking to grow in faith and fellowship!

Gatherings are held every other week for Adoration, a talk and discussion on a prepared theme led by Fr. Joshua Clifton, and a social **from 7:00-8:30pm** at **St. Birgitta Parish** (11820 NW St. Helens Rd.).

Recent topics have included the 7 Sorrows of Mary devotional. On Friday, October 27th, Father Clifton continues with Marian Apparitions, and on Nov 10th will discuss Vestments.

To learn more and for future topics, visit www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com!

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 MEETING: OCTOBER 22nd after Mass in the upper classroom. We will be discussing Rule #11 of St. Ignatius on Discernment of Spirits

For more info on the MYA, contact Claude@trazzafoods.com



Wanted ONE Holy Hour per Week!



Contact Nadia Redmond
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More info at:

<https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>

PRAY THE ROSARY



EVERY SUNDAY BEFORE MASS
WE PRAY THE ROSARY AT
10:30AM.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PERSON OR
WITHIN YOUR OWN FAMILY
TO PRAY THE ROSARY
TOGETHER.

SUNDAYS 10:30AM

NOVEMBER 5
DECEMBER 10
JANUARY 14
FEBRUARY 18
MARCH 10
APRIL 14
MAY 5

SAINT SHARBEL

Youth

AGES 12-17

"CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL"
Youth Catechis

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2024 REGIONAL RETREATS

MIDWEST

JAN 12 -14, 2024

DAMASCUS CATHOLIC MISSION - CENTERBURG, OH

WEST COAST

FEB 2 - 4, 2024

PAIL RETREAT - RUNNING SPRINGS, CA

SOUTH

FEB 23 - 25, 2024

TEJAS CAMP & RETREAT - GIDDINGS, TX

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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.

"You have been trustworthy a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

Traditionally, when a bishop entered the church the hymn *To Bashlom* (Come in Peace) was sung. The second verse concludes, "[The Lord] calls to you, 'O good worker, come, enter and inherit the Kingdom.'" We sing this hymn in hopes that the bishop, as a good shepherd, will be received warmly into heaven for all his hard work on Earth—after all, he has been asked to watch over thousands, if not millions, of souls. If he has served according to the Lord's will, he will become an heir of the Kingdom of Heaven.

But today's parable is not just for those with public jobs involving millions of persons and large assets. As we hear our Lord say, both the servants entrusted with five talents and two talents respectively both received the same reward of exerting the joy of their master. They were given their tasks based on their abilities, but they were rewarded by the same master in his unmatched generosity for those who do his will. The servant with the single coin was not punished for failing to match the number of his fellow workers' income - the master knew both the servant's ability and the amount he initially gave him. He was punished for lazily digging a hole and burying - neither having tried to invest or even putting it in the bank! He knew the master would return and require the money, so he picked the easiest way to get rid of it.

It is obvious that the master of the parable is our Lord, Whose return we await. The servants are each one out us - given skills and challenges according to our own abilities. It does not matter if we are the CEO or the janitor of a Fortune 500 Company - before God we are all equally servants and asked to make good use of what He has given us. It is not just in the big tasks we are to act godly, but in every small task that everything be for the glory of God. Through this, we can glorify God in all things. The Christian glorifies God even in the most mundane chore of the day if it is done for good. The janitor who sweeps the floor is using what God has given him to dutifully support his family and give to those in need.

On the Last Day before God, the janitor will be able to stand next to the CEO as proudly and the janitor, having lived a life according to the commands of Christ, will inherit the Kingdom and eternal life. Though in the measure of mankind the janitor has received less initially, the end is the same reward if they have both used it for the work of Christ. But perhaps the risk of the lazy servant looms as a threat to all of us in our daily lives - a tempting thought to think is what we do is negligible or unimportant. If the janitor were to hear the CEO stole money he might be tempted to feel, "Well at least I didn't do that!" But perhaps in the circumstances of the janitor he will never have the chance to steal money but he steps over the poor man outside the building each day, ignoring his cries for just a bite of food. Each of us have been given according to our abilities and are asked according to our abilities.

God, the Lover of Mankind, has given us everything in His love and mercy - everything from our lives to our very next breath. In thanks and glory to God, we should do every little and great thing we do for Him - whether it be the explicit religious goal of preaching the Gospel to those who have never heard it or the more implicit small chores of the day. When our Lord comes, if we have taken care of what He has entrusted us in this passing world, we shall hear the voice of our Lord call to us to eternal life in the Kingdom, saying, "I will put you in charge of many things; entire into the joy of your master."

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