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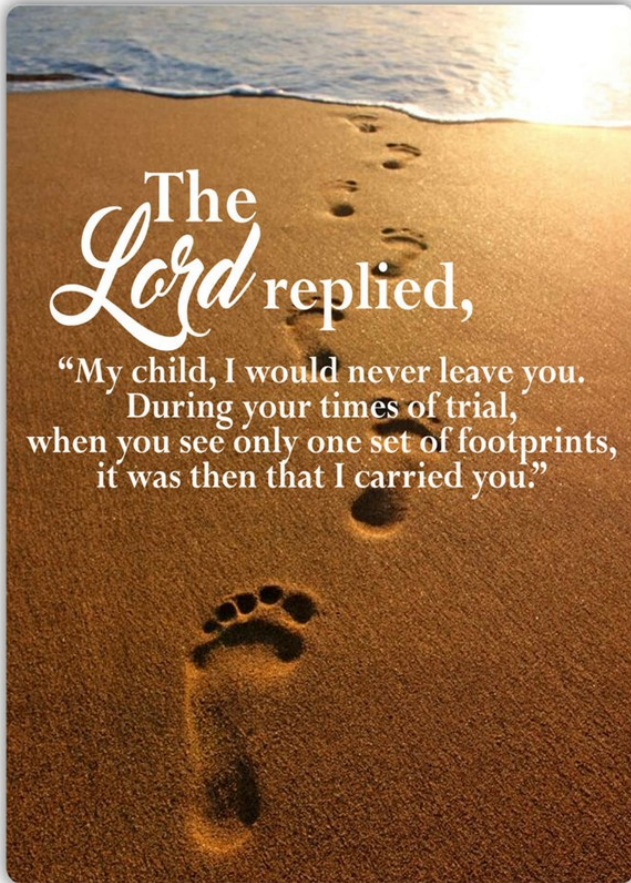
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ENTRANCE INTO GREAT LENT

مدخل الصوم الكبير: آية عرس قانا الجليل

MIRACLE OF CANA IN GALILEE - FEBRUARY 23, 2020

READING Romans 14:14-23 GOSPEL John 2:1-11



LENT: Redemptive Love

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Chorbishop Alfred Badawi

DEACON

Michael Magyar

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Staci Saker

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Dianne Bartolomeo

## DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

1st Friday: 9:30 AM MASS

Eucharistic Adoration following until 3 PM

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL

HEALING PRAYERS

22nd Day of Every Month

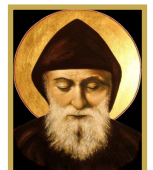
Liturgy and Benediction 6:30 PM (Fall/Winter)

CONFESSIONS

Available Before Weekend Liturgies

SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Clinton Township, MI 48038



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**

- 4:00 PM— **Raymond Moses 6 Year Remembrance**, by Family
- 4:00 PM— **Deceased Members of the Shaker Family**, by Sami & Lena Daou
- 4:00 PM— **Backos Joseph**, by Mary Medley and Family
- 4:00 PM— **Deceased Members in our Families and Parish Community**, by Pastor

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**

- FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL HEALING MASS & PRAYERS**
- 6:30 PM— **For Pregnant Mothers and their Babies**, by Pastor
  - 6:30 PM— **Deacon Michael Bahri Special Intentions Healing**, by Family
  - 6:30 PM— **Those Suffering with Cancer**, by Deacon Michael & Iman Bahri
  - 6:30 PM— **The Sick, Suffering, Homebound and Dying**, by Pastor

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

- 9:30 AM— **The Clinton Township Community and Leaders**, by Friends
- 9:30 AM— **Deceased Members in our Families and Parish Community**, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— **Backos Joseph**, by Mary Medley and Family
- 9:30 AM— **Deceased Members of the Deacon John & Bobbi Sfire Family**, by Pastor

11:30 AM— **George Saliba Memorial Mass**, by Brother-in-law, Elie Nemer and Family

11:30 AM— **Deceased Members in our Families and Parish Community**, by Pastor

11:30 AM— **Salim Youssef Al Bayeh**, by Daughter, Reina Moussa & Family

11:30 AM— **Ghaida Haddad**, by Pastor

11:30 AM— **Tony Nofar**, by Pastor

11:30 AM— **Joseph Reshdan 12 Year Remembrance**, by Son & Daughter-In-Law, Pierre & Mona Reshdan

