



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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October 3, 2021

3rd Sunday After the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

4th Sunday After the Holy Cross

1 Thes 5:1-11 (Vigilance)

Mt 24:45-51 (The Faithful or the Unfaithful Servant)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for September 19th - 25th

Online.....\$1,355.00

Collection.....\$660.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,015.00

YTD Total.....\$69,258.47

YTD Goal.....\$71,994.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,735.53**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 3rd, 11:00am

Available

Monday, October 4th

+Frederick Clifton Saleman Jr

Tuesday, October 5th

Available

Wednesday, October 6th

Available

Thursday, October 7th

Available

Friday, October 8th

Available

Saturday, October 9th

Edward and Francisco

Sunday, October 10th

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, October 3rd

Available

Sunday, October 10th

Available

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

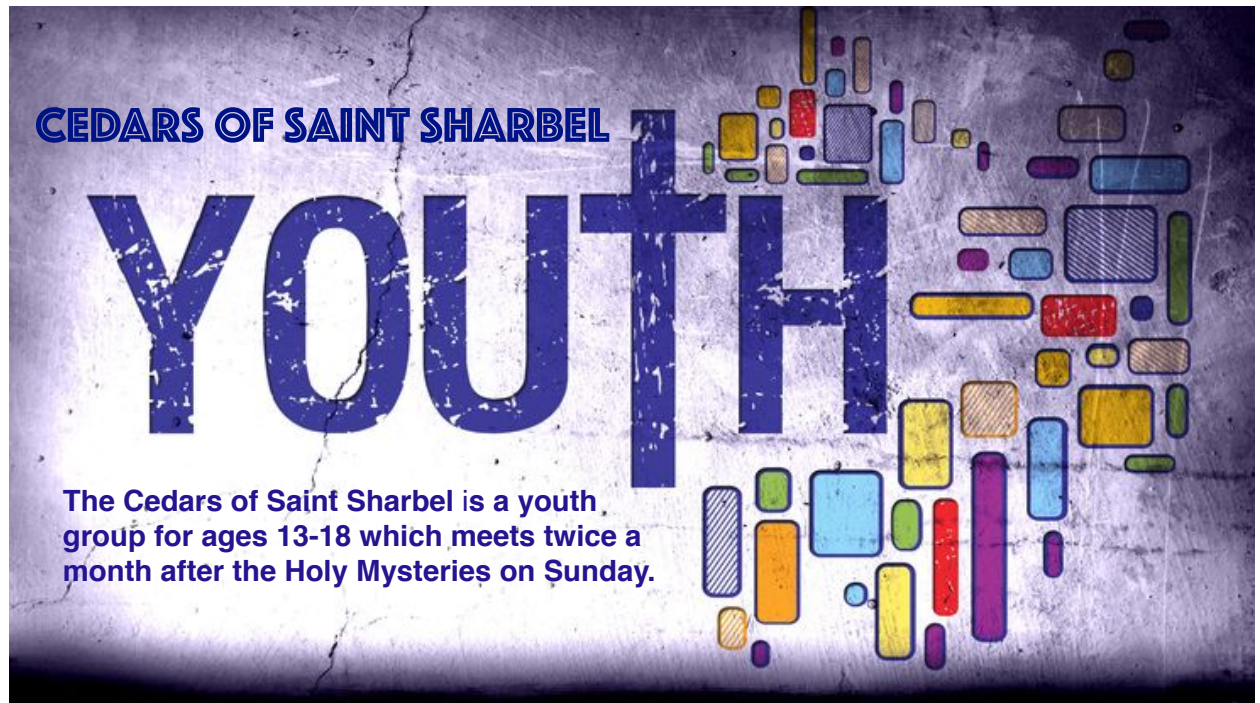
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All Families with children age 6 to 12 (grades: 1-7):

St. Sharbel Sunday School Program will begin on Sunday, October 3, 2021. The goal of this program is to prepare our kids for the Sacraments and to build a strong relationship with each other and their parish. Please email Nadia Redmond at n.redmond@comcast.net to register for the program and for more information.



We will be meeting in person, God willing. Meetings will immediately follow mass, in the downstairs basement. All participants will be required to mask and social distance.

