



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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June 23, 2024

6th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

7th Sunday of Pentecost:
Twelve Apostles

Rom 10:12-21

Mt 9:36-38

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 23rd, 11:00am

+Ibrahim Khal

Monday, June 25th

Available

Tuesday, June 25th

Available

Wednesday, June 26th

Available

Thursday, June 27th

Available

Friday, June 28th

Available

Saturday, June 29th

Available

Sunday, June 30th

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 June 9th - 15th

Online.....\$1,160.30
Collection.....\$515.00
Weekly Total.....\$1,675.30

YTD Total.....\$33,641.78
YTD Goal.....\$55,392.00

YTD Difference.....-\$21,750.22

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, June 23

Redmond Family

Sunday, June 30

Available

Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

Sara Ashou

Eva Bekahi

Husn Karam

Michael Layoun

Nadia Redmond

Peter Rizk

Mitch Siekmann



**ST SHARBEL MYA
BARBEQUE PARTY ON
SUNDAY, JULY 14
AT 2:30 PM**

AT CLAUDE AND GENNIFER'S HOME

THIS IS A CALLOUT TO ALL YOUNG
ADULTS, MEN AND WOMEN AGES 18-35 –
ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER
BEEN TO AN MYA EVENT BEFORE – ALL
ARE WELCOME!!!

Aboutna Peter will be in Attendance!

59th Annual NAM Convention

JULY 4-7, 2024 | ST. SHARBEL CHURCH
DETROIT MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE CENTER



DETROIT, MICHIGAN

MARONITES ON MISSION: CREATED. CALLED. SENT FORTH.



CONVENTION REGISTRATION Deadline: June 1st
www.namnews.org | (914) 964-3070 | info@namnews.org
@NationalApostolateofMaronites - NAM

HOTEL BOOKINGS (\$189+/Night, Single/Double)
<https://book.passkey.com/e/50700969> | (313) 568-8000
Canada is across the river! Bring your passports!

Finance Committee

Claude Karam

Doug Raab

Thaddeus Rask



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>

**Eucharistic Congress—
The First National Eucharistic Congress in
83 years
July 17-21, 2024
Indianapolis, Indiana
MORE INFO HERE**

**We have at least 15 tickets STILL
AVAILABLE!**

Are you interested in representing our church at the NAM convention as a delegate? Every parish in the country sends delegates to the NAM convention who learn about what is happening in the church at the Eparchial level and how NAM can support our parish. If you are interested in going to NAM as a delegate, please contact

Nadia Redmond n.redmond@comcast.net

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 GAME NIGHT Saturday, July 13 | 6:00-10:00pm

Video, Board, Games, Cards, Etc.

Open to all youth Ages 13-18 to celebrate Summer! Will be at the Allam Family Home. Friends are Welcome!

Please RSVP by JUNE 28th to Gladys 503-747-8689 or fotw@frontier.com

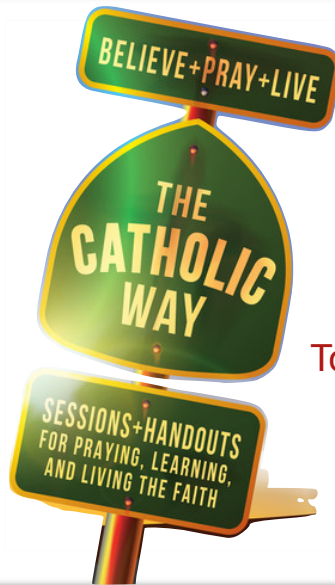
PRAY THE ROSARY



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.

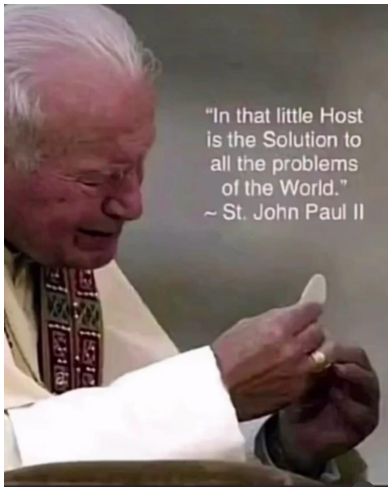
SUNDAYS 10:30AM



Cedars of St. Sharbel
Youth Catechesis
Ages 12-17

To begin again in the Fall, Stay Tuned!

Gennifer Karam jmkaram3@gmail.com



"In that little Host is the Solution to all the problems of the World."
~ St. John Paul II



