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FIFTH SUNDAY THE HOLY CROSS

OCTOBER 17, 2021

READING Philippians 2:12-18 GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Prayer for the Family

By St Pope John Paul II (1920-2005)

Lord God, from You every family in Heaven
and on earth takes its name.

Father, You are love and life.

Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman
and through the Holy Spirit,
the fountain of divine charity,

grant that every family on earth may become,
for each successive generation
a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that Your grace,

may guide the thoughts and actions
of husbands and wives for the good of their families
and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family
solid support for their human dignity
and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love,

strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage,
may prove mightier than all the weaknesses
and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of
the Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out
her worldwide mission in the family
and through the family.

We ask this of You,

Who is life, truth and love
with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen



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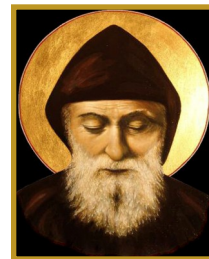
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DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

ROSARY

30 MINUTES BEFORE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASSES

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL
HEALING MASS & BENEDICTION

22nd Day of Every Month

7:00 PM (Fall/Winter)

SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH**

- 4:00 PM— **Dr. Anis Georges Chalhoub**, by the Jabbour Family
 4:00 PM— **Bruce Watt**, by Paul & Lena Kanan
 4:00 PM— **Jackie Cebulskie 1 Year Remembrance**, by Gwen Rashid
 4:00 PM— **Shirley A. Saad 7 Year Remembrance**, by Family
 4:00 PM— **Mona Badawi**, by Toufic & Jeanette Soyad
 4:00 PM— **Emily Michael**, by Paul & Lena Kanan
 4:00 PM— **Matty Moroun**, by Sister, Anne Moroun

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

- 9:30 AM— **Cindy Santilli Davey**, by Husband, Nelson Davey
 9:30 AM— **Janet (Peters) Roberts**, by Pastor
 9:30 AM— **Mona Badawi**, by James & Rosemary Kautz
 9:30 AM— **George J. Sassin**, by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Campbell

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

- 11:30 AM— **Sameeh Kazar Memorial Mass**, by Family
 11:30 AM— **Youssif Abd Almaseeh**, by Francis & Mona Habib and Family
 11:30 AM— **Therese Al Asmar**, by Francis & Mona Habib and Family
 11:30 AM— **Nabil Gully 1 Year Remembrance**, by Family
 11:30 AM— **Sabah Hanna**, by Family
 11:30 AM— **Dr. Anis Georges Chalhoub**, by Parishioners
 11:30 AM— **Mona Badawi**, by Deacon John & Bobbi Sfire
 11:30 AM— **Therese Sfeir**, by Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Thomas
 11:30 AM— **Souhaila Elian 3 Year Remembrance**, by Family
 11:30 AM— **Ron Simon 5 Year Remembrance**, by Family
 11:30 AM— **The Yammine and Maakaroun Families**,
 by May Maakaroun and Family
 11:30 AM— **Lorraine Magyar 32 Year Remembrance**, by Son,
 Deacon Michael Magyar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

- 1:00 PM— **Baptism Leo Pierre Michael Chiesa**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

- 9:30 AM— **Dawood Hanoush and Family Special Intentions**, by Family
 9:30 AM— **Nancy Ward 1 Year Remembrance**, by Daughter and Son-In-Law, Pat and George Helou
 9:30 AM— **Owen Petrzelka**, by Family
 9:30 AM— **Louis Joseph**, by Mary Medley

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

- 9:30 AM— **Joe Deeby and Judy Deeby**, by Sister, Donna Deeby
 9:30 AM— **Mona Badawi**, by George & Pat Helou
 9:30 AM— **Habib Touma Shahada and Family**,
 by Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

- 9:30 AM— **Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker**, by Family
 9:30 AM— **Mona Badawi**, by Laba & Marie Helou
 9:30 AM— **For the Sick & the Poor**, by Vabiola Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

- 7:00 PM— **The Family of Walid Azawee Mass of Thanksgiving**, by Family
 7:00 PM— **The Family of Zade Jamil Mass of Thanksgiving**, by Family
 7:00 PM— **Blake Hamamah Special Intentions**,
 by Grandmother, Nidal
 7:00 PM— **Najman Abro Special Intentions for Healing**,
 by Family

READERS**READERS FOR:**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
 4:00 PM - John Cafagna

READERS FOR:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17
 9:30 AM - Katie Krzeczowski

READERS FOR:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17
 11:30 AM - Lisa Yacoub
 Kabalan Hawilo

READERS FOR:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
 4:00 PM - Janet Peters

READERS FOR:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24
 9:30 AM - Pat Helou

READERS FOR:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24
 11:30 AM - Lena Haidar
 George Fares

