

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

Sunday of the Commemoration of the Righteous & the Just Maronite All Saints Day

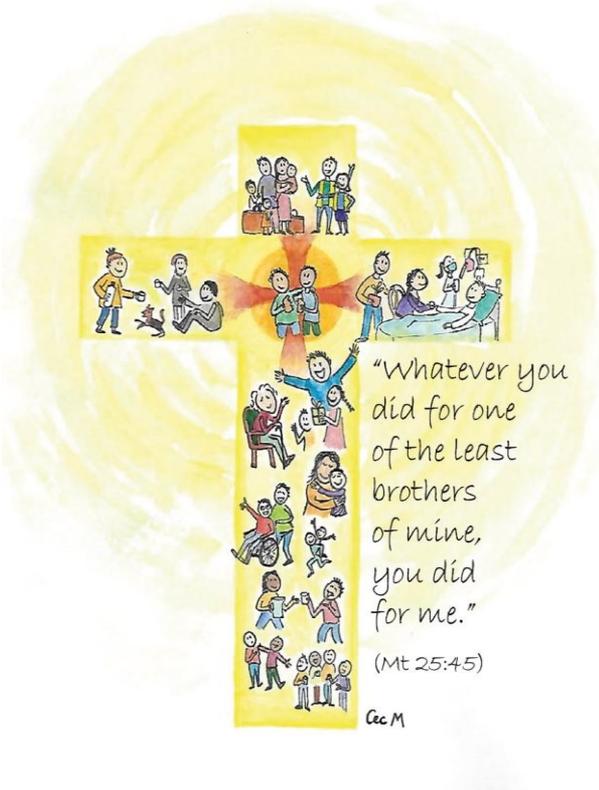
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Reflection

Today our Maronite Church celebrates the Sunday of the Righteous and the Just, or the Feast of All Saints. We also call today's Gospel, "The Last Judgment." How will God judge the one billion Chinese, 800 million Hindus, and all the others who have not heard about Jesus, who are officially atheist? Jesus answers all these questions. Matthew says that He will return as King of all nations. Everyone who has shared in the common destiny of humankind will be judged by Him. In fact, he will never abandon us or those little ones, His brothers.

The question is who are the least important ones? Christians who live among pagans, perhaps those whom we find in all sectors of society. People are judged by the way they have cared for those in need. The Kingdom of God is presented to them with its' only law; love. The fire represents the torment of those who condemned themselves by closing and freezing their hearts so that they became incapable of love. What the world needs above all is not only bread, water and clothing, but the truth and the hope that God entrusted to His chosen one.



Let us ponder:

Jesus never stopped questioning us: "Did you love your brother and how did you love Him?" It is the Lord Jesus Himself who comes to question us, did we visit the sick and the needy? Let us open our heart and hand to all who ask for help!



Let us pray:

Let us remember today the Righteous and the Just, the Christians who have led holy lives, they are our role models. Their prayers, sacrifices and fasting have taught us to fight against sin and temptation. They are the salt of the earth and the light of the world; they call us to follow their path. Amen.

Pastor: Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid

Our Services

DAILY: Monday–Friday 8:00 AM English

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30 PM English

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM English

& 11:30 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English

1st Sunday: 4:30 PM

Rosario y la Misa en Español

2nd Sunday: 4:30 PM

Tagalog Mass

Tuesday @ 6 pm Rosary

Anointing of the Sick every 1st Tuesday

READINGS:



† **Wisdom**

5: 1-8, 15-16

† **Hebrew 12: 18-24**

GOSPEL:

† **Matthew 25: 31-46**

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OUR HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIV APPROVES DECREES FOR 2 NEW BLESSED AND 4 VENERABLE

Pope Leo XIV approves decrees for the causes of saints and recognizes the martyrdom of Guatemalan Fr. Augusto Rafael Ramírez Monasterio and Mother Maria Ignazia Isacchi, clearing the way for their beatification.