Meeting Dates (Subject to Change)

October 17

October 31

November 14

December 5 — Family Adoration at 10:15am. No additional meeting this month

Stay Tuned for a list of 2022 Meetings

Meeting dates are posted here and sent out in email. For more information, contact Gennifer Karam: jmjkaram3@gmail.com



The MYA is a group of men and women ages 18-40 (ish) which meets once a month for fellowship, prayer, and social activities.

If interested, please contact Claude Karam at

claudio@trazzafoods.com

Next Meeting Date TBA

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Wedding Planning Checklist

4 MONTHS TO GO

- ☐ PLAN THE CEREMONY
- ☐ WRITE VOWS
- ☒ ATTEND COUPLES WORKSHOP
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FOUNDATION FOR MY
MARRIAGE

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NEXT WORKSHOP IS:

Friday, November 12, 6 pm–8 pm &
Saturday, November 13
9 am–11am & 1 pm–3 pm
(Couples must attend each session)

WHERE

Online with Zoom
(Couples will be emailed with log-in information)

COST

\$225 per couple

REGISTRATION

Register and pay online at
[nwcounseling.org/product/couples-
workshop/](http://nwcounseling.org/product/couples-workshop/)

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Reflection

Glory be to Him Who was hanged upon the Cross, by which He freed creation... by which the power of death was totally negated... by which our debts and sins may be forgiven... (From the Syriac Maronite Prayers for the Feast of the Holy Cross)

In just this short quote from our traditional prayers for the Feast of the Holy Cross it is clear how important the cross is – it is the instrument by which Christ freed all creation from Satan, destroyed the power of death and is used for the forgiveness of sins. The question is how and why does the Cross have this importance?

As St. Paul recounts in chapter 9 of the Letter to the Hebrews, Christ prepared the Jewish people for His coming by instituting the Temple system – for the forgiveness of sins, people needed to offer animal sacrifices often and always. The following of Temple rules built devotion to God, granted specific forgiveness of sins, and helped prepare an understanding of sacrifice. But the acts of men, even just men, could never take away the damage that existed in the world from sin since the time of Adam. No simple human could forgive or destroy sin and death, which abounds in the world since Adam's transgression.

St. Paul says in the same chapter that the true High Priest, Jesus Christ, entered the sanctuary “not made by hands” and offered the perfect sacrifice once and for all. No man could erase the sin of Adam, but Jesus Christ was God and He offered the perfect sacrifice of Himself – He, God, offered the sacrifice of the flesh and blood of the incarnate God! The Creator and Giver of Life sacrificed Himself, Who is life, for the life of the world. Of course, this sacrifice was so great that it overcame death itself and destroyed it. The altar of His sacrifice was not the Temple in Jerusalem but the Cross, where He died.

When the Temple was destroyed, it radically changed the Jewish religion which depended on it as a place of sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins; until this day, the Jewish people do not have a place to offer sacrifice to praise God or remit sins. But it should be no surprise that the destruction of the Temple in the 1st century posed no problem for Christianity – in fact, many Church Fathers said it was a divine sign that Judaism had been fulfilled since the perfect sacrifice for the remission of our sins was offered by Christ on the Cross.

Upon the Cross, God sacrificed His own flesh and blood, foreshadowed at the Last Supper, to free creation from the power of sin and death. The Cross was the altar of Jesus Christ, the true High Priest. This place of the perfect sacrifice and its power Christ has given to the Church for its use. Wherever it is found, the Cross is not only a reminder but the presence of this saving power. It is the sign by which the priests complete the sacraments. And whomever signs himself with the Cross invokes the whole life-giving power of the sacrifice of God and its power to crush death and sin.

May Your saving and life-giving Cross be for us a fortress and unconquerable armor against all adverse power which evilly plots against Your Faithful Church, redeemed by Your precious blood, that through its power we may be protected, triumph and be rescued from all violence and calumny of demons and oppressive men. In You, O God Who were crucified, we shall take refuge while worshipping and glorifying Your salvation, now and at all times, forever. Amen.

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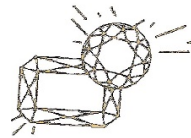
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