



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## February 26, 2017 Miracle of Cana in Galilee



*Next Sunday is the Cleansing of the Leper*  
Rom 6:12-23 (Freedom from Sin/Life in God)  
Mk 1:35-45 (Jesus Leaves Capernaum/  
Cleansing of a Leper )

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, February 26th, 10:30 am

*Available Intention*

Monday, February 27th

*Available Intention*

Tuesday, February 28th

*Available Intention*

Wednesday, March 1st

*Stewart Family*

Thursday, March 2nd

*Available Intention*

Friday, March 3rd

*Available Intention*

Saturday, March 4th

*Available Intention*

Sunday, March 5th

*Available Intention*

*Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:00  
am before the morning Liturgy.*

*Confession every Sunday at 9:15 am before  
the morning Liturgy.*

*Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays  
at 10:00 am before the Liturgy begins.*

## Your Gifts To God

He became poor, so that by his poverty you might  
become rich (cf. 2 Cor8:9)

### Offering Report for February 13th-19th

Online.....\$480.00  
Collection.....\$880.00

Projected Weekly Amount  
Required to Meet Budget.....\$1,846.00

**Difference.....-\$486.00**

## Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, February 26th

Redmond Family

Sunday, March

Available

# Parish Events

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## ASH MONDAY

### WE GIVE...PRAY...& FAST:

To be free and open to a deep experience of being transformed by God in Jesus in this Season of Great Lent. *We are having the distribution of ashes and mass at noon.* If parishioners are unable to attend Monday, you are encouraged to go to a Roman rite church on Wednesday for ashes. The point is starting Lent symbolically with ashes!

FEBRUARY 27 — Distribution of Ashes & Mass — Noon

\*Full Lenten schedule available on the website

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## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (MYA) Ages 18-35

### ::February::

**11th:** Dinner and a Movie - War Room - at Claude and Gennifer's home\*

**25th:** Discussion of *Answering the Questions of Jesus*\* Chapter 5, Golden Valley Brewery in Beaverton, 7-9pm.

### ::March::

**11th:** Blessing Bag Ministry for the Poor and discussion of *Answering the Questions of Jesus* Chapters 6-7, Claude and Gennifer's home 7pm\* (light refreshments – must RSVP to [jmjkaram3@gmail.com](mailto:jmjkaram3@gmail.com))

**18th:** Tentative Homeless Volunteer Ministry at St. Andre Bessett 7-9pm (Must RSVP to [jmjkaram3@gmail.com](mailto:jmjkaram3@gmail.com))

### ::April::

**8th:** Basketball night - teaming up with Crossroads and Maronteens Youth at THPRD Athletic Center 5-6pm and dinner at Sweet Tomatoes afterwards. (Must RSVP to [jmjkaram3@gmail.com](mailto:jmjkaram3@gmail.com))

**9th:** Service on Palm Sunday (Shaneeni) – Serve brunch at St. Sharbel 8:30am-2pm (Must stay until cleanup is complete)...followed by a round of the murder mystery boardgame Clue in the church basement.

**22nd:** Taco Night at Claude and Gennifer's home and discussion of *Answering the Questions of Jesus* Chapters 8-9\*

### ::May::

**6th:** Dinner at Bethany Public House and game night at Bethany Starbucks across the street\* (Must RSVP to [jmjkaram3@gmail.com](mailto:jmjkaram3@gmail.com))

**27th:** BBQ and discussion of *Answering the Questions of Jesus* Chapters 10-11\*, followed by late night basketball at Claude & Gennifer's.

### ::June::

**10th:** Day hiking trip TBA and discussion of final chapter of *Answering the Questions of Jesus*\*. (Must RSVP)

\*Contact *Claude or Gennifer Karam* at **971-205- 8076** or [jmjkaram3@gmail.com](mailto:jmjkaram3@gmail.com) to RSVP, get location address, get a PDF of the chapters emailed to you, or learn about the MYA.

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To purchase a personal ticket(s) or to help us in selling tickets  
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All requests and payments must be received by **April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.**

For further information or to reserve tickets, please:

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# ABOUNA'S CORNER

## CANA SUNDAY

John 2: 1-12

The holy Church, the *Crowned Bride* of Christ, is about to enter the Season of the Great Lent – the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Christ our Lord. She is about to enter into the full passion of Christ so that she may live by the life of his resurrection. From this very beginning of the spiritual and mystical journey she looks on forward with hope to the end-goal of her salvation: the victory of the Luminous Cross of Christ her Lord. Her eyes of faith are fixed on this end-goal reflected in the *Wedding Feast of the Kingdom* – with Christ – *her Beloved* – at the center. Today, through the lens of the gospel of Cana, *the Bride Church* remembers how it all began – when she was first betrothed to her Lord at Cana – at the *mysteries-filled* ceremony of the water and the wine!

We are reminded – at the beginning of this our Lenten journey – of our immigrant Maronite church communities who have journeyed out (from the Middle East) in times of hardship and struggle, and yet, continue onward-looking with faith and hope. The symbolic power and the spiritual meanings of this gospel-mosaic of the *Wedding Feast at Cana* has not escaped many of our Eastern Christian saints as well as seers from early times to the recent.

Our prayers, found in *Hoosoyo* for Sunday, reveal the intentions of the Bride-Church as she re-embarks on this spiritual journey of Lent: the Passion, and Resurrection of Jesus, her beloved. The intimacy expressed in the prayers found in our Liturgy and in the Divine Office has its roots in the faith of the holy fathers and saints of our Maronite-Syriac Church – who always felt Christ being very close with them. Christ Jesus is forever intimately present with his Church especially through the hidden *Mysteries* of the our sacraments. Saint Ephrem spell it out:

In a new way his body  
has been fused with our bodies,  
and his pure blood  
has been poured in our veins.  
His voice too is in our ears  
and his splendor in our eyes.  
The whole of him with the whole of us  
is fused by his mercy.  
And because he loved his Church greatly,  
he did not give her the manna of her rival;  
He became the Bread of Life  
for her to eat him.

And now, again, at the beginning of this Lenten Journey, we too ask that Christ's Love, Peace, and Joy may remain with his beloved Church – that his grace-filled *Mysteries* may be a renewed source of strength and reassurance for us, her children.



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