



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

1804 SE 16th Ave., Portland, OR 97214

503.231.3853

[stsharbelpdx@gmail.com](mailto:stsharbelpdx@gmail.com)

[www.stsharbel.org](http://www.stsharbel.org)

## November 5, 2023

### Consecration of the Church



### Next Sunday

#### *Renewal of the Church*

**Heb 9:11-15** (Sacrifice of Jesus)

**Jn 10:22-42** (Feast of the Dedication)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for October 22nd - 28th*

Online.....\$733.30

Collection.....\$387.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,120.30

YTD Total.....\$76,414.77

YTD Goal.....\$99,244.00

YTD Difference.....-\$22,829.23

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, November 5th, 11:00am

**+Nathan and Emma Decker**

Monday, November 6th

*Available*

Tuesday, November 7th

*Available*

Wednesday, November 8th

*Available*

Thursday, November 9th

*Available*

Friday, November 10th

*Available*

Saturday, November 11th

*Available*

Sunday, November 12th

**+David Gama**

*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 5th

*Available*

Sunday, November 12th

*Available*

## 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

Gibran Zogbi

+Finance Committee

## November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

We are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when loved ones approach life's end, we may not know how to provide compassionate care. Surround your friend or family member with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives" (To Live Each Day with Dignity, USCCB).

Reach out! Here are 10 tips on how we can compassionately care for them.

1. Invite God in.
2. Listen.
3. Inform yourself.
4. Be steadfast in compassion.
5. Help them achieve closure.
6. Provide opportunities for resolution.
7. Reminisce.
8. Provide a peaceful atmosphere.
9. Show tenderness.
10. Bear their transition patiently.

**Read the full version at** [usccb.org/resources/rfp-18-caring-for-loved-ones-at-lifes-end-english-color.pdf](https://usccb.org/resources/rfp-18-caring-for-loved-ones-at-lifes-end-english-color.pdf)



## SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

## Catholic Friendship Group

Fr. Joshua Clifton - [catholicfriendshipgroup@outlook.com](mailto: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.).

Recently Fr. Clifton spoke on Marian Apparitions, and on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> will be on Vestments. To learn more and for future topics, visit

[www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com](http://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](mailto:Claude@trazzafafoods.com)



## Wanted ONE Holy Hour per Week!



Contact Nadia Redmond  
503-671-0440

-or-

Email: [n.redmond@comcast.net](mailto: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  
[jmjkaram3@gmail.com](mailto:jmjkaram3@gmail.com)

**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

EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON MYO

## 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.



Elijah and the pleasant young man, Daniel, are diligent groomsmen. Dear Thomas is the messenger, and Isaiah the collector of gifts. / [Mary] Magdalene is carrying spices and the sinful woman ointments. Matthew sets the tables and Luke mixes the wine vessels. / Abel sent her the first-born lamb from his flock and just Jacob set aside a tenth of his possession for her from the very beginning. (Trans. from the Syriac Maronite night prayer of the Consecration of the Church)

People running around preparing food and setting tables might evoke the image of a *haffleh* in some minds, but the above is no earthly feast. This hymn from our tradition describes the wedding banquet of the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose feast we celebrate today. It is not a coincidence that this feast is the first at the beginning of the Church year - our tradition emphasizes the existence of the Church from the very beginning with Adam. The servants of Christ have been preparing His Bride's banquet even before He arrived! This is why the above hymn mentions both figures from the Old Testament, such as Elijah and Abraham, as well as from the New Testament, such as Mary Magdalene and Luke, working together. Though separated by thousands of years, all those whom Christ has raised to His service work together throughout time.

This might sound strange, but today we celebrate the continuity of the Church throughout all of time. Christ, our all-knowing and loving God, wanted to establish a way that humanity could be in an intimate relationship with Himself. The means He picked was to become the Bridegroom of the Church, to whom we belong. From before all time, He began to prepare this great wedding banquet with Israel and the prophets of old. The prompts organized the feast by their prophecies, preparing the hearts of the world to receive the Bridegroom. The apostles came to invite all the peoples of the world to this banquet, for Christ wishes all to be with Him. And today, our Church is the continuation of that true Israel, as St. Paul writes in Rom. 9:8, it is "the children of the promise" of God, not a physical descent.

All the saints before us have assisted in preparing this banquet through their own vocation to which Christ has called them until the moment He signed His wedding contract by His own blood when "He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption, "as our first reading tells us (Web. 9:12.) And the very food of the banquet and purpose is the same in this action - at the banquet, Christ sets on the Holy Table, the altar, His Body and Blood for our eternal life and salvation, so that we may live with Him, glorify Him, and delight with Him for eternity with the rest of those invited to the banquet.

Indeed, every time we enter into the church for the Mass, we enter into this Mystical Banquet with all the saints before us, and the Bridegroom comes to delight with His Bride. Today, we celebrate the love of Christ towards His Bride, the Church, for He had no need to take her as His Bride or prepare the grand banquet that continues until today. Let us join in the banquet He has prepared us and assist. We are not forced to attend the banquet - we have the privilege of being the guests of honor.

Today the sons of the Church shall gather together and offer glory and thanksgiving with joy to God for His love has descended and dwelt in the Church. He has graciously made her a true bride for Himself. Today the true priests surround the holy altar in the likeness of angels. Our Lord gave her the authority for His flock to receive His body and Blood for forgiveness of their debts.



# Bulletin Sponsors



## Gibran N Zogbi

Agent

2925 SE 73rd Avenue  
Hillsboro, OR, 97213  
Bus 503-649-9514 Fax 503-649-1612  
gibran.zogbi.qdmq@statefarm.com



24 Hour Good Neighbor Service®

## KARAM LEBANESE DELI & CATERING

30 years in business

Beaverton Location  
2800 SW Cedar Hills Blvd  
Beaverton, OR 97005

Portland Location  
1111 SW Jefferson  
Portland, OR 97205



karamldc.com  
503-626-5272



## Katy Redmond Broker (OR)



(503) 887-5879



Katy@LovejoyRealEstate.com



facebook.com/katy.redmond



@KrrrealPDX

LOVEJOY  
REAL ESTATE  
TURNER TEAM

CONTEMPORARY & TRADITIONAL HOMES

# Oreste

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

**Darin Oreste**  
503.705.6609 • darin3100@aol.com  
849 SW Troy St. Portland, OR 97219  
CCB# 114416 "Where detail makes the difference"

## URBAN NEST REALTY

### JESSICA BOWMAN

REAL ESTATE BROKER  
Licensed in OR



971.404.4976  
jessicabowman@urbannestpdx.com  
503.432.8126  
urbannestpdx.com



OREGON OFFICE:  
6336 NE SANDY BLVD.  
PORTLAND, OR 97213

Sales - Service  
Maintenance  
Supplies

Gus & Eva Bekahi

*Bill Morrison*

Printers, Fax Machines, Copiers,

12227 SE Stark St  
Portland, OR 97233

(503) 255-1617  
FAX (503) 255-1626

## Want to Advertise Your Business?

Contact **Nisreen Mouammar** to set up  
your advertisement today!

nisreen.mouammar@gmail.com