11:30 AM— **Samir Mazarani 31 Year Remembrance & Evette Mazarani 4 Year Remembrance**, by Daughter and Son-In-Law, Mona and Pierre Reshdan

11:30 AM— **Veryeen Corm**, by Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

1:00 PM— **Baptisms Layla May Manglos and Luke Rex Manglos**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

2:00 PM— **Baptism Jenavecia Inad Janineh**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

3:00 PM— **Baptism Jayden William Mashini**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

- ASH MONDAY**  
**MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**  
 9:00 AM— **Parish Volunteers and Religious Education Program**, by Pastor

**MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**  
 12:00 PM— **Parishioners, Friends and Benefactors**, by Pastor

**MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**  
 7:00 PM— **Choir, Youth and Young Adults of the Parish**, by Pastor

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

9:30 AM— **Shaker Family Special Intentions**, by Family

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**

9:30 AM— **Najla Sassine**, by Pastor

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**

- FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT**  
 6:00 PM— **Confessions**  
 6:30 PM— **Mass**  
 7:00 PM— **Stations and Benediction of the Cross**

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| <b>READERS FOR:</b>                              |                 |
| <b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND</b>                   | <b>4:00 PM</b>  |
| Dee Boulus                                       |                 |
| <b>READERS FOR:</b>                              |                 |
| <b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD</b>                     | <b>9:30 AM</b>  |
| John Tobia                                       |                 |
| <b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD</b>                     | <b>11:30 AM</b> |
| Amanda Fawaz - English<br>Samar Fawaz - Arabic   |                 |
| <b>READERS FOR:</b>                              |                 |
| <b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH</b>                   | <b>4:00 PM</b>  |
| John Peters                                      |                 |
| <b>READERS FOR:</b>                              |                 |
| <b>SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST</b>                         | <b>9:30 AM</b>  |
| Courtney Kautz                                   |                 |
| <b>SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST</b>                         | <b>11:30 AM</b> |
| Gorgio Malkoun - English<br>Maurice Tome- Arabic |                 |



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**February 15 & 16, 2020**  
**Envelopes: \$ 7,863.00**  
**Online: \$ 120.00**

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| <b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH</b>   |
| 4:00 PM— <b>Living and Deceased Members of the Shaker Family</b> , by Family                                 |
| 4:00 PM— <b>Sara Mada 20 Year Remembrance</b> , by Family  |
| 4:00 PM— <b>Michael Joseph</b> , by Mary Medley and Family   |
| <b>SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST</b>   |
| 9:30 AM— <b>Religious Education Staff, Children and Parents</b> , by Pastor                                  |
| 9:30 AM— <b>Philip N. Agby-Ejbeh 10 Year Remembrance</b> , by Family   |
| 9:30 AM— <b>Backos Joseph</b> , by Mary Medley and Family  |
| 9:30 AM— <b>Michael Jacobs 28 Year Remembrance</b> , by Rose Ann Jacobs                                      |
| 9:30 AM— <b>Nora Francis Michael 49 Year Remembrance</b> , by Son, Rev. Larry Michael and the Michael Family |
| 11:30 AM— <b>Lodi (Tamer) Hanna 40 Day Remembrance</b> , by Children and their Families                      |
| 11:30 AM— <b>Moubarak and Mary Yammine</b> , by Elias and Khouloud Yammine                                   |
| 11:30 AM— <b>Antoine Nofar</b> , by Mr. and Mrs. Basirico  |

**UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS**

- February 22 Family of St. Sharbel Healing Mass 6:30 PM
- February 23 LAS Meeting 10:30 AM
- February 23 REP First Reconciliation 10:30 AM
- March 1 REP First Reconciliation 10:30 AM
- April 5 Palm Sunday Brunch after both Masses
- May 2 Mother’s Day Brunch and Bubbly 11 AM - 2 PM
- May 15 First Communion Practice 6 PM
- May 16 First Communion Mass 10:30 AM
- September 26 St. Sharbel Gala at Palazzo Grande

**PASTOR’S CORNER**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is hard to believe that tomorrow is Ash Monday. Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses at 9 AM, 12:00 PM and 7 PM.

The Lenten season is one in which we grow closer to Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I encourage you to do one of each, making a Lenten promise to do something charitable, to give something up, and make more time for prayer or a particular devotion. It is good to remember that Fridays are days of abstinence from meat for those who are 14-years-old and older and that Ash Monday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence for those of age 14 through 60.

**FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL HEALING MASS**

There will be a Mass and Procession in honor of Saint Sharbel on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 6:30PM. All are invited to attend and pray for their special intentions. The Mass intention will be offered for the Sick and all the Pregnant Mothers in our communities.

**ASHES**

We will be collecting old palms through February 23rd . A basket is located in the Narthex for them. We will be burning these blessed palms and the ashes will then be used for Ash Monday Services on February 24th.

**CONFESSION DURING LENT**

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics must go to confession at least once a year and as often as they need to, in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross, also known as The Way of the Cross, are a traditional Lenten devotion. The Stations of the Cross serve as an excellent way to tell the Good Friday story. Each station is a place to stop and think about what Jesus is going through at that particular time of His Passion. There are fourteen stations highlighting Jesus’ walk to the Cross.

At St. Sharbel Church, various groups will portray the Stations of the Cross for the parish.

- Friday, February 28 at 7 PM – Ladies Altar Society.
- Friday, March 6 at 7 PM – Men’s Club
- Friday, March 13 at 7 PM – Maronite Young Adults
- Friday, March 20 at 7 PM - Knights of Columbus
- Friday, March 27 at 7 PM - Maronite Youth Organization
- Friday, April 3 at 7 PM - Choir

All parishioners are invited to each or any of these opportunities for this special devotion.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

We encourage ALL children, grades Pre-K to 12 Grades, to sit up front with their teachers and classmates where they can participate in the Mass. Thank you to all the parents who realize that Religious Education is and always will be an important part of their child’s life.

I encourage you to take the time to read and spend some time with the Lenten Reflection on page 4 of this week’s bulletin. May you enter into this season with an open heart desiring an encounter with the transforming love of Christ.

Chorbishop Alfred  
Pastor

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION**

Congratulations to  
**Kenneth and Meagan Jumper**  
on the Baptism of their Son,  
**Isaac Elias Jumper**  
on Saturday, February 15, 2020  
by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

*May Isaac be steadfast in his faith  
and grow constantly in the Lord!*

**BISHOP’S APPEAL 2020**

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The 2020 Annual Bishop’s Appeal is underway (from the Bishop’s Office) and the information will be mailed out to all parishioners. Please inform the Church office if you do not receive your information. Please make your returns by Easter

It is important to note that for the past several years we did not reach our goal of \$14,000. Due to this, it was necessary to take money from the profit of our Gala and #Giving Tuesday to pay our assessment in full. As most of you know, it is unfortunate that we can barely meet our monthly expenses based on our weekly collection. This year, we kindly ask all of our parishioners to do their share in order to reach our assessment goal of \$14,000. As always, thank you for your generosity and may God always bless you!

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

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1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Monday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 14 years of age up to 60 years old are bound to fast on Ash Monday & Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

**END OF YEAR STATEMENTS**

2019 Donation Records are available upon request. Please email or call the Church Office to request your statement.

## LENTEN REFLECTION

### FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

This Lent we are focusing on “**The Pathway that Leads us to Redemptive Love.**” In our lives there are many paths to choose from. Every path leads us somewhere. This Lent we want to be wise and choose the ones that lead to experiences of God’s redemptive love.

Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit to enter the desert. What kind of shoes do we need in the desert? What do we expect to see? Our vision of a desert might include plants, sandy landscapes and very little vegetation. Our picture of a desert might have rocks that have been worn down by the wind. But I guess, most of us will think of hot sun, no shade and nowhere to hide. It is into that desert God might want us to enter. In the desert Jesus relies on the power of the Holy Spirit to lead Him, and the power of His relationship with God to protect Him. His feet led Him to a place where He could not hide. Evil comes to Him when there is no place to hide. It lurks in the comfort of wanting comfort. When exposed, it lashes with a fury of darkness that only God can ensnare. The devil shows his card in the openness of the desert. His manipulation is out in the open. He knows our desire for comfort and power. Jesus stays true to the pathway because He knows He has been led with the protection of the redeeming love He would reveal by giving His own life and death for payment of our sins. The redemptive love comes to Him in His knowing He is not alone.

The Holy Spirit never leaves Him. In the desert of our lives, in the pathway of this week, we are to go out to that place where all is seen and nothing is hidden. We must go to that place where we are honest, vulnerable and exposed and where evil will also have no place to hide. The desert is not an easy place. If this week becomes too easy we must ask ourselves, did we go far enough into the desert?