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:
TBA

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

 EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL 

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

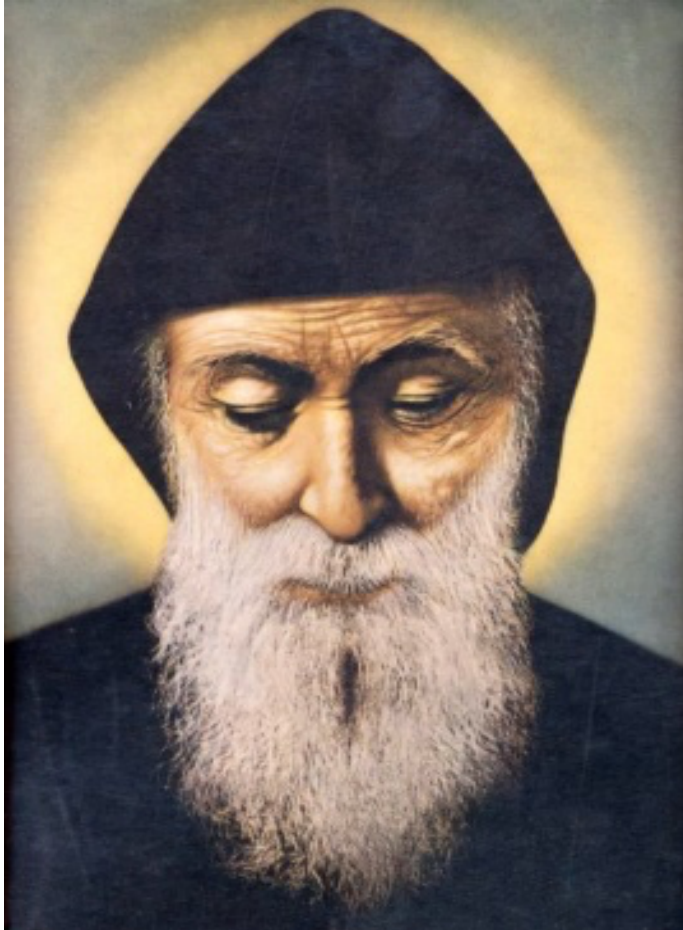
Contact Nadia Redmond, Coordinator of Religious Education, n.redmond@comcast.net

Please continue to pray for our parish and ministries.



St Sharbel Feast Picnic Potluck Style

Celebrating our Maronite Catholic Faith



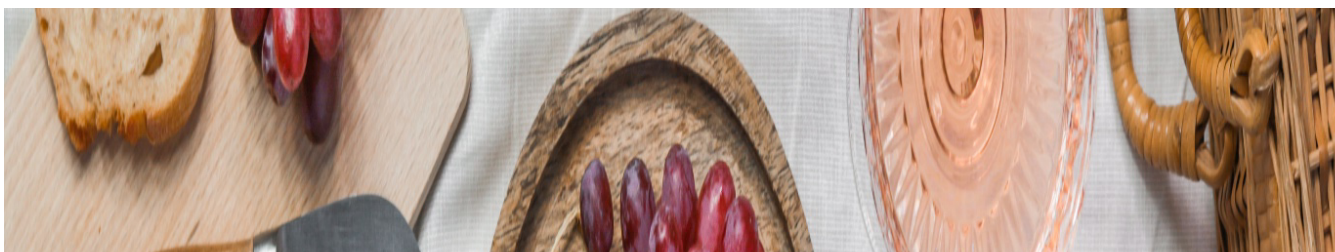
Please join us to celebrate our patron- Potluck style!

Bring along a picnic blanket and a picnic basket with some of your favorite treats and beverages to share.

Date: July 21st , 2024

Time: 12.00 pm

Place: St Sharbel's Church Lawn; 1804 SE 16th Ave, Portland, OR 97214



Reflection

Title: Remember This When Robots Try to Take Over the World

Some time ago I was presented with a video of a robot that was being built. The robot could not yet move on its own, but it had been programmed with AI to be able to speak and answer questions. At one point during the interview, the robot commented that it believed robots should have the same rights as humans. I casually commented that robots should never have the same rights as humans because human beings are infinitely more valuable. To my surprise, my comment was met with many argumentative replies. So now I pose the question to you. If robots, programmed with AI become highly advanced, could they ever become as valuable as humans, and therefore demand the same rights?

Some will argue that we cannot know the answer until we know how advanced robots become. On the contrary, I believe we can know with certainty right now that the answer is "no." To understand this, we must consider where human value comes from. Human beings have "intrinsic value." This means that on the most fundamental level, humans are not valuable because of their skills or attributes. They are valuable simply because they are human.

To help express this better, consider what is wrong with racism. Racism values or devalues a person based on the color of their skin. This is wrong because human value doesn't come from skin color. It comes from our humanness. We can extend this principle in other ways as well. Some people are very smart, and others are less intelligent, but regardless of intellect, all people possess intrinsic human dignity. Some are athletic and others are not. Regardless, all possess intrinsic human dignity. Some are productive, and others, like the unborn, the sick and those at the end of life, are not. That does not make them less valuable. Human dignity is not tied to our attributes. It is tied to our nature as human beings, made in the image and likeness of God. If you are human, you are valuable. Period.

Let's go back to robots. Suppose a robot is finally created that looks human, acts human, is smarter than most humans, is stronger than most humans, and is more productive than most humans. Would such a robot be as valuable, or even more valuable, than a human? The answer is no, because it would not be human. *Imitating* a human is not the same as being one. Even if this robot would have great attributes, we must remember that intrinsic dignity does not come from attributes. It comes from humanness. Humans are made by God. Robots are made by humans. They may look and act like us one day, but they will never *be* us, and so they can never possess the infinite value we possess.

The world of robots and AI is a fascinating one. I for one am excited for the ways that these new technologies will advance our culture, but new technologies must never replace eternal principles. In every circumstance in life, we must marvel at the dignity God has bestowed on His children...A dignity that He did not bestow upon anything else.

—Abouna Peter

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