ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH New Cycle Maronite Liturgical Year BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST SUNDAY - DECEMBER 10, 2023 READING GALATIANS 4: 21 - 5:1 GOSPEL LUKE 1: 57 - 66



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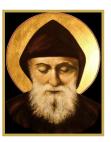
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DIVINE LITURGY SATURDAY: 4:00 PM SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Rosary: 30 minutes before saturday & sunday masses

> WEEKDAY LITURGIES SEE INSIDE OF BULLETIN FOR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS: BY APPOINTMENT

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION 1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL

HEALING MASS & BENEDICTION 22nd Day of Every Month *6:30 PM (November - March)

SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH 43888 Hayes Road Clinton Township, MI 48038

MASS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS / HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 7:00 PM— Joseph Shaker, Helen Shaker, and Betty Shaker, by Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION / HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Parishioners, by Clergy

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

- 4:00 PM— Deceased Parishioners Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy
- 4:00 PM— Mickey and Julia Thomas, by Edward and Isabelle Thomas
- 4:00 PM— Deceased Members of the John & Susan Daniel Family, by Ed and Isabelle Thomas and Family
- 4:00 PM— Deceased Members of the Mike & Mary Thomas Family, by Ed and Isabelle Thomas and Family
- 4:00 PM— Michael Jacobs, by Ed & Isabelle Thomas
- 4:00 PM— Frank Lutfy, by Ed & Isabelle Thomas
- 4:00 PM— Jennieve Danial, by Ed & Isabelle Thomas
- 4:00 PM— Sadie Yamin, by Ed & Isabelle Thomas
- 4:00 PM— Matty Moroun and Anne Moroun, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Matthew Sami Daman, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Dr. Paul G. Thomas, by Wife Linda Thomas
- 4:00 PM— Betty Jolet Birthday Remembrance, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Anne Scapini, by her Daughter, Janet Peters and Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

- 9:30 AM— Deceased Parishioners Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy
- 9:30 AM— Ibtisma Gorgis Special Intention Healing, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Peter Johns, Jr. Birthday Remembrance, by his Family
- 9:30 AM— Margaret J. Saad Birthday Remembrance, by her 7 Children
- 9:30 AM— Mickey and Julia Thomas, by the Neubacher Family
- 9:30 AM- Living and Deceased Members of the Shaker Family, by Family
- 9:30 AM- Genevieve Abraham, by the Shaker Family
- 9:30 AM— Albert and Mona Badawi, by Ed and Therese O'Brien
- 9:30 AM— Joseph Giordano 41 Year Remembrance, by Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

- 11:30 AM— Deceased Parishioners Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Jimmy and Danielle Lahood and Family, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Special Intention Healing Vincent Shamoun, by his Mother, Sana
- 11:30 AM— Special Intention Cara Noelle Hahn-Harik, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Khalil Farah, George Semaan, Youssif Makhoul and Yvette Obrey, by the Lebanese Forces Chapter of Detroit
- 11:30 AM— Vera Hakim Christmas Remembrance, by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi 11:30 AM— Japanette Labood Sarkis Christmas Remembraj
- 11:30 AM— Jeanette Lahood Sarkis Christmas Remembrance, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Marcelle Alam 3 Year Remembrance, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Rev. Deacon Isho Yacoub Salman and
 - Mrs. Layla Francis Marko, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Dunia Isssa Hattar Dababneh, by Issa & Maysoon Sweidan
- 11:30 AM— Boutros Dawood Hattar, by Issa and Maysoon Sweidan
- 11:30 AM— Jamile Issa Sultan, by Issa and Maysoon Sweidan
- 11:30 AM- Rakan Daniel Hattar, by Issa and Maysoon Sweidan
- 11:30 AM— Melhem Nahed 10 Year Remembrance, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Butros Daoud Saman Hattar, by Daughter, Marlene Hattar and Children, Maria and Fadi Sweiss



is the certainty that sees us through



Wednesday Nov. 15th Tuesday Nov. 21st Wednesday Nov. 29th Wednesday Dec. 6th Wednesday Dec. 13th Thursday Dec. 21st

