



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## March 24, 2024

**Hosanna Sunday**



**Next Sunday**

*Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection*

**1 Cor 15:12-26** (Results of Denial/Christ the Firstfruits)

**Mk 16:1-8** (The Resurrection of Jesus)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for March 10th - 16th*

Online.....\$978.00

Collection.....\$645.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,623.00

YTD Total.....\$15,034.40

YTD Goal.....\$25,388.00

YTD Difference.....-\$10,353.60

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, March 24th, 11:00am

*Available*

Monday, March 25th

*Available*

Tuesday, March 26th

*Available*

Wednesday, March 27th

*Available*

Thursday, March 28th

*Available*

Friday, March 29th

*Available*

Saturday, March 30th

*Available*

Sunday, March 31st

*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, March 24th

*Redmond Family*

Sunday, March 31st

*Available*

## Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

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Ben El Hajj

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+Claude Karam

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+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

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## 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

## Nationwide Invitation to Prayer

The USCCB's president and the chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities [announced a nationwide invitation to prayer](#).

On **March 26**, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case that could impact the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

### When

Beginning Monday, March 25 and continuing through June, when a decision is expected.

### How to Participate

Offer [this Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life](#) daily for the end of abortion and for the protection of women and pre-born children.

# Parish Programs

**Wanted ONE Holy Hour per Week!**



Contact Nadia Redmond  
503-671-0440

-or-

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More info at:

<https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>

## MYO EVENTS

# TBA

**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**

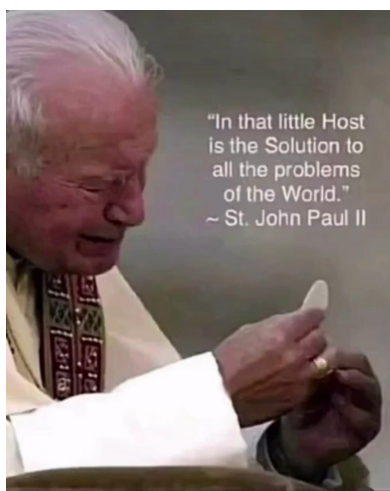


Cedars of St. Sharbel  
**Youth Catechesis**  
Ages 12-17

To sign up, contact Gennifer Karam [jmkaram3@gmail.com](mailto:jmkaram3@gmail.com)

**April 14 - Love and Responsibility**

**May 19 - The Theology of the Body**





## 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@trazzafoods.com](mailto:Claude@trazzafoods.com)

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL** 

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

Please continue to pray for our parish and ministries.





# Reflection

When you hear the word “cherub,” or its plural “cherubim,” the first thing you might think of is a chubby baby-faced angel with glimmering eyes and feathery wings, perhaps carrying a bow. In reality our Lord revealed to the prophet Ezekiel that the cherubim, who carry His throne in heaven, are angels each surrounded by fire, covered with eyes and having four-faces – of an ox, a human, a lion and an eagle. Isaiah also tells us that surrounding the cherubim, who carry the throne, are the legions that serve God, the seraphim, which are angels of burning fire and lightning with six thrashing wings, crying out, “Holy, holy, holy...” If imagining these angels in real life sounds more frightening than the chubby, popularly depicted cherub it makes sense why when an angel appears to a person in Scripture, such as Mary, the first thing he says is, “Do not be afraid!” Now if these angels sound powerful and amazing how much more is their Lord Jesus Christ Who commands their innumerable armies?

“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt,” wrote John in today’s Gospel reading. The same Lord Who Ezekiel saw carried by the dreadful cherubim today enters Jerusalem on a donkey, a lowly, smelly creature, and, instead of fiery seraphim, is praised with shouts of “Hosanna!” from the mouths of children. But why would the mighty Lord, Who has no superior, lower Himself so low? He traded splendor for humility and strength for weakness that He might come close to humanity. Just as in His birth, which we celebrated at Christmas, He had no need or obligation to become man. But He saw those made in His image, humanity, decaying in sin and in His love for mankind wished to free us from our affliction. He could have very well come in all His might and glory – as He said at His crucifixion when His enemies challenged Him, “Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?” But in His infinite love for us the Great One became small so as to allow us to freely choose Him without duress. He knew He was entering Jerusalem on the Sunday of Hosannas, Palm Sunday, only to be murdered at the end of the week, and He washed the feet of all His Apostles at the Last Supper knowing that Judas would yet betray Him. But in God’s mercy He would rather give opportunity to all rather than seek retribution against offenders.

So the Divine Physician, having made Himself lowly, came into Jerusalem to work the greatest act of healing after the few we celebrated this Lent that represent the far greater number of His ministry. As our traditional diaconal proclamation on this Sunday said:

On this holy day let Adam, the Ancient One and Father of All Generations whose body grew old in sin by the food of the fruit that begot death, rejoice. Today it [i.e. his body] was raised upon the colt of a donkey while united with divinity. Behold, He [i.e. Jesus] is placed upon the altar and distributed by the hands of priests!

Adam poisoned himself with sin and death by the fruit he ate in the Garden of Eden but Christ our God lowered Himself to become human, without change to His divinity, so as to join humanity with His divinity. Though He appears lowly to the naked eye seated upon a donkey today, He has uplifted all of humanity to the heights of heaven by joining humanity and divinity in His Body. He chose to replace the food, which killed Adam, with His own Body and Blood that grants us the remission of sin and life eternal. The offering of His Body and Blood is what He has come to offer as a final sacrifice in Jerusalem upon the altar of the cross, which we are given at every Divine Liturgy. Let us not be afraid but rejoice with Adam this day and all the days of our lives for the King of Kings has entered His holy Zion, the Church, and has promised, “Never again will an oppressor overrun my people, for now I am keeping watch” (Zec. 9:8).



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