



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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July 5, 2020

The Sending Out of the Apostles



Next Sunday

The Mission of the 72 Disciples

2 Cor 3:1-6 (Ministers of a New Covenant)

Lk 10:1-17 (The Mission of the 72)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 5th 10:30 am

Available

Monday, July 6th

Available

Tuesday, July 7th

Available

Wednesday, July 8th

Available

Thursday, July 9th

Available

Friday, July 10th

Available

Saturday, July 11th

Available

Sunday, July 12th

Available

Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:30 am before the morning Liturgy.

Confession every Sunday at 9:45 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

Offering Report for June 21st - 27th

Online.....\$1,420.00

Collection.....\$0.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,420.00

YTD Total.....\$42,010.29

YTD Goal.....\$46,150.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$4,139.71**

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, July 5th

Available

Sunday, July 12th

Available

Parish / Community Events

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Sunday, July 5, 2020, 10:30am

We're doing things a little differently this Sunday. Rather than sending out a link to a specific video, we'll be sending out the link to the Youtube Channel itself. Then Parishioners will just have to click on the video with the corresponding Mass date.

Channel Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi8CEQIEnX-VeERKBMqhKRA>

We'll be using this same link every week since it connects to St. Sharbel's Youtube Channel. The only thing that will change is that each week new videos will be added to that channel. Some changes are being made to the streaming process this Sunday so we've had to adjust for the changes.

REMINDERS FOR MASS

Sunday Masses — Must Sign up ahead of time.

- You will need to come with a mask. Mask may be removed to receive Communion obviously. We don't have masks to give you so please bring one.
- I cannot give Communion outside of Mass – this means in your cars, on the sidewalk, etc. Communion for the homebound is suppressed also at this time.
- Sit only in spot marked on pews. Remain physically distant as you enter and exit the church through the basement entrance only.
- No lingering after Mass, you will need to leave directly.
- If your name is not of the sign up list the ushers cannot allow you to come in. We will need to be strict about this and apologize in advance for problems that might arise.
- I request you only use the downstairs entrance, below the main stairs, the other doors will be closed, this will help us to be able to clean commonly touched surfaces.
- We will not allow use of missals, or other books in the pews. Do your best with the responses.
- Only people who are members of the parish are eligible at this point to attend our limited Masses. If you have been coming regularly, and are not registered elsewhere but have not registered with us, now is the time to do this. Archbishop has asked that we keep people going to the parishes they are registered as a way to respect fair and equitable access to all.



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Reflection

Christ is the Truth, and in Him is no falsehood. “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves” (Matt. 10:16) is the warning He gives to His disciples as He sends them into the world. Christ warns of the persecution that will come to those who follow Him, being beaten by one’s own community, betrayed by one’s own friends, and put on trial. This is certainly a frightening prospect! Jesus is not sugarcoating the potential danger of being a Christian. Perhaps we do not see this so explicitly in contemporary America, but there’s definitely social ridicule and ostracizing that comes with being Christian. But why would He ask this of us?

The answer can be found in the very name we call ourselves – Christian. We are those who follow Christ. We believe that Christ is the one and only Almighty God Who existed before all things and created all things. He has more power than imaginable – He created the vast stars of the heavens and the great raging oceans and every animal. He revealed His power to us throughout history – He split the Red Sea before Moses and sent a column of fire from heaven to stop Israel’s enemies. The signs of His power are endlessly listed in the Bible, as well as everything we observe in the world. Yet in spite of His omnipotence, He voluntarily descended from His throne in the heavens and became a child so poor His parents put Him in animals’ manger in a cave. He did this because He saw the sin of humanity which tarnished His image in us and in His love did not wish to see us suffer the ultimate pain – separation from Him, in Whom all find completion. So He became weak that He might give us His strength by uniting His divinity with our humanity, and destroy sin by His death. Though many taunted Him and questioned Him, He remained steadfast in His mission. Even at the last moment the crowd at His crucifixion mocked Him by saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself” (Mark 15:29-39).

The wisdom of the world would have you think if you have power you should use it. The crowd doubted Christ’s divinity at His death because He did not come off the cross. But it is precisely that Christ could suffer on the cross that makes Him so great. A tyrant or dictator must constantly show their force to the world for people to continue respecting them. A dignified leader knows the authority he has, and as such acts because he knows what is right, not because he must evoke a certain public image. Christ, being the true King of All, chooses to die in humility so that we might have life. Likewise for us, Christ Says, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matt. 16:24-25).

It is in selfless humility governed by love that we imitate Christ, Who lowered Himself to be weak even though He has all the power in the universe. Christ could have destroyed His crucifiers on the cross and all who insulted Him. In fact, there is a Syriac hymn verse for Good Friday about how all the angelic armies in heaven were about to descend with lightning and fire upon those who harmed their Lord. But Christ told them to stop. And by Christ’s example of power in humility at least two men converted there – the Good Thief on His right, who moments before taunted Him, and Longinus, the soldier who pierced His side with a lance but then proclaimed that He was truly the Son of God. By a mere show of strength, there would be no one left. Instead Christ chooses to love and give opportunity for love to be returned, which is why He instructs us to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors (Matt. 5:44). By participating in Christ’s meekness and love we participate in His almightiness.



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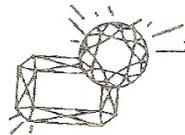
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