Lead by Fr. Chris Nahra Meeting Room A 43888 Hayes Rd.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

- **9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Parishioners,** by Clergy
- 9:30 AM— Owen Petrzelka Christmas Remembrance, by Grandparents, Anthony and Lucy Shaker

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

- CHRISTMAS NOVENA BEGINS
- 6:00 PM— Confessions
- 6:30 PM— Mass for Living and Deceased Parishioners, by Clergy
- 7:00 PM— Christmas Novena

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

4:00 PM— Church Volunteers Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy

- 4:00 PM— Living Members of the late Joseph and Helen Shaker Family, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Mickey and Julia Thomas, by Edward and Isabelle Thomas
- 4:00 PM- Matty Moroun and Anne Moroun, by Family

4:00 PM- Matthew Sami Daman, by Family

- 4:00 PM— Anthony Thomas 23 Year Remembrance, by Judy Thomas and Family
- 4:00 PM— Louis Thomas 23 Year Remembrance, by Judy Thomas and Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

- 9:30 AM— Elderly Parishioners Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy
- 9:30 AM— Mary Agby 2 Year Remembrance, by her Children and Grandchildren.
- 9:30 AM— Albert and Mona Badawi, by Don and Liz Rabine and Family
- 9:30 AM— Mickey and Julia Thomas, by Kevin and Terri Maas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

- 11:30 AM— St. Sharbel Choir Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM- Special Intention Healing Vincent Shamoun, by his Mother, Sana
- 11:30 AM— Special Intention Cara Noelle Hahn-Harik, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Nadra Ghali Memorial Mass, by Yasmin Thomas and Children
- 11:30 AM— Vera Hakim Christmas Remembrance, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Jeanette Lahood Sarkis Christmas Remembrance, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Mickey and Julia Thomas, by Rachid and Gladis El Aile
- 11:30 AM- Basim Matosha, by Maged and Souha Zahra and Family
- 11:30 AM- Saad Ghali 17 Year Remembrance, by Yasmin Thomas and Children
- 11:30 AM- Adeeb Ghali and Mari Shukri, by Yasmin Thomas and Children
- 11:30 AM- Asaad Thomas and Khatoon Panow, by Yasmin Thomas and Children

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FORM

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| The Chris | mas Flower Memorial | is to remember your inte | ntion in our Christmas | |
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READERS

READERS FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 4:00 PM - Janet Peters

READERS FOR: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 9:30 AM - Ed O'Brien

READERS FOR: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 11:30 AM - Rachel Semaan Tony Malouf

READERS FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 4:00 PM - Maria Thomas

READERS FOR: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 9:30 AM - Matthew Abboud

READERS FOR: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 11:30 AM - Marina Mondalek Ramella Badawi

LET US PRAY HEALING PRAYERS FOR ...

PRAY FOR PEACE All Expecting Couples **All Engaged Couples** Raheel Abbawi Milad Abona Nafee Aboo **David Ajbib Baby Charbel Al-Jarawi** Sohaila Aljarbo **Claire Aouad** Salam Askar Adeet D. Aiver Maria Atallah Sr. Fadia Bashee **Antoinette Bataveh** Joan Bernadette **Joanne Burton Stephanie Clark** John Comito Trinidad Cortez **Tim Cowper** Haifa Dawood Louisa Durry **Chuck Eisenman** Magid El Aile **Nancy Esho** Keri Faircloth Jennifer Farrar Pat Farrar **Stephanie Felgenauer Dorothy Ferrara Charbel Francis** Mary Frensch Lamia Gabriel **Albert Gantos** Wala Gapy Adrianna, Jaxson, and **Jameson Gorgis Ibitsom Gorgis** Larry Glasgow John Grzadzinski Jeanne Grobbel Mervin Grobbel David Habib Josefa "Peppy" Hachey Ellie Hadid **Tammy Hakim** Cara Noelle Hahn-Harik **Blake Hamama Duraid Hanna Anthile Hermese Judy Hindy** Sarah Hurmiz **Joseph Jacob Edward & Suham John Anthony Joseph Dominic Joseph Juricic**

