



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## November 12, 2023

### Renewal of the Church



### Next Sunday

#### *Announcement to Zechariah*

**Rom 3:13-25** (Inheritance through Faith)

**Lk 1:1-25** (Announcement of the Birth of John)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for October 29th - November 4th*

Online.....\$462.75

Collection.....\$2,609

Weekly Total.....\$3,071.75

YTD Total.....\$79,486.52

YTD Goal.....\$101,552.00

YTD Difference.....-\$22,065.48

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, November 12th, 11:00am

**+David Gama**

Monday, November 13th

*Available*

Tuesday, November 14th

*Available*

Wednesday, November 15th

*Available*

Thursday, November 16th

*Available*

Friday, November 17th

*Available*

Saturday, November 18th

*Available*

Sunday, November 19th

**+Najib Maroun 40 day memorial**

***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, November 12th

*Available*

Sunday, November 19th

*Redmond Family*

Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

Charlie Ashou

Eva Bekahi

Ben El Hajj

Adib Karam

+Claude Karam

Michael Layoun

+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

Nadia Redmond

Peter Rizk

Mitch Siekmann

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+Finance Committee



**SECOND  
COLLECTIONS**

*Next Collection:*

**December  
3rd**

*Maronite  
Patriarchal  
Charities*

 **YOUNG CATHOLIC  
PROFESSIONALS  
PORTLAND**

**A Panel Discussion on the Virtue of**  
**PERSEVERANCE**



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**Tuesday, November 14 from 7- 9 p.m.**  
**Ascension Catholic Church**  
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# 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: NOVEMBER 19th—After Mass**

We will discuss Rule #12 of Discernment of Spirits by Saint Ignatius of Layola.

For more info on the MYA, contact [Claude@trazzafafoods.com](mailto:Claude@trazzafafoods.com)

## Wanted ONE Holy Hour per Week!



Contact Nadia Redmond  
503-671-0440

-or-

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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**

**DECEMBER 10**

JANUARY 14

FEBRUARY 18

MARCH 10

APRIL 14

MAY 5

SAINT SHARBEL

# Youth

**AGES  
12-17**

**"CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL"**  
Youth Catechesis



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](mailto:n.redmond@comcast.net)

Please continue to pray for our parish and ministries.



## Reflection

Today's Sunday is inherently coupled with last week's Sunday, the Consecration of the Church, and I highly recommend reading that reflection first as it speaks of God's eternal plans for His Church. And as discussed last week, the Church has existed for as long as humanity, and will exist for eternity, hence why we celebrate the Consecration of the Church as our first Sunday of the year. But the eternal Church is not a stagnant banquet, but one that is continually renewed, with new people contributing their own unique input, and lively activity.

This Sunday's Gospel reading mentions our Lord in Jerusalem during the Jewish Feast of the Dedication, or better Renewal, of the Temple. This feast was established by Judas Maccabaeus after re-dedicating the Temple after a Seleucid king named Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated the Temple by sacrificing a pig on the altar, as a historian called Josephus tells us. In the Jewish tradition, the Renewal signals the Jews overcoming their invading enemy, and making holy again what had once become unholy. As we know from the temple, the Jewish high priest had to repeatedly offer new sacrifices for the remission of sin, using it's blood to remove ritual defilement. But as St. Paul tells us today in Hebrews, "He entered once and for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption (9:12)."

Christ in His love for mankind, the same love that created it, wished to renew humanity once sin had brought death "for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 6:23)." As St. Ephrem, the great Syriac poet tells us, God expelled Adam from the Garden of Eden not out of vindictive punishment, but so he will not eat of the Fruit of Life, and live in a state of permanent separation from God. Instead, Christ planned from all eternity to renew His damaged image. And so the Maronite office for Sunday evening prayer says, "The fruit that Adam ate killed him. The Fruit from heaven redeemed him." The Fruit come down from heaven is Christ Himself, Who has made Himself the food of the eternal banquet of the Church so that we might eat the true Body and Blood of the immortal Lord and live forever. This is why we sing today in our night office:

The Church offers to Him on behalf of her children, the mystery of Body and Blood of the Prince, and it is distributed by the hands of priests for forgiveness of debts. Sinners receive it in true faith, and by it their debts and sins are forgiven, hallelujah and hallelujah!

God Established the Church, the eternal banquet in His love for mankind that we know Him intimately, we delight in His company. But not being perfect, we have failed from the very beginning by being disobedient with Adam. But God does not grow impatient with us or tire so long as we show genuine sorrow for our sins. This is why He has placed in His Church His Body and Blood for the remission of our sins, and for our eternal life. In choosing to do wrong, we corrupt the image of God in which we were made (Gen. 1:27), but by the love of God He has established the means of renewal of ourselves, the temples of the Holy Spirit, in the Church through the sacraments - the most frequent of which is His Body and Blood, the Eucharist.



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