



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday



Next Sunday

2nd Sunday of Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Rom 11:25-36 (God's Irrevocable Call/Triumph of God's Mercy)

Mt 28:16-20 (The Commissioning of the Disciples)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 19th, 11:00am

+Manuel Nemr

Veronica Baptism

Monday, May 20th

Available

Tuesday, May 21st

Patrick Bachour

Wednesday, May 22nd

Available

Thursday, May 23rd

Available

Friday, May 24th

Available

Saturday, May 25th

Available

Sunday, May 26th

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.

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for May 5th - 11th

Online.....	\$1,155.00
Collection.....	\$998.00
Weekly Total.....	\$2,153.00

YTD Total.....\$27,006.48

YTD Goal.....\$43,852.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$16,845.52**

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, May 19th

Redmond Family

Sunday, May 26th

Available

Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

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+Finance Committee

We will be celebrating a baptism at the parish this

Sunday May 19, 2024

:: All are invited to coffee hour after Mass ::

59th Annual NAM Convention JULY 4-7, 2024 | ST. SHARBEL CHURCH DETROIT MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE CENTER



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CONVENTION REGISTRATION Deadline: June 1st
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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>

59th Annual NAM Convention will be in Detroit, Michigan, July 4-7, 2024. SEE ABOVE

Eucharistic Congress — The First National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years

July 17-21, 2024

Indianapolis, Indiana

MORE INFO HERE

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 EVENTS

TBA

All Youth ages 13-18 are welcome!

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.

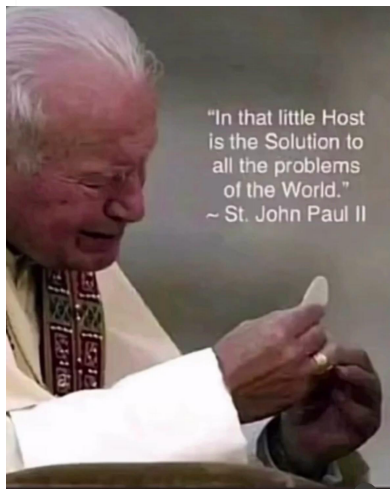
SUNDAYS 10:30AM



Cedars of St. Sharbel
Youth Catechesis
Ages 12-17

To sign up, contact Gennifer Karam jmkaram3@gmail.com

May 19 —
The Theology of the Body



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:

MAY 19 — Continued studies and discussion on the gift of the Eucharistic

For more info on the MYA, contact Claude@trazzafoods.com

 **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL** ZOOM

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.



Reflection

Jn 14:15-20 (The Advocate)

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost when God fulfilled His promise when He said “I will not leave you as orphans” (Jn. 14:18). The Holy Spirit, Who has been in creation since the beginning, was confirmed in His presence in the Church today. He existed before all time with the Father and the Son, and is foreshadowed throughout all of the Old Testament. In the very beginning of the world He is recalled to be hovering over the waters (Gen. 1:2) and so we profess, “We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life...” for He perfected all creation. The various prophets, such as David (Ps. 51:11), called upon Him for His assistance. But today we come to know Him Who was simply alluded to in ages past but never seen. Today is the day the Holy Spirit, Who is always with us, has revealed Himself for the sake of our salvation and strength.

The time after Christ’s Ascension was a time of confusion for the Apostles. Though Christ promised them that He would never leave them orphans it seemed that God was most absent to them since they first encountered Jesus. They hid themselves in the Upper Room where they had celebrated the Last Supper and He had appeared to them again after His Resurrection for fear of persecution on the Feast of Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Passover. But God foretold through the prophet Joel, as He did through so many others, that “I will pour out my Spirit on all people” (Acts 2:17) and so “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them” (Acts 2:4). Just as the Holy Spirit completed creation the first time in Genesis, He completed the salvific mission of Jesus Christ by being poured out upon them. Just as the Father and Son are always present, so too has the Spirit, but just like the Son was received in a particular way at His Incarnation, the Spirit was received in a special way at His pouring out at Pentecost. For those who loved Christ and followed His commands, the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Apostles and appeared as tongues of fire, enabling to speak every language present so that they may spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Then did the Apostles realize that they had not been abandoned, but the promise of Christ had been fulfilled:

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth... On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.” (Jn. 14:16-17, 20)

In God’s love the Apostles gained their greatest Advocate, Who strengthened them in their fear and gave them all things necessary to do the work of God. But the descent of the Holy Spirit was not something once realized at Pentecost and irrelevant to us, but He continues to indwell in us. When we are baptized we receive the Holy Spirit into ourselves, and He does not leave us no matter our actions, as long as we do not deny Him. This is why St. Paul asks, “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, Whom you have received from God?” (1 Cor 6:19). By baptism we have received the same Spirit Who empowered the Apostles two thousand years ago. Perhaps we do not manifest tongues of fire because they are not necessary for our mission, but He gives us the strength and capacity to accomplish the work of God. The same Spirit Who was at the beginning and spoke through the prophets, is poured out today, and will forever be our advocate is Whom we celebrate and remember today. Let us remember He is our strength every day as we pray,

Make us worthy, Lord God, Lover of Men, that we may sate our souls and fill our hearts with the rational drink of the new wine of the Spirit, the Paraclete, that having been made pure and holy we may sing pure praises with pure and holy tongues to Your adored and holy name, and that of Your Only-Begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit, now and at all times, forever. Amen.

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