Chukri Kadado Lena Kanan Leeno Kas-Mikha Salvador Kassab Tom Kiernicki Saad Kirma Jackie Lael **Agnes Langschied Helene Latiff Teresa Logan** Joseph Lopez Fabiola Maduro Michele Makhlouf Matthew **Ron McKellar** Sara Meyou **Edward Moffett Chervl Moultrie** Paul Nahra **Gary Naseef Mary Niemic** Javen Noija **Beatriz Nunes Grace Palomino** Narden Alexander Saeed **Ghalia Sagmani Ruby Salmen Remone Salmen Nadre Salmen Frances Sam Guy Sam Boutros Saman** Anwar & Suham Seman and Children Vincent Shamoun Alfred Shina **Eddie Sesi** Nazik Sesi Saba Simon **Christian Charbel Slewah Taryne Spirobski Maria Steinhebel Brian Stokes** John Sykes **Terry Thomas** Lexi Underwood **Bryan Walton** Samira Wanis Jad Yacoub **Christina** Yako Ghazi Aziz Yaldo Justin Yaldo and Family Nazira Yasso Kathy Yousif **Alex Youssef Emmanuel Zaya** Justin Zaytouna



SANCTUARY CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER BURNS FOR:

Elias and Zina Bassil

CHAPEL CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER BURNS FOR:

Elias and Zina Bassil

INCENSE AND CHARCOAL

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

In Loving Memory of George & Henriette Chalhoub by Family

BREAD AND WINE

FOR THE YEARS 2023 - 2026 Living and Deceased Members of the Michel and Fadia Nahed Family

FOR THE YEAR 2023 - 2024 In Loving Memory of Judith Anne Jacobs by Anthony Jacobs and Family

THANK YOU!

WEEKLY COLLECTION December 2 & 3, 2023 Envelopes: \$7,167.00 Online: \$690.00 Total Collection: \$7,857.00 With sincere gratitude and thanks for your faithful and loving support of our parish!

2023 CHRISTMAS RETREAT



PEACE!

On Saturday, December 2, 2023 we gathered for our annual 2023 Christmas Retreat, led by Fr. Chris Nahra. PEACE was the theme!

How do we maintain peace during one of the busiest and most hectic seasons of the year?

P - put E - everything A - aside, and C - Christ E - enters!

Jesus is the missing link to peace!

How do we maintain and keep the peace of Christ in our hearts? Stay in relationship with Him! 3 things are needed to maintain peace.

FAITH - HOPE - LOVE

Love is the personal and intimate love God has for each one of us! Hope is the conviction that God will accomplish good in our life; He will fulfill his promises in my life. Faith is the surrender and trust that God works all things for our good. Let us continue to journey together to prepare our hearts for more of Christ's love this Christmas! THRIVING!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



For tickets call: 586.260.2036

lets have a jolly good time

JUST A FEW TABLES LEFT!!



MAKE THIS SEASON HOLY - PLAN NOW TO ATTEND !

ST. SHARBEL CHURCH 2023 Confession / Christmas Novena Schedule

Friday, December 15 Confession - 6 -7 PM Mass - 6:30 PM Christmas Novena - 7 PM

Saturday, December 16 Confession - 3:30 PM

Sunday, December 17 Confessions - 9 AM & 11 AM

Monday, December 18 Confession - 6 -7 PM Mass - 6:30 PM Christmas Novena - 7 PM

Tuesday, December 19 Confession - 6 -7 PM Mass - 6:30 PM Christmas Novena - 7 PM

Wednesday, December 20 [no morning Mass] Confession - 6 -7 PM Mass - 6:30 PM Christmas Novena - 7 PM

Thursday, December 21 Confession - 6 -7 PM Mass - 6:30 PM Christmas Novena - 7 PM

Friday, December 22 Confession - 5:30 PM Healing Mass - 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 23 Confession - 3:30 PM

Sunday, December 24 Confessions - 9 AM & 11 AM

All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace in this beautiful Sacrament of Mercy and Healing! ST. SHARBEL CHURCH 2023 Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule قداديس عيد ألميلاد المجيد

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

> 4:00 PM [English] CHILDREN'S MASS

7:00 PM [English & Arabic] CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

> 12:00 AM [Arabic] MIDNIGHT MASS

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CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 9:30 AM [English] 11:30 AM [Arabic]

NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 لَيلة رأس السننة قداديس عيد 4 PM &

7 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY / WORLD DAY OF PEACE MONDAY, JANUARY 1 عَيد رأس السَنَة

10:30 AM

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May you be blessed with each passing year!