THANK YOU!**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

October 9 & 10, 2021

Envelopes: \$5,237.00

Online: \$1,930.00

Total Collection: \$7,167.00

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CELEBRATE THE HEALING MASS AND BENEDICTION OF

Saint Sharbel

FRIDAY OCT. 22ND 2021

Confessions: 6:00 pm - 6:50 pm
 Healing Mass: 7:00 pm
 Celebrant Fr. Pierre Bassil

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 القديس شربل

الجمعة ٢٢ تشرين الاول ٢٠٢١

الاعترافات من الساعة ٦:٠٠ مساءً حتى الساعة ٦:٥٠ مساءً
 القداس الساعة ٧:٠٠ مساءً

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

- 4:00 PM— **Bob & Mary Niemic 50 Year Wedding Anniversary**,
by Cousin, Rosie Moffett
- 4:00 PM— **Dee Boulus**, by Linda Thomas
- 4:00 PM— **Backus Michael Habib Birthday Remembrance**,
by Daughter and Son-In-Law, Mary & Bob Niemic
- 4:00 PM— **Matty Moroun**, by Sister, Anne Moroun
- 4:00 PM— **Nadia Tannous**, by Daniel and Salwa Thomas
- 4:00 PM— **Mona Badawi**, by Bob and Anne Marie Fares
- 4:00 PM— **Judith Deeby**, by Georgia Andary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

- 9:30 AM— **Vivian Joseph Simon Memorial Mass**,
by the Joseph Family
- 9:30 AM— **Russell and Nancy Ward Remembrance**, by Daughter &
Son-In-Law, Pat & George Helou
- 9:30 AM— **Sande Ward 1 Year Remembrance**,
by Pat and George Helou
- 9:30 AM— **George J. Sassin**, by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Campbell
- 9:30 AM— **Penny Sam 10 Year Remembrance**, by Husband,
George Sam
- 9:30 AM— **Sam Nahas 50 Year Remembrance**, by Family
- 9:30 AM— **Mona Badawi**, by Leonard Thomas and Joyce Neumaier

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

- 11:30 AM— **Sandy Thomas Special Intentions**, by Family
- 11:30 AM— **Antoine (Tony) Sayegh**, by Wife, Jane and Daughter and
Son-In-Law, Janelle & Shawn
- 11:30 AM— **Sabah Hanna**, by Family
- 11:30 AM— **Dr. Anis Georges Chalhoub**, by Parishioners
- 11:30 AM— **Mona Badawi**, by Nawal Karromi
- 11:30 AM— **Therese Sfeir**, by Nazira Yasso

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

- 1:00 PM— **Baptism Sarah Renee Namuk**



CONGRATULATIONS!

BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION

Congratulations to
Steve and Brianna Zakar
on the Baptism of their Daughter,
Stevie Beth Zakar
at St. Sharbel Church
on Saturday, October 9, 2021
by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

*May Stevie be steadfast in her faith
and grow constantly in the Lord!*

MARRIED IN CHRIST

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Kyle Kerpet and Ashley Zeabari
who were married on
Sunday, October 10, 2021
at St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church.

*We pray that the Lord God may grant
this couple happiness and joy
in their lives together as husband and wife!*

SANCTUARY CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER BURNS FOR:

In Loving Memory of
Al & Kay Latouf
by Family

CHAPEL CANDLE

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In Loving Memory of
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by Family

INCENSE AND CHARCOAL

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

In Loving Memory of
George & Henriette Chalhoub
by Family



*The prophetic papal encyclical **Evangelium Vitae** (The Gospel of Life) was written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995 to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The following is a brief overview of this important document.*

The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship with the Creator. The human person bears an indelible imprint of God and is the pinnacle of all creation. The source of our dignity is not only linked to our creation by God, but to our final end and destiny to spend eternity with the Father. By accepting Christ as our Savior, despite our sinfulness, we can begin to share in eternal life even now.

Despite the grave threats to human life in the modern world, we, as the People of God, are called to place our faith in Jesus, the "Word of life" (1 Jn 1:1). As Christians, we have received the full truth about human life as proclaimed by

the very person of Jesus. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is *always good*. The true meaning of our lives is found in giving and receiving love. It is only through this understanding of a sincere gift of self that human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance.

God holds the lives of all people in his gentle and loving care, giving meaning and value to any sufferings that we may bear. Despite the mystery which surrounds suffering and death, they can become saving events as we unite them with Christ's sacrifice. Truly great must be the value of human life if the Son of God has made it the instrument of our salvation.

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While the roots of violence against life go all the way back to Genesis, when Cain took the life of his brother Abel, our modern world is suffering under a culture of death. Scientific and technological advances and an increasingly secularized world have led to an eclipse of the value of human life. However, respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human person and his integral development. We must reject systems of structuralized sin which value efficiency and productivity over human persons.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize

these objective truths, everything becomes relative and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However, the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope. Christ's gift of himself on the cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a *culture of life*. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious.

Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Our lives are a gift from God and ultimately belong to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to reverence and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself.

Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself*. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.

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UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- Oct 17 Sunday Mass Live Stream 11:30 AM
- Oct 19 Bible Study 7 PM
- Oct 20 Family Night at Da Francesco's - 5 PM & 7 PM
- Oct 20 MYA Kick Off (18-35) at 7 PM
- Oct 22 Healing Mass of Saint Sharbel 7:00 PM
- Oct 24 LAS Meeting 10:30 AM
- Oct 30 Trunk or Treat 6:30 PM
- Nov LAS Sponsored Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Nov 30 Giving Tuesday
- Dec 4 Christmas Retreat w/ Deacon John & Bobbi Sfere
- Dec 11 Christmas Recital 7 PM Church
- Dec 18 Christmas Play at Both Masses
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Family Night

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dear St. Sharbel Parishioners and Friends,

On the 25th of September, 2021 we officially celebrated the 30th Priesthood Ordination Anniversary of Chorbishop Alfred Badawi during our annual Gala. The event was well-attended and extremely successful! The Commemorative Ad Book was very successful in profit, and elegant in design. Donations to St. Sharbel Church honoring Chorbishop Badawi's 30th Ordination Anniversary were extremely generous, brought tears to his eyes and left a memory he will cherish for the rest of his life. Financially, the event was a smashing success and exceeded all of our expectations.

Total Gross Income of Gala, Ad Book & Donations Honoring Chorbishop Badawi's Anniversary: \$ 271,950.00

Total Expenses of Gala and Ad Book: \$ 78,924.22

Total Net Profit: \$ 193,025.78

On behalf of Chorbishop Badawi, the Board of Trustees, and all Church Committees, I would like to extend to all St. Sharbel Church parish families and friends my sincere thankfulness, and gratitude for your continuous support, sacrifices and volunteerism to make St Sharbel Church a welcoming, energetic parish and a guiding light for all faithful who are seeking the way to our Lord Jesus Christ. May God Bless you, and St. Sharbel Benediction be with you throughout your life. Thank you.

Rachid El Aile, Board of Trustees Chair

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

DA FRANCESCO'S

49521 Van Dyke [N. of 22 Mile Rd.]

on

Wednesday,

October 20, 2021

1st Serving - 5 PM

2nd Serving - 7 PM

Pasta

Meatballs

Salad

Rolls & Butter

Coffee / Soft Drinks

Dessert

\$20 Per Person (includes tip!)

Advanced Tickets on Sale NOW!

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

We are quickly making our way through the Season of the Holy Cross this year and are already observing the 5th Sunday of the season this weekend.

We continue our observance of Respect Life Month during this month of October. Several years ago our bishops designated October as Respect Life Month. Throughout this month, we are called in a special way to reflect on the gift of human life, the threats against it and how we can protect all persons from conception through natural death.

We have several ministries that promote our Catholic Respect Life values: our Family Life Ministry is led by Elias and Khouloud Yammine and the Knights of Columbus work to promote and protect Life values. Deacon Mike ministers to our homebound and nursing homes parishioners.

A special thank you to Khouloud and Elias Yammine who spoke at last weekend's Masses and gave an inspiring message on Respect for Human Life. May our prayers and actions always protect all human life from the moment of conception through natural death, especially the most vulnerable.

PLEASE READ...

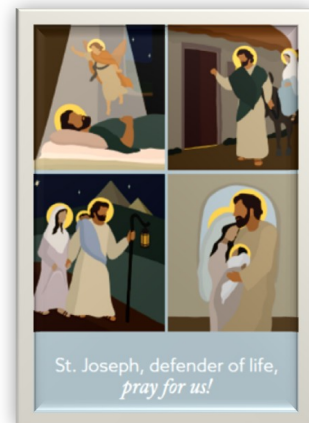
I encourage you to spend a few moments to read the article on Page Four of this bulletin. It is a brief summary of the prophetic papal encyclical **Evangelium Vitae** (The Gospel of Life) written by **Pope St. John Paul II in 1995**. It reaffirms the value and inviolability of every human life and appeals to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. May we always embrace and pray for these intentions. St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

We continue to pray for our expecting couples. Any couple who is expecting the birth of a child can have their names and due date added to the prayer list by calling the Parish Office. This gives us an opportunity to support our expecting parents with our prayers.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY / RESPECT LIFE MONTH

I encourage you to pray the Rosary daily and offer our prayers throughout this Respect Life Month that our Catholic Christian values promoting a culture of life continue to influence everything that we do in our society and throughout the world. May we imitate St. Joseph's faithful trust and courage as we work to uphold the dignity of every human life.

Faithfully yours In Christ,
Chorbishop Alfred, Pastor





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