



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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October 29, 2023

Seventh Sunday After the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

Consecration of the Church

Heb 9:1-12 (The Worship of the First Covenant)

Mt 16:13-20 (Peter's Confession About Jesus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for October 15th - 21st

Online.....\$393.30

Collection.....\$1,012.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,405.30

YTD Total.....\$75,294.47

YTD Goal.....\$96,936.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$21,641.53**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 29th, 11:00am

+Dr. Thomas Rask & +Agopos Ghossein

Monday, October 30th

Available

Tuesday, October 31st

Available

Wednesday, November 1st

Available

Thursday, November 2nd

For All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, November 3rd

Available

Saturday, November 4th

Available

Sunday, November 5th

+Nathan and Emma Decker

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 29th

Available

Sunday, November 5th

Available

Parish Council

Charlie Ashou

Eva Bekahi

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+Claude Karam

Lydia Massaad

+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

Nadia Redmond

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+Finance Committee

In response to His Holiness
Pope Francis calling for a
day of fasting and prayer
on Friday, October 27 for
“peace in our time, peace in
this world”

Our Eparchy, in
conjunction with the
United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops, will
join asking our Almighty
God for peace and stability
in the world.



Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles



SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Collection: **December 3, 2023**, Maronite Patriarchal Charities

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: TBA

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



Wanted ONE Holy Hour per Week!



Contact Nadia Redmond
503-671-0440

-or-

Email: n.redmond@comcast.net

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

Gennifer Karam
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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.



Reflection

Videos of ISIS entering churches in Syria and Iraq to destroy icons and images of Christ are circulating the internet. They show the contemptible acts of the militants going into these sanctuaries and smashing and burning these sacred images. These men desecrate sacred symbols of the good and merciful Lord of All Who. Though we know damaging these images of Christ in no way harm Him or His majesty, it still evokes a gut reaction of revulsion or insult. Each and every time we wrong one another, even if they “desire it” or have wronged us, we similarly enter into the sanctuary of the Lord to destroy an icon of Him.

In the first book of Scripture, the very first thing God says of man before he is even created is, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness” (Gen.1:26.) Before man existed, God planned for him to exist as the very icon of His own being. This is why we often state, such as in the baptismal rite, that rather than see His image perish in Adam’s sin, God enacted the plan of salvation to restore His image. This is why when we wrong each other, even the least amongst us, we wrong God for He has created us in His own image. When we insult one another to get even, when we ignore the earnest request of one another when we are able to help, when we wrongfully take what is ours, we do all these things against Christ Himself, no matter how we justify it.

But God wishes for us to participate in His divine image, as He formed us. It is not only a caveat to avoid wronging others, but an invitation to participate in the creative love of God. God is the God of Living, not the dead, (Luke 20:38) Who created all things and gives them life. We can likewise participate in this creative life-giving toward others. In this Gospel, Christ gives us examples of feeding the poor, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and imprisoned. But Christ’s examples abound through all of the Gospel.

If we truly aspire to call ourselves ‘Christians,’ we must strive to imitate Christ in even His most radical example. On Holy Thursday, Jesus Christ, the omnipotent God and Creator of All, knew that one of His beloved friends would betray Him. He, the Commander of the Angels of Fire, could have called down the legions of heaven and annihilated His enemies. Yet, He bent down before the traitor, Judas, a servant made from dust, and washed his feet. This is the same love and mercy that moved the Almighty to become weak and the Immortal to die so that He might give us salvation, the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He Who had everything made Himself nothing that He might give to us what was His.

Contemplating the mystery of God’s divine generosity, let us consider every action we take, even though it may seem small or justified. Are we respecting the image of God in which the other is made or acting to desecrate it, even inadvertently? More over, how should we act knowing each other is an image of God, and whatever we do to one another we do to Christ?

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