On Thursday, Pope Leo XIV held an audience with Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, and authorized him to promulgate decrees related to two people who will be beatified and four new Venerables.

The decrees recognized the martyrdom of Fr. Augusto Rafael Ramírez Monasterio, a priest of the Order of Friars Minor, and a miracle attributed to the intercession of Sr. Maria Ignazia Isacchi, founder of the Congregation of the Ursulines of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Asola. Both will therefore be proclaimed Blessed.

He also recognized the heroic virtues of Nerino Cobiانchi, a layman, and Srs. Crocifissa Militerni, Maria Giselda Villela, and Maria Tecla Antonia Relucenti, who have been proclaimed Venerable.

Guatemalan priest and martyr

Augusto Rafael Ramírez Monasterio was born in Guatemala City on November 5, 1937, into a large and devout Catholic family.

Having discerned a religious vocation, he began his Franciscan novitiate in Jumilla, Spain, where, after completing studies in philosophy and theology and he was ordained a priest on June 18, 1967.

In 1978, he served as guardian and parish priest of San Francisco el Grande in Antigua, Guatemala, dedicating himself to the parish's pastoral life and to the poor and defenseless, while the country was being torn apart by civil war.

Arrested on June 2, 1983, he was tortured and then released but was placed under special surveillance and received numerous death threats.

On November 7, 1983, he was seized again by soldiers and killed during a transfer to the outskirts of the city. The decree recognizes that he was killed in hatred of the faith.

Italian Superior General of Ursuline Sisters of Somasca

Maria Ignazia Isacchi—born Angela Caterina and known as “Ancilla”—was born on May 8, 1857, in Stezzano, in the Italian province of Bergamo, and entered the Ursuline Sisters of Somasca at just over the age of twenty.

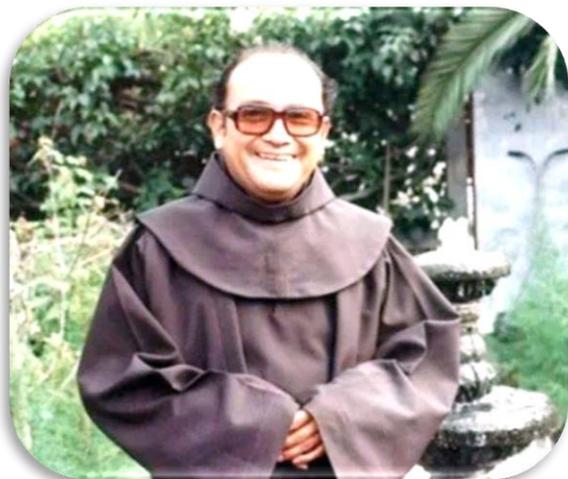
Elected Superior General, she transferred the motherhouse to Asola and continued to direct the institute there until 1924, when, for reasons of health, she was forced to resign; she nonetheless received the title “Superior General for life ad honorem.”

She died on August 19, 1934, in Seriate, and in 2022 she was declared Venerable.

Attributed to her intercession is the miraculous healing, in 1950, of Sister Maria Assunta Zappella, who suffered severe abdominal pain due to “enterocolitis of probable tubercular nature.”

On the last day of a novena, the sister suddenly felt better; the next day, a chest X-ray showed regression of the illness, and the treating physicians noted an unexpected and sudden improvement, with rapid progress and complete healing a few days later.

**Fr. Augusto
Rafael
Ramírez
Monasterio**



**Sr. Maria
Ignazia
Isacchi**

New Italian and Brazilian Venerables

Nerino Cobiانchi—declared Venerable on Thursday—was born in the Italian province of Pavia on June 25, 1945, into a deeply religious farming family.

After moving with his family to Cilavegna in 1974, he became involved in the parish community, dedicated himself to young people, and was among the founders of a scout group.

He organized prayer groups, volunteered after the Irpinia earthquake in 1980, and carried out many charitable initiatives, extending them to other countries in the Sahel region.

Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in October 1996, he continued his initiatives until his death on January 3, 1998.

His life was marked by intense charitable activity rooted in a firm faith, nourished by prayer, daily Mass, reading of the Bible, and recitation of the Rosary.

Crocifissa Militerni (born Teresa) was born on December 24, 1874, in Cetraro, in the Italian region of Calabria, and from a young age showed a strong inclination for a life of prayer and apostolic work directed to the young.

She contributed to the creation of the “Princess Mafalda” nursery school and devoted herself to caring for the sick, assisting the poor, the elderly, and the dying.

Humble and detached from material goods, she faced with serenity the sufferings caused by serious health problems and died on March 25, 1925.

Maria Giselda Villela, born in Brazil on January 12, 1909, lived an existence marked by illness and became prioress of the Carmel in Pouso Alegre.

Nicknamed *Mãezinha* (“little mother”) for her welcome and kindness, she became a spiritual point of reference for many.

Though living in enclosure, she knew how to open herself to the world, welcoming those who knocked at the parlor for comfort or advice.

She died on January 20, 1988, animated by great faith and trust in Divine Providence.

Maria Tecla Antonia Relucenti, born in the Italian city of Ascoli Piceno on September 23, 1704, embraced the project of founding the Congregation of the Pious Worker Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and was appointed Superior for life on December 8, 1744.

She dedicated herself to education and formation, collaborated in drafting the Constitutions, and died on July 11, 1769, remembered for steadfast faith and a spirit of charity.

Lebanon concludes Week of Prayer for Christian unity with ecumenical service in Baabda

Lebanon on Sunday concluded the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a large ecumenical service hosted by head of the Chaldean Church in Lebanon Bishop Michel Kassarji at the Cathedral of St. Raphael the Archangel in Baabda.

The service was organized by the Episcopal Committee for Ecumenical Relations of the Council of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops in Lebanon, in cooperation with the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC).

The gathering brought together patriarchs, heads of Churches, and representatives of Lebanon's diverse Christian communities, including the Syriac Maronite Patriarch Cardinal Mar Bechara Boutros al-Rai, along with bishops, priests, monks, nuns, and lay faithful.

Also in attendance was MECC Secretary General Professor Michel Abs who led a delegation from the council's general secretariat that included Director of the Department of Theological Affairs and Ecumenical Relations Father Dr. Antoine al-Ahmar, as well as members of the MECC media team. Church, social, and cultural figures joined a large crowd of worshipers. The service opened with welcoming remarks by Monsignor Raphael Trablossi, episcopal vicar general of the Chaldean Eparchy of Beirut, who emphasized the spiritual and pastoral importance of praying together for Christian unity.



Prayers and reflections on unity marked the liturgy. In his homily, Bishop Kassarji said Christian unity is not a form of withdrawal but "a hope and a mission" – both a gift and a responsibility grounded in dialogue, prayer, and the safeguarding of human dignity. He added that the Holy Spirit transforms diversity into communion and fear into hope.

Patriarch al-Rai stressed that unity among Christians is not a human project but a divine gift, sought through prayer and lived through love. Unity, he said, does not erase particular identities but finds its center in Christ.

"Unity does not mean abolishing particularities, erasing traditions, or dissolving identities," he said. "It means meeting at the foundation, at the essence, in Christ himself. It means differing without hostility, enriching one another without conflict, and bearing witness together without competing over who owns the truth – because the truth owns us all."

Professor Abs also addressed the gathering, reflecting on the ecumenical journey rooted in dialogue, shared worship, and cooperation among churches.

The service concluded with a collective prayer for Christian unity and a commemorative photograph, reaffirming the churches' shared commitment in Lebanon to unity and common witness.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began on 18 January 2026, with the participation of leaders from various Christian denominations, and opened this year at the Armenian Orthodox Church of St. Gregory the Illuminator in Antelias, Lebanon.



