



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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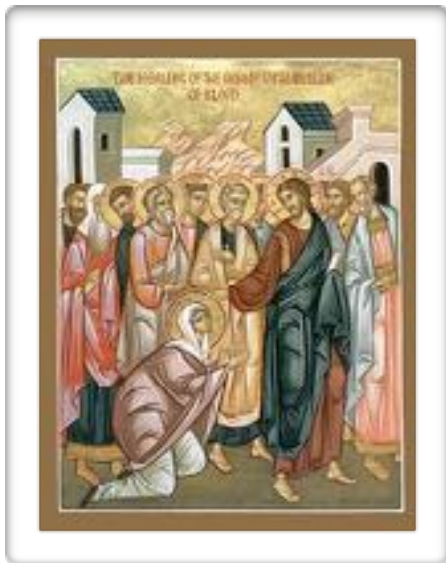
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## March 12, 2017

### Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman



**Next Sunday is The Parable of the  
Prodigal Son**

2 Cor 13:5-13 (Final Warnings and Appeals)

Lk 15:11-32 (The Parable of the Lost Son)

## Your Gifts To God

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

Offering Report for February 26th- March 5th

Online.....\$510.00

Collection.....\$ 493.00

Projected Weekly Amount

Required to Meet Budget.....\$1,846.00

**Difference.....-\$843.00**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, March 12th, 10:30 am

*Available Intention*

Monday, March 13th

*Available Intention*

Tuesday, March 14th

*Available Intention*

Wednesday, March 15th

*Stewart Family*

Thursday, March 16th

*Available Intention*

Friday, March 17th

*Available Intention*

Saturday, March 18th

*Available Intention*

Sunday, March 19th

*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.***

## Altar Sponsorship

**Sunday, March 12th**

Available

**Sunday, March 19th**

Available

# Parish Events

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## LENTEN/HOLY WEEK 2017 REMINDERS

**Stations of the Cross** (Lead by the Deacons) — 7pm with communion service presided by the Deacons

**Fridays During Lent:**

March: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

April: 7

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## Community Events

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Looking for a natural and  
affirming way of family  
planning?

WHEN: 4/6, 4/20 & 5/4 7-9pm

WHERE: NW Family Services

6200 SE King Rd.

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# ABOUNA'S CORNER

## The Hemorrhaging Woman

On this Sunday the Our Lord Jesus is again shown to us as the Divine Physician of both our souls and bodies. The Church, in her prayers, implores Jesus to pour the balm of his mercy on both the sick and the sorrowful so they may all benefit from the tremendous power his healing compassion.

Luke's Gospel clearly portrays the compassion and gentleness of Jesus in his dealing with both the two women in need and their families. The case of the hemorrhaging woman becomes a lesson for all of us; to seek the Lord and not to be afraid to come before him for mercy and healing; nor to be intimidated by the crowds and their opinions. The courage of this woman is praised by St. Ephrem and other Syriac Church Fathers who present her as a model – for each one of us to have this courage – to admit that we are in need of healing – to be bold enough to touch the Lord – and to let him act graciously towards us.

Lent is the Season when the Church draws heavily on the sacramental-mysteries (tassels) of Christ. She encourages us and to confess ourselves as sinners who often have not lived by the Lord's commandments of love: expressed in patience, tolerance, generosity, and mercifulness towards others – and even towards ourselves. How wonderful it is to hear the words thereafter: go in peace, your sins have been forgiven; or, Be healed! There our shackles are removed as the Lord takes upon himself our burdens and makes them light as he says (Mt 11: 28-30):

Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light!

Let us all invite Our Lord in, He is waiting patiently for us to approach him.



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