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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST - AUGUST 23, 2020

READING 1 Corinthians 3:1-11 GOSPEL Luke 8:1-15

Walk IN A MANNER worthy of the LORD,

FULLY PLEASING TO HIM,

bearing fruit in every good work

AND INCREASING IN THE

KNOWLEDGE OF God

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DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL HEALING PRAYERS 22nd Day of Every Month

Liturgy and Benediction 7:00 PM (Spring / Summer)

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PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED

LIVE STREAMED MASS SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND

11:00 AM— Baptism Michael Joseph Khalil

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND

4:00 PM — Akram Karromi, by Therese Issa and Family

4:00 PM— Backos Joseph, by Mary Medley and Family

4:00 PM— Judith Deeby, Georgia Andary

4:00 PM— Donors to Caritas Lebanon, by Pastor

4:00 PM — Maureen McCarthy Birthday Remembrance, by Dianne Bartolomeo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL HEALING MASS & DEVOTION

CELEBRANT: Fr. Nabil Habchi

7:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Chaldean and the Assyrian Communities of Michigan, by Pastor

7:00 PM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Blake Hamamah (6 y/o), by Family

7:00 PM— Firas Haicha, by Family

7:00 PM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Marco Youssif, by Pastor

7:00 PM— Sick, Home Bound and Shut-Ins, by Pastor

7:00 PM— Donors to Caritas Lebanon, by Pastor

7:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Haroun and Robin Families, by Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

9:30 AM— Special Intention for newly ordained Deacon Russell Ward, by George and Pat Helou

9:30 AM— Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker, by Family

9:30 AM — Maroun Hakim, by Tony and Beline Obeid

9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Richard & Maria Salloum Family, by Pastor

9:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o), by Pastor

9:30 AM — Donors to Caritas Lebanon, by Pastor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

11:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Marco Youssif, by Pastor

11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Toni and Elian Maalouf, by Family

11:30 AM — George Abou Jaoude, by Pastor

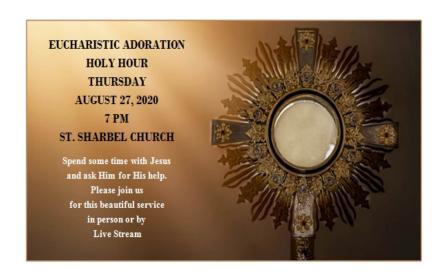
11:30 AM - Marty Joseph, by Pastor

11:30 AM— Donors to Caritas Lebanon, by Pastor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

1:15 PM— Baptism Colton Michael James Gray

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MASSES CONTINUED ...

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH

PRIVATE

6:00 PM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o), by Pastor

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

PRIVATE

6:00 PM— Anthony Joseph, by Mary Medley and Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH

PRIVATE

6:00 PM — Donors to Caritas Lebanon Relief, by Pastor

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

2:00 PM— Baptism Jude Pierre Soyad

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

4:00 PM — Donors to Caritas Lebanon, by Pastor

4:00 PM— **Michel Besteni,** by Daughter, Linda Thomas

4:00 PM— **Akram Karromi,** by Daughter and Son-In-Law, Rita & Youssif Abi Younis and Family

4:00 PM— Louis Joseph, by Mary Medley

4:00 PM — Jose Farah, by Linda Thomas

4:00 PM — Judith Deeby, by Georgia Andary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

9:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 v/o), by Pastor

9:30 AM— Donors to Caritas Lebanon, by Pastor

9:30 AM— Anthony E. Lesha Anniversary Remembrance, by Mickey & Julie Thomas

9:30 AM— Mary Saad 3 Year Remembrance, by Husband, Bill and Family

9:30 AM— Cathie Nagurka 22 Year Remembrance, by Paul Nagurka

9:30 AM— Deceased Members of the Crispin, Shaker and Abraham Families, by Joe & Terry Shaker

9:30 AM - Jose Farah, by Linda Thomas

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

11:30 AM— Chafic Eid, by Sister, Mona Eid and Family

11:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Marco Youssif, by Pastor

11:30 AM— Donors to Caritas Lebanon, by Pastor

11:30 AM — Daher Chamoun and Family, by Daughter, Therese Sfeir

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

1:00 PM— Baptism Eli Michael Mondalek





SANCTUARY CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST BURNS FOR:

In Loving Memory of

Ada Florence Pich

by Son and Daughter-In-Law,

Pete and Trish Pich

CHAPEL CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST BURNS FOR:

In Loving Memory of Frederick J. Francis

by His Children

INCENSE AND CHARCOAL

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

In Loving Memory of George & Henriette Chalhoub

THANK YOU!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 15 & 16, 2020

Envelopes: \$5,680.00 Online: \$360.00

Total Collection: \$6,040.00

May God bless you for your generosity and support of your parish especially during these most difficult of times!

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Thank you for your continued support and love for our brothers and sisters in Lebanon!

STUDENT ARTICLE

Parishioners of Saint Sharbel,

In today's climate, so many of us may be feeling alone, helpless, stressed, or forgotten. The horrible events of widespread illness, natural disaster, and terrorism make the world seem as if it's coming to an end. Evidently enough, the tension created from the current global pandemic fills a lot of us with anxiety and restlessness, which can greatly impact our mental, physical, or emotional well-being. In these difficult times, we are restricted from going about our daily lives, and most of us are unable to spend time with friends and family. However, it's extremely important to understand that there is always a light at the end of the tunnel, no matter how troublesome the situation is.

