



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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June 30, 2024

7th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

8th Sunday of Pentecost:

Rom 8:1-11 (The Flesh and the Spirit)

Mt 12:14-21 (The Chosen Servant)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 16th - 22nd

Online.....\$595.05

Collection.....\$5,910.00

Weekly Total.....\$6,505.50

YTD Total.....\$40,147.28

YTD Goal.....\$57,700.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$17,552.72**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 30th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, July 1st

Shawn Anderson

Tuesday, July 2nd

Available

Wednesday, July 3rd

Available

Thursday, July 4th

Available

Friday, July 5th

Available

Saturday, July 6th

Available

Sunday, July 7th

+Gus Bekahi

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, June 30

Available

Sunday, July 7

Available

Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

Sara Ashou

Eva Bekahi

Husn Karam

Michael Layoun

Nadia Redmond

Peter Rizk

Mitch Siekmann



ST SHARBEL MYA BARBEQUE PARTY ON SUNDAY, JULY 14 AT 3:00 PM

AT CLAUDE AND GENNIFER'S HOME

THIS IS A CALLOUT TO ALL YOUNG
ADULTS, MEN AND WOMEN AGES 18-35 –
ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER
BEEN TO AN MYA EVENT BEFORE – ALL
ARE WELCOME!!!

Abouna Peter will be in Attendance!

59th Annual NAM Convention

JULY 4-7, 2024 | ST. SHARBEL CHURCH
DETROIT MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE CENTER



DETROIT, MICHIGAN

MARONITES ON MISSION: CREATED. CALLED. SENT FORTH.



CONVENTION REGISTRATION Deadline: June 1st
www.namnews.org | (914) 964-3070 | info@namnews.org
@NationalApostolateofMaronites - NAM

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Finance Committee

Claude Karam

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National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) 2024-2025 Scholarships are now available for high school and college students. Scholarships range from \$1000 to \$2000 and opportunities to study abroad in Lebanon. The deadline is May 31, 2024. See website for forms and details:
<https://namnews.org/?Scholarships1>

Eucharistic Congress—
The First National Eucharistic Congress in
83 years
July 17-21, 2024
Indianapolis, Indiana
[MORE INFO HERE](#)

We have at least 15 tickets STILL
AVAILABLE!

Are you interested in representing our church at the NAM convention as a delegate? Every parish in the country sends delegates to the NAM convention who learn about what is happening in the church at the Eparchial level and how NAM can support our parish. If you are interested in going to NAM as a delegate, please contact

Nadia Redmond n.redmond@comcast.net

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 GAME NIGHT Saturday, July 13 | 6:00-10:00pm

Video, Board, Games, Cards, Etc.

Open to all youth Ages 13-18 to celebrate Summer! Will be at the Allam Family Home. Friends are Welcome!

Please RSVP by JUNE 28th to Gladys 503-747-8689 or fotw@frontier.com

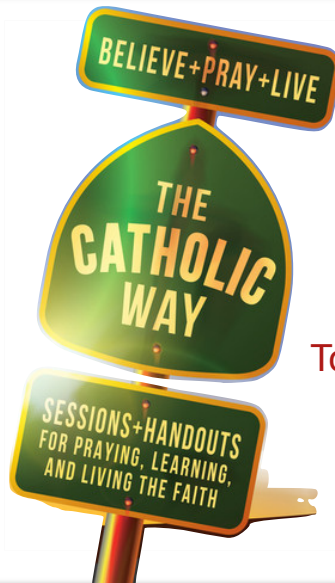
PRAY THE ROSARY



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..

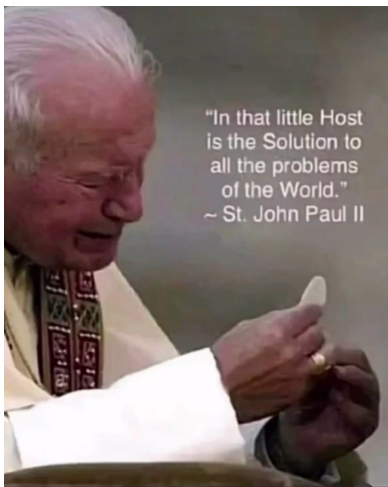
SUNDAYS 10:30AM



Cedars of St. Sharbel
Youth Catechesis
Ages 12-17

To begin again in the Fall, Stay Tuned!