Many images of the **Footprints in the Sand** narrative have been printed, framed and visualized—First two sets of footprints and then one. It is a powerful reflection in which Jesus says those places of one set of footprints are the times He carried us. In the desert He will carry us; in the desert the devil will be defeated, not by us, but by the One who carries us. It is not easy to face evil. In my life I have learned through powerful reflection and the help of a spiritual director where evil lurks. For me as a deadline person, my deepest reflections come right before I am to see my director. It is then that clarity comes from working at articulating the movement of God in my life. This happens for us too when we seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The examination of conscience becomes intensified at that time. God is remarkably present in the process, just like He was in the desert with Jesus.

Put on your sandals and run into the desert as far as you can. Only in the pure exposure of the desert can true evil be revealed and we will know God is real and He will carry us. May this path lead us to His redemptive love!

(Liturgical Commission USCCB)

## FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL HEALING PRAYERS

*Family of Saint Sharbel*

*22nd of the Month*

*Healing Mass and Devotion*

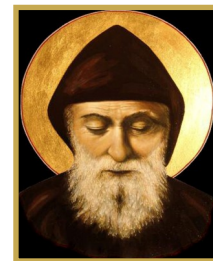
*Saturday, February 22nd*

*St. Sharbel Church*

*5 PM Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour*

*6 PM Rosary*

*6:30 PM Healing Mass*



*Special Intentions for Pregnant Mothers  
and their Babies*

*Special Intentions for Healing of the Sick  
with Anointing of the Sick*

*Join us on Saturday, February 22nd  
and the 22nd of every month  
as the Family of Saint Sharbel joins together  
to commemorate the Miraculous Healing of  
Mrs. Nohad El Chami by Saint Sharbel.*

### ST. SHARBEL CHURCH

#### LENTEN DINNERS

#### DATES

**Friday, February 28th**  
Elie’s Mediterranean Grill

**Friday, March 6th**  
La Mia Lebanese Cuisine

**Friday, March 13th**  
La Saj Lebanese Bistro

**Friday, March 20th**  
Luciano’s Italian Restaurant

#### TIME

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM  
(before Mass)

8:00 PM to 9:30 PM  
(immediately following the Stations)

#### DONATION

\$10 adults age 12 and over  
\$7 under 12 years

**SPONSOR A CANDLE**

The scheduling of Masses and Sanctuary and Chapel Votive Candles are available for 2020.

To request a Mass date or to sponsor a Sanctuary or Chapel Votive Candle in 2020, please telephone the Church Office at (586) 630-0002 or email the parish office at: stsharbelmichigan@gmail.com. \$25.00 donation/month is suggested.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY BURNS FOR:**

In Loving Memory of  
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By Mickey & Julie Thomas

**CHAPEL CANDLE**

**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY BURNS FOR:**

Judith Ann Jacobs  
By Anthony Jacobs

**LENT 2020**



**ASH MONDAY**

Monday, February 24th

Ash Monday is a day of total fast and abstinence.

Holy Mass will be offered at

9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and at 7:00 PM

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses



**FRIDAYS OF LENT**

On the Fridays of Great Lent,

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM

followed by the Stations/Benediction of the Cross



**CONFESSIONS**

Confessions will be available every Friday during Lent

at 6 PM before Mass

or by appointment



**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

- Abstinence from meat & meat products is observed on Ash Monday and all Fridays of Great Lent.
- Abstinence is binding on everyone over the age of 14 years.
- Fasting from food and drink (except water and medicine) is observed from midnight until noon on Ash Monday and Good Friday.
- Fasting is binding on everyone between the ages of 18 - 60 years.

**ST. SHARBEL CHURCH  
LENTEN DINNER  
FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 28TH**

**SPONSORED BY:**

**Elie's  
Mediterranean  
Grill**



**MENU**

HUMMUS, FATTOUSH, BURGUL,  
MJADARA WITH RICE, LOUBYEE,  
LIMA BEANS, FOUL BILZEIT,  
HINDBEE AND RICE

**TIME**

5 PM TO 6:30 PM  
[BEFORE MASS]

8 PM TO 9:30 PM  
[IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING STATIONS]

**DONATION**

\$10 ADULTS AGE 12 AND OVER  
\$7 UNDER 12 YEARS

**FUTURE DATES**

3/06 - LA MIA LEBANESE CUISINE  
3/13 - LA SA) LEBANESE BISTRO  
3/20 - LUCIANO'S ITALIAN



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