



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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March 10, 2024

Healing of the Paralytic



Next Sunday

Healing of the Blind Man

2 Cor 10:1-7 (Accusation of Weakness)

Mk 10:46-52 (The Blind Bartimaeus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for February 25th - March 2nd

Online.....\$1,460.50

Collection.....\$510.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,970.50

YTD Total.....\$11,792.40

YTD Goal.....\$20,772.00

YTD Difference.....-\$8,979.60

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, March 10th, 11:00am

Tom Fulwider

Monday, March 11th

Annunziata

Tuesday, March 12th

Available

Wednesday, March 13th

Available

Thursday, March 14th

The Cronk Family

Friday, March 15th

Available

Saturday, March 16th

Available

Sunday, March 17th

+Lynn E Harris & *Tom Sellikan

(celebrating their friendship and service to our parish)

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, March 10th

Available

Sunday, March 17th

Available

Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

Sara 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

H O L Y W E E K

March 24: Palm Sunday

Hosanna Sunday (Shaneenee) — 11:00am

Procession to follow with the distribution of Palms.

*Confessions will be heard **before** Mass only*

Breakfast and Egg Hunt after Mass

March 28: Holy Thursday

Institution of the Eucharist (Mass/Qurbono) — 7pm

Washing of the Apostles Feet

Confessions will be heard before/after the Holy Mysteries

March 29: Great Friday

Signing of the Chalice — Pre-Sanctified Liturgy — 11am

Confessions available before of after by request

Burial Procession (Zeeyah) — No Eucharist — 7pm

Commemoration of the Burial of our Lord

No confessions available in the evening

March 30: Saturday of Holy Week

Morning Service — 11am

Rite of Forgiveness (General Absolution)

No individual confessions available

Night of Vigil Easter

Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (Mass/Qurbono) — 9pm

Followed by Rite of Peace and Procession

No individual confessions available

March 31: Easter Sunday

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord — 11am

No Procession, Mass



*The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM)
Presents*

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This year's drawing will be held on **April 14, 2024** at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Washington, D.C.;

Thank you for your support in previous years for this raffle fund-raiser, as it is an important part of the NAM annual budget. We are counting on your generosity once again, to support our community projects.

To purchase a personal ticket(s), your parish NAM Delegates have 4 tickets to sell, please contact Nadia Redmond at 503-671-0440 or email: n.redmond@comcast.net

All requests and payments must be received by **March 17, 2024**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent
@ 7:00PM

Questions to Gibran or Ben

Parish Programs

Wanted ONE Holy Hour per Week!



Contact Nadia Redmond
503-671-0440

-or-

Email: n.redmond@comcast.net

More info at:

<https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>

MYO EVENTS

Friday, March 8th @5:45pm

MYO Meeting in the basement for meatless meal, games, and Praise and Worship music before Stations of the Cross.

All Youth ages 13-18 are welcome!

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



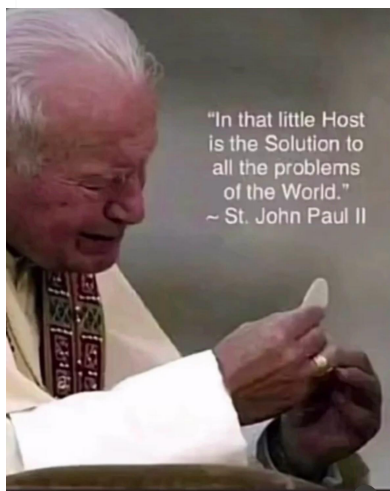
Cedars of St. Sharbel Youth Catechesis Ages 12-17

To sign up, contact Gennifer Karam jmkaram3@gmail.com

March 10 - Mental Health and Faith
w/guest speaker

April 14 - Love and Responsibility

TBA - Final Meeting Before Summer



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:

MARCH 17th

2nd Session on the Eucharist

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



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL ZOOM

Theological Content, Testimonies & More!

FEB 18	What's Our Story?
MAR 10	Who is Jesus?
APR 14	Am I Saved?
MAY 19	Why a Church?
JUN 23	God is With Us
JUL 14	The Story of the Eucharist
AUG 18	Bread for the Journey

Select Sundays @ 7:00 PM EST

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

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven" (Mark 2:5).

This Sunday we remember the fourth miraculous healing Jesus, the Divine Physician, that our Syriac tradition recounts during the course of Lent. In our Lord's love of humanity He heals a great number of people during His earthly life – those suffer seemingly endless afflictions find rest from their suffering in Christ. But Jesus's goodness is not limited to a simple bodily healing – we often see, such as in the healing this Sunday with the paralytic, that Jesus heals the individual from sins along with the bodily ailment. It might seem an odd pair at first to associate sin and physical illness; some assume God punishes people through such illnesses, but as Christ Himself said during one of His healings, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him" (John 9:3).

To make clearer to us invisible realities, Christ and the Church use what is visible. A common example of this is water, such as the prayer used in the traditional Maronite liturgy by the bishop as he washed his hands:

"Come, let us wash, cleanse and purify ourselves with this washing external to that which is inside that with a pure and pleasant heart we may cry out and say with King David the Prophet, 'Intensely wash me from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sins.'"

We know from practical experience that water washes dirt away. In this ritual hand washing it is less important that it actually cleans one's hands and more so that this physical sign points to the deeper mystery that God is washing away sin. Christ, the God Who created both matter and spirit, uses the visible matter to reveal the invisible spirit. All this is to say that He healed the sicknesses of those who called to Him because He is good, but also to indicate a greater reality. He heals more than simply physical sickness, but the sicknesses no earthly physician can fix: sin.

Sin can seem like an abstract or unreal idea at times because we cannot see it. But Christ makes clear while physical sickness can kill the body that will eventually die, unattended spiritual illness can lead to an eternal spiritual death in hell. But Jesus does not desire the death of any sinner, that all should repent and live, as He demonstrated through His healings, for He loves us enough to die for us who are made in His image. As a hymn from this Sunday aptly says:

When our Savior, the Only-Begotten Son and God, came down, He showed the power of His authority in His image that had decayed. Through the medicine of His assistances, He illumined the earth which had darkened by idols. By His word He gave strength to the paralytic, and he stood and walked. The crowds who heard began to murmur and say, "Who can remit the sins of men but the one God?"

Christ chose to heal specifically those who no physician could help to demonstrate that He is the Divine Physician Who heals what no one else can heal. As we near the end of Lent, let us implore the Lord, as we do throughout the year, to heal us of the sin which He alone can lest we die of it. It is by His death and resurrection that He has killed death itself, which comes is the fruit of sin, and He wishes to grant His victory to us if we only ask Him:

O merciful Lord God, You forgave the paralytic his sin in secret and carried his bed which carried him upon his shoulder in public that by the carrying bed which was carried it may be made known that sin and impurity had been killed. O Lord, now forever kill the sin of us all, strengthen our limbs by Your power and empower our paralysis by Your mighty that wholly and purely we may give thanks and glorify You, and Your Father, and Your living and Holy Spirit, now and at all times, forever. Amen.

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