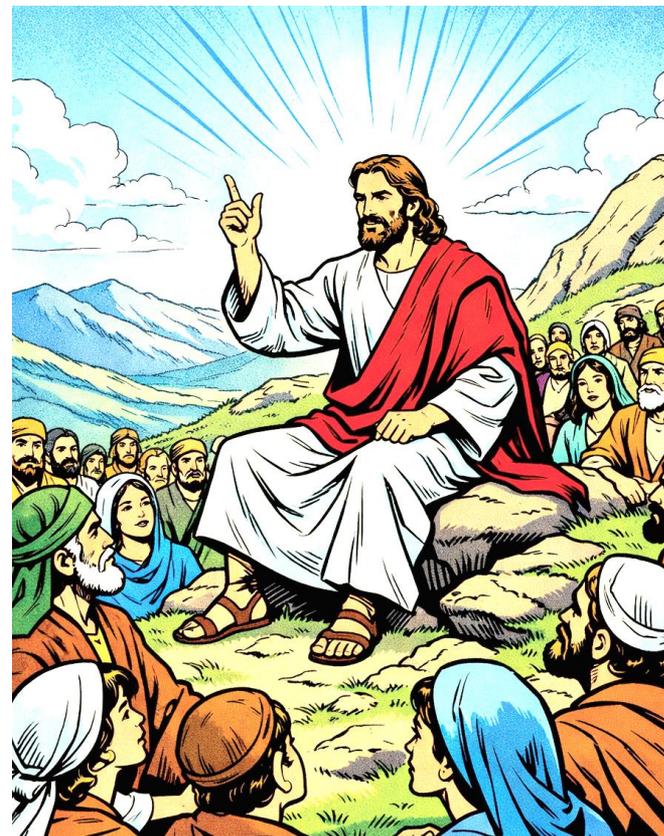
4th Sunday of Ordinary time Year A

The Beatitudes: Inspiration and Challenge

Today, on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time and Pro-Life Sunday, we rejoice in the consoling message of the Beatitudes, proclaimed in the Gospel and foreshadowed in the First Reading. In these words, Jesus invites us to see life, human dignity, and true happiness through God’s eyes.

The Beatitudes lift up virtues—meekness, mercy, poverty of spirit, and a hunger for justice—that often challenge worldly values. These are not mere ideals but the foundation for belonging to God’s Kingdom.

As we celebrate this Eucharist, may we commit to living the Beatitudes in our respect for life and care for others, encountering Jesus Christ, who not only taught but fully lived them in word, action, and spirit.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that before crosses appeared on churches, Christians used a fish as their secret sign?

The word ICHTHUS (Greek: ἰχθύς) means fish, but early Christians used it as an acronym:

- I – Iēsous (Jesus)
- CH – Christos (Christ)
- TH – Theou (of God)
- U – Huios (Son)
- S – Sōtēr (Savior)

Ι	Ἰησους	=	Jesus
χ	Χριστός	=	Christ
θ	θεός	=	God
ύ	υἱός	=	Son
ς	σωτήρ	=	Savior

Put together, it proclaims:
 “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.”

In times of persecution, believers would draw a simple fish on the ground to show faith, hope, and unity without saying a word.

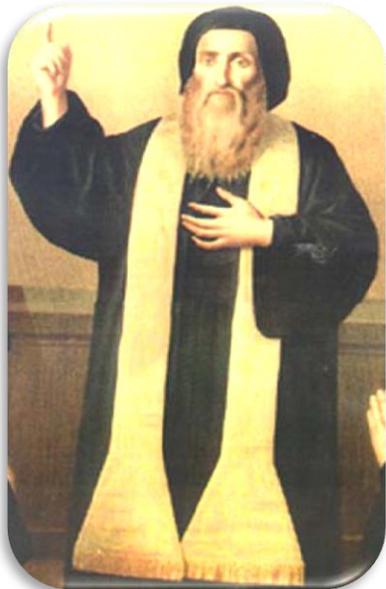
Today, it still reminds us:

- ✓ Who Jesus is.
- ✓ Why He came.
- ✓ And that our faith has roots deeper than any trend or movement.