When observing the current state of our world, I'd like to think that God is putting all of us to a test. I know, it may sound crazy, but when we are put under strenuous and unfortunate circumstances, we are likely to grow closer to God. There are numerous verses from the Bible that tell us to not worry or be troubled; God does not want us to be constantly distressed with our daily hardships. Instead, God wants us to trust in His word and make us understand that we can be healed and strengthened when in His presence. In this particular verse from Deuteronomy, we are able to clearly see the Lord's message to those who are overworked with fear and discomfort:

"Be STRONG and BOLD; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the LORD YOUR GOD who goes before you.

He WILL BE WITH YOU; he WILL NOT FAIL YOU or forsake you.

Do not fear or be dismayed."

Deuteronomy 31:6,8

There are many other verses repeated throughout the Bible that are similar to this one, which shows us that God has a firm desire for His people to have strength in Him and to have trust in His word.

Although God may be putting us through a test right now, it's important to understand that He never intends to hurt us or make us feel unheard by Him. For example, if we lose a loved one during these unpredictable times, it's inevitable that we will mourn and feel completely broken inside. A situation like this one is emotionally damaging, and it may seem like life will only get worse. However, God intends for situations like these to strengthen us, compelling us to grow closer to Him and His word. Even though it may be difficult for some of us, we must stay strong in today's restless world, and we must always trust in God's word to help us surpass all burdens in life.

Ryan Neubacher Sophomore, Macomb Community College

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God.

JOHN 141

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

August 22 Family of Saint Sharbel Healing Mass 7 PM

August 23 Sunday Mass Live Stream 11:30 AM
August 27 Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour 7 PM

Sept. 26 / 27 2-Year Anniversary St. Sharbel Church Dedication

Sept. 26 Raffle Ticket Drawing

October 3 First Communion Mass 10:30 AM

December 1 Giving Tuesday

CONGRATULATIONS!

BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION

Congratulations to

Basman and Anes Jabreeta on the Baptism of their Son,

Prince Christopher Jabreeta

at St. Sharbel Church on Saturday, August 15, 2020 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

Congratulations to

Nibras and Sarah Ibrahim on the Baptism of their Son,

Sharbel Ibrahim

at St. Sharbel Church on Sunday, August 16, 2020 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

Congratulations to

Jeramie and Maya Childers on the Baptism of their Son,

Alexander Van Sharbel Childers

at St. Sharbel Church on Sunday, August 16, 2020 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

May Prince, Sharbel and Alexander be steadfast in their faith and grow constantly in the Lord!

DIACONATE ORDINATION

Congratulations to

Br. Russell Ward, LC

on his Ordination to the Diaconate at Notre Dame Parish, Michigan City, Indiana on Saturday, August 15, 2020 by Bishop Robert McClory.

Deacon Russell is the nephew of Patricia and George Helou.

Let us keep Deacon Russell and all deacons and seminarians in our prayers as they continue their journey to the holy priesthood!

LET US PRAY ...

HEALING PRAYERS FOR LEBANON,
THE SICK, THE SUFFERING, THE DYING,
AND ALL IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
AMEN.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

Allow me to begin by thanking all of our parishioners and friends for the out pouring of love shown to the people of Lebanon. The amount collected as of the date of publishing the weekly bulletin in reported in this week's bulletin. I am sure that more monies will also be forthcoming, and we will continue to update the Community weekly till the end of August. We have sent the monies to the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon at the Chancery Office in St. Louis, MO to wire the amount to Caritas Lebanon.

Regarding the future of our Parish in regards to gathering events including the Religious Education Program, the Ladies Altar Society, the Men's Club, the MYO and the Knights of Columbus, a few decisions must be made.

FIRST COMMUNION

I have decided to have the children of our Religious Education Program who are prepared for their First Eucharist, to receive Christ in Eucharist on Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 at 10:30 AM. We have 29 children this year who will be receiving the Holy Eucharist.

I will hear their 2nd Confession one week prior to First Holy Communion by appointment. I ask the parents to contact the Church Office at (586) 630-0002 to schedule a convenient time for each student. We will not have a Reconciliation Service at this time with all the children in attendance. However, I will not hear their confession the morning of First Communion.

CHRISMATION

Deacon Mike will be working with several children in our Community who have not received Chrismation. They will be Chrismated (Confirmed) on Sunday, September 13, 2020 following the 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

ORGANIZATIONS

Regarding the Ladies Altar Society, the Men's Club, the MYO and the Knights of Columbus: I will work with officers to see how we can best gather for a meeting. We may have to use the Parish Hall or the Church and only the officers be in attendance and then we can live stream the meeting for the members Via You Tube. All meeting must be done in the evening.

I am also thinking of having a Town Hall Meeting using the same setup for the parish. Obviously we will be in communication with all of these decisions rather quickly.

DON'T LOOSE HOPE!

We have survived these past 5 plus months and we are doing well over all. We must keep our faith and trust in God and our fellow parishioners at the heart of all this.

A new school year is soon to begin. And in many cases, different than we remember. Let's keep our school children, whatever age, in prayer for their continued health and safety throughout the coming year.

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

We will have an Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 7 PM in the Church. Please come and spend precious time before the Lord in prayer and adoration and lay your intentions at His feet. This Holy Hour will also be Live Streamed for those who cannot attend in person.

Please be assured of my continued prayers, love and respect for each of you. In Our Lord Jesus Christ and St. Sharbel, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi

Pastor



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