Gennifer Karam jmkaram3@gmail.com



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

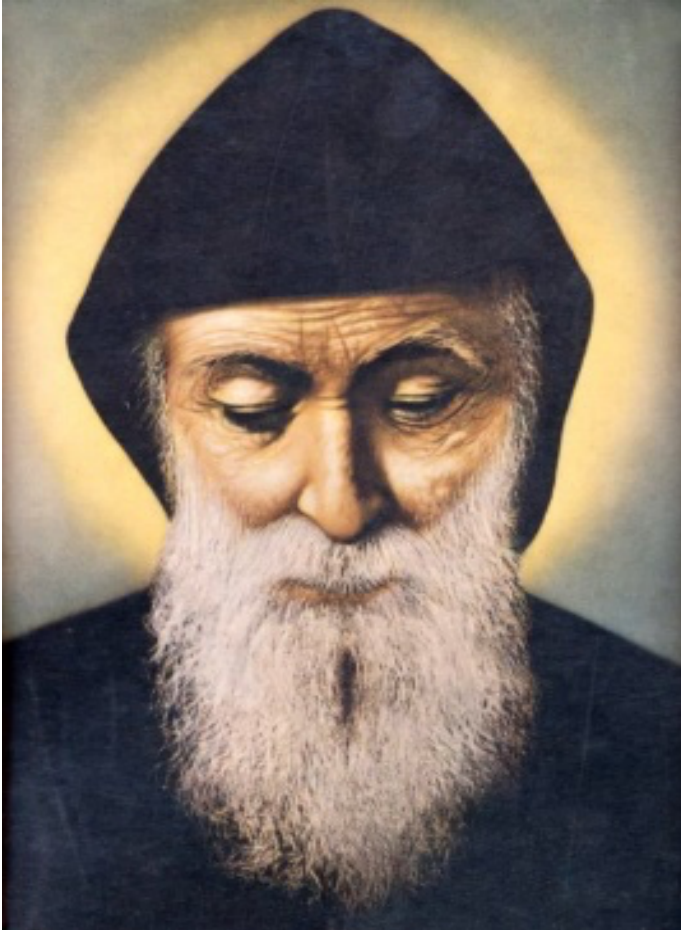
Contact Nadia Redmond, Coordinator of Religious Education, n.redmond@comcast.net

Please continue to pray for our parish and ministries.



St Sharbel Feast Picnic Potluck Style

Celebrating our Maronite Catholic Faith



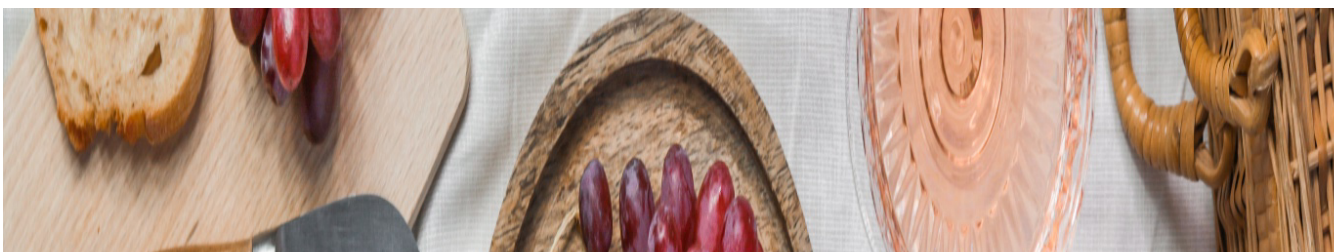
Please join us to celebrate our patron- Potluck style!

Bring along a picnic blanket and a picnic basket with some of your favorite treats and beverages to share.

Date: July 21st , 2024

Time: 12.00 pm

Place: St Sharbel's Church Lawn; 1804 SE 16th Ave, Portland, OR 97214



God's Greatest Attribute

What is God's greatest attribute? A well-catechized Christian will likely respond, "Love." That is undoubtedly correct, but we can be even more specific. There are many different kinds of love, but the form of love that gives God the most glory is His *merciful* love. God's greatest attribute is His mercy. So what is mercy?

It might help us to first consider what mercy is not. Mercy is not a tolerance for evil, or a validation of sin. If God decided to approve of sin, that would mean He is not just. The Catholic Church has one of the strictest moral codes of any religion of the world. The Judeo-Christian tradition has always led the world in discovering, preaching, and living moral principles. If God affirmed sin, He would become a morally unprincipled pushover. Such a description is unbecoming of the Creator of the universe.

Enough about what mercy is not. Let's talk about what mercy is. A good definition of mercy based off of Scripture and Tradition might be the ability to love a pitiful creature who cannot love you as much in return. Even though the Catholic Church presents us with a strict moral code, it also embraces the realization that we all sin...a lot. God does not affirm our sin, but He loves us despite it. This is why He forgives us, encourages us, and helps us overcome our sins. The fact that God suffers and dies for creatures that are powerless to return His love is the primary example of God's mercy. St. Paul can't help but marvel at God's merciful love when he writes in Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." In other words, God loved sinners who can never love God the same way in return. That's mercy.

This should change the way we live in two ways. First, it should give us a more hopeful outlook, especially with respect to sins we may be struggling with. We often get discouraged when we sin, thinking that we are not meeting God's expectations, and that He cannot love us. Instead of getting discouraged, we should look at our sins as an opportunity for God's merciful love to be glorified in us. God has a special love reserved for pitiful sinners like us, a love which is the greatest manifestation of God's glory.

Second, this knowledge should lead us to be merciful to others. Once again, being merciful does not mean being a pushover, or failing to see evil as evil. It means that when we encounter evil, we are patient, and we strive to love those who sin, even when they cannot return our love. Merciful love is powerful. We must always remember that when we show mercy to others, we are still not coming close to imitating the mercy that God has shown us by dying for us and calling us His children. The more we marvel at God's mercy to us, the more we are eager to share the beauty of His mercy with others. Let us then be eager to be merciful as God Himself is merciful.

—Abouna Peter

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