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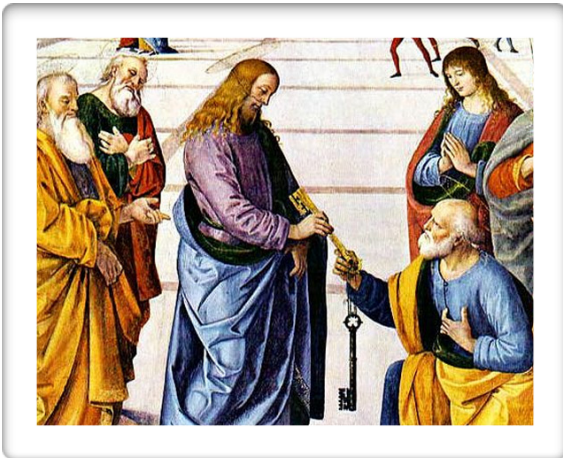
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April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

Jesus Delivers the Office of Shepherd to Peter



Next Sunday

6th Sunday of Easter

Rom 10:1-13 (Righteousness Based on Faith)

Lk 24:36-48 (The Appearance to the Disciples in Jerusalem)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for April 14th - 20th

Online.....\$542.83

Collection.....\$867.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,409.83

YTD Total.....\$23,120.48

YTD Goal.....\$36,928.00

YTD Difference.....-\$13,807.52

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 28th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, April 29th

Available

Tuesday, April 30th

+Beverly Scanlon

Wednesday, May 1st

Available

Thursday, May 2nd

Available

Friday, May 3rd

Available

Saturday, May 4th

Available

Sunday, May 5th

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, April 28th

Available

Sunday, May 5th

Available

Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

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Eva Bekahi

Ben El Hajj

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+Claude Karam

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+Doug Raab

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+Finance Committee



St. Sharbel's

ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY HAFLI

Featuring Wasim Rabih

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH
DOORS OPEN 6:00PM

ST. GEORGE CHURCH HALL
2101 NE 162nd Ave., Portland, OR 97230

Ticket Price : \$100 Includes Buffet Dinner
Children 12 & Under \$50

TABLE SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

\$5,000:

- 20 Tickets
- Unlimited Beverages (Wine Bottles on Table)
- Served Dinner
- Select Preferred Seating
- 3 Reserved Parking Spots
- 3 Song Requests
- 2 Gift Baskets



\$2,500:

- 12 Tickets
- Unlimited Beverages
- Served Dinner
- Select Preferred Seating
- Request 1 Song
- Gift Basket

\$1,500:

- 8 Tickets
- Unlimited Beverages
- Served Dinner
- Select Preferred Seating

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY: MAY 6th

TICKET SALES CALL OR TEXT
Lydia Massaad: 503-780-0340

UPDATE FROM ABOUNA — NEW PRIEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Friends,

His excellency, Bishop Elias Zaidan has made priest assignments public this week. Fr. Peter Zogbi will be returning to St. Sharbel's as its pastor effective June 1, 2024. I will be assigned to Catholic Healthcare for the near future and will remain in Portland as of now. It has been my great honor to serve as your Pastor these last nine years. I am proud of what we did together — namely, we survived the harsh challenges of COVID, renovated the church including an elevator and refresh inside, and more importantly we have maintained and grown the investments that parish has in our Merrill Lynch account. During my time I married, buried, baptized so many, and I felt the love and encouragement you provided. I was handed a **graced** parish, the first one in the world to bear the name St. Sharbel by then Abouna Jonathan Decker. I hope when I am judged by the bishop and later by the Lord, I will hear the words we all hope to hear (“good and faithful servant...”) and not the other one we dread hearing! (That was a joke). I look forward to being with you at the Hafli. Please come, if nothing else to see me attempt to dabke and to bid you all farewell.

In Christ, Your servant, Abouna Chris

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

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.