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UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

| Dec 9 | Choir Christmas Concert 7 PM |
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| Dec 10 | Mass Live Streamed 11:30 AM |
| Dec 10 | LAS Meeting 10:30 AM |
| Dec 13 | "Journey Toward Christmas" continues 6:30 PM |
| Dec 15 | Christmas Novena Begins 7 PM |
| Dec 16 | Christmas Luncheon |
| Dec 17 | Children's Christmas with Santa |

- Dec 21 "Journey Toward Christmas" continues 6:30 PM
- Dec 18-22 Christmas Novena 7 PM Church
- Dec 29 College Students Breakfast with Clergy
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party
- Jan 6/7 Epiphany Blessing of Water/Haircutting Ceremony

CONGRATULATIONS!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Maurice and Rene Afram Farah** on the recent birth of their new daughter, **Adriana Grace Farah!**

May God bless this family with His abundant graces!

DON'T MISS OUT!



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

Winter greetings from Saint Sharbel!

On this Second Sunday of December, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of the New Liturgical Year with the Birth of John the Baptist Sunday.

On behalf of the Church and St. Sharbel Choir, I remind you and your families to come and attend the 2023 Christmas Concert this Saturday, December 9 at 7 PM. The choir will be chanting Religious Hymns and Christmas Carols in six different languages. Refreshments will be served after the event. Looking forward seeing you and your families.

It was wonderful to see so many of our college students while they were home for the Thanksgiving holiday. We promise them our prayerful support as they complete this semester with all of its final papers and exams. Once that is done, Christmas vacation will be a real vacation for them!

THE SEASON OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

New beginnings are good. The Season of Announcements is a very beautiful, though short, season. With Christmas Day falling on a Monday this year, we will experience the shortest Announcements season possible. The Sixth Week of Announcements is only one day long – Sunday, Christmas Eve! Then in the mid-afternoon, our Christmas Eve Vigil Masses begin, as Announcements gives way to Christmas.

Since the season is so short, the season will be over before we know it and gone will be the opportunities to recognize the Lord present among us in our day-to-day activities. As some of the most powerful readings in Scripture will open before us, let's take advantage of these opportunities, listen to the story of the Salvation History of our Sunday Gospel readings and enter the season as best as we can. I am certain that God is waiting for us in this new beginning and can readily be found. God saves all people! Emmanuel...God is with us! Let your joy shine this season as we prepare for our Lord's birth and coming among us.

CHRISTMAS NOVEŇA / CŎNFESSION

The Christmas schedule is included in this bulletin on page 6. Please plan on joining us to prepare for Christmas with the Christmas Novena, Confession and the Divine Liturgies of Christmas.

ACTIVITIES

A lot is happening in our parish as we quickly move toward the holy season of Christ's birth. Please take time to read the rest of the bulletin so that you are aware of the many different things happening at our parish to help you prepare. CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The annual St. Sharbel Christmas Luncheon will be held on next Saturday, December 16, 2023. Please get your tickets early! They are on sale this weekend!

SAÑTA VÍSITS ST. SHARBEL CHURCH!

Following the Sunday liturgies on Sunday, December 17th, Santa and his helpers will pay a visit to our Church! Bring your children and grandchildren to Mass with you and let them enjoy meeting Santa!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Forms for our Christmas Flower Memorials can be found in the lobby of the Church and in this bulletin. Please fill out and return at your earliest possibility.

Please continue to pray for the sick and the shut in of our community. So many are suffering silently from illnesses and afflictions, seen and unseen. Saint Sharbel, watch over them! Have a great week ahead!

Chorbishop Alfred