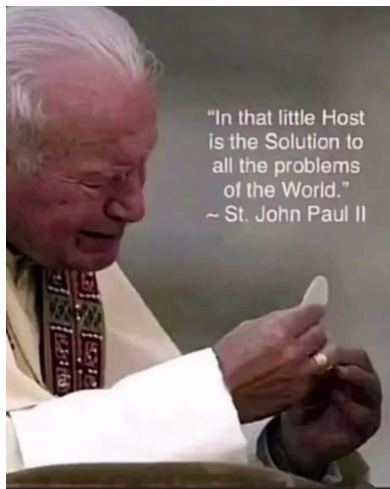
SUNDAYS 10:30AM



Cedars of St. Sharbel
Youth Catechesis
Ages 12-17

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

May 19 — The Theology of the Body



"In that little Host is the Solution to all the problems of the World."
~ St. John Paul II



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

 **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL** 

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

Would you consider yourself holy? It is an interesting question if we are ever asked. It might prompt you to recall saying a recent hurtful remark in impatience, skipping prayer or one of the many other abundant flaws of messy human life. If we sit down and thoroughly think of all our faults it could seem that there is an insurmountable distance between us and the holiness of God. And perhaps at certain moments of our lives there is such a divide – but as St. Athanasius said, “God became man so that we might become God” (CCC460). Adam damaged the image of God in which we were all made, but Christ came to recast it!

Nowhere does God make His compassion towards our broken nature clearer than when He picks St. Peter, an uneducated and unimpressive fisherman who often did not understand Christ’s miracles or sayings, to be the head of the Apostles. When Christ gives Peter the power to walk on water as he requests, Peter doubts Him and sinks (Matt. 14:22-33). When Jesus tells His disciples that He will be crucified and resurrected for the salvation of mankind, Peter rejects the divine plan for his little plans (Matt. 16:21-23). When Peter tells Christ he will never abandon Him, in the same night he denies Christ three times (Luke 22:54-62). Peter shows his weakness of faith and understanding, but Jesus does not abandon him – instead He pulls him up out of the waves, He corrects Peter in his error, and, in today’s Gospel reading, we hear Jesus give him a chance to undo his triple denial by a triple question, “Do you love me?”

How patient and longsuffering God is! When He created everything for Adam and Adam sinned against Him, God began to immediately plan for his salvation. He sent no less than 70 prophets to Israel to bring them back to Him over the course of thousands of years, and when Israel killed His prophets He came Himself. Even St. Peter, the man He appointed as the head of His Church, failed again and again. But Christ did not abandon him because of Peter’s repentance and love – which he proclaimed three times to Christ today. It is by both repentance and love Christ wipes away his sins. But it is not enough that Peter simply repents by telling the Lord he loves Him – Jesus sends Peter to work, “Feed my lambs. Take care of my sheep. Feed my lambs” The true work of penance for Peter is the distribution of Christ’s abundant upon Earth, which Christ has made available to us through the Church.

Peter has been given the keys to the heavenly treasury from which the priests distribute the riches of God to those who need them. These men who distribute them are nowhere near perfect – look at Peter! However, their imperfections do not lessen the greatness of God – if anything, their weakness shows how mighty God is that He could work His mercy through such weak and sinful servants. The treasures they distribute are the holy mysteries of our Lord Who made them available that we might partake of His holiness. From this treasury, the priests dressed us in the rich robe of Christ at our baptism, removing the filthy robe of sinful decay from us. The Body and Blood of our Lord are the fiery coal that Isaiah said not even the angels could touch without a tong (Is. 6:6) but that the human priests hold in their hand and give to us that our sins be burned away. Like the Sinful Woman, our tears of penance wash away the sin that covers up these adornments and the priests give us the gold assurance of God “I absolve you.” Of course, these are only three of the innumerable riches Christ gives us through the Church!

Would you consider yourself holy? Perhaps there is still a great distance to go in life and many improvements to be made, but let us look to the example of St. Peter. Instead of falling deeper into sin because we know it is in us, let us turn to Christ in our love for Him and have Him take it away. He has given us all these countless blessings for love of us, who are His image. Let us make use of them, crying out and praying:
Simon Peter called to You in the sea and You answered him between the waves, and You helped him in at a fearful time. O, I am drowning in the sea of sins! Pull me out because of Your goodness and have mercy upon me! (From the Syriac Maronite Midnight Office of Saturday)

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