When you see the fish symbol, remember... You belong to the same Church that survived persecution, carried the Gospel, and stayed faithful for almost 2,000 years.

*Saint Maroun Jubilee 1616 Years Of His Death:
Patron Saint And Father Of The Maronites +410 Ad - 2026*



THE LIFE OF SAINT MAROUN

BACKGROUND

Saint Maroun, born in the middle of the 4th century was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St. John of Chrysostom sent him a letter around 405 AD expressing his great love and respect asking St. Maroun to pray for him.

THE MARONITE MOVEMENT

St. Maroun is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Church. This movement had a profound influence on Northern Syria and Lebanon. Saint Maroun spent all of his life on a mountain in the region of Cyrrhus in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite movement.

The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when St. Maroun's first disciple Abraham of Cyrrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realised that paganism was thriving in Lebanon, so he set out to convert the pagans to Christians by introducing them to the way of St. Maroun. The followers of St. Maroun, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

SPIRITUALITY

St. Maroun's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living. For Saint Maroun, all was connected to God and God was connected to all. He did not separate the physical and spiritual world and actually used the physical world to deepen his faith and spiritual experience with God.

St. Maroun embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know God's presence in all things, allowed St. Maroun to transcend such forces and discover that intimate union with God. He was able to free himself from the physical world by his passion and fervor for prayer and enter into a mystical relationship of love with God.

MISSION

St. Maroun was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both pagans and Christians of his time.

This missionary work came to fruition when in the mountains of Syria, St. Maroun was able to convert a pagan temple into a Christian Church. This was to be the beginning of the conversion of Paganism to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410 AD, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples.

ASH MONDAY (Eastern)

The Season of Great Lent is a time to fast in order to be able to regain our vision which has been distorted by our inordinate desires, personal sins, bad habits, etc... It is a time to regain sight: to see the face of our Lord and the needs of our neighbors. It is like a trip on a boat from one side to another side, from old life to new life, from death to life, from dark to light.

On Ash Monday, the Maronites in Lebanon and the whole world gathered at churches and received the sign of the cross with ashes on their forehead. When the priest makes the sign of the cross on your forehead, he says, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return".

ASH WEDNESDAY (Western)

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Why we receive the ashes

Following the example of the Nine monks, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told

"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

The Ashes

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

SEASON OF THE GREAT LENT

Fasting to Feasting

Lent is a time for fasting but also a season for joyous feasting! During Lent, the Church calls on us to fast from certain things and feast on others.

For example:

*Fast from judging others..
feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from emphasis on differences..
feast on the unity of life.*



*Fast from apparent darkness... feast on the reality of light.
Fast from thoughts of illness... feast on God's healing power.
Fast from words that pollute..
feast on phrases that purify.*



*Fast from discontent...
feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger...
feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism...
feast on optimism.*

*Fast from worry...
feast on divine order.
Fast from complaining...
feast on appreciation.*

Fast from negatives... feast on affirmatives.

*Fast from unrelenting pressures...
feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from hostility...
feast on nonresistance.
Fast from bitterness..
feast on forgiveness.*

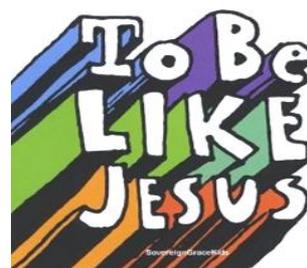


*Fast from self concern...
feast on compassion for others.
Fast from personal anxiety...
feast on eternal truth.
Fast from discouragement...
feast on hope.*

*Fast from facts that depress...
feast on truths that uplift.*

*Fast from lethargy...
feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from suspicion...
feast on truth.*

*Fast from thoughts that weaken...
feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from shadows of sorrow...
feast on sunlight of serenity.
Fast from idle gossip...
feast on purposeful silence.*



Eucharistic Adoration

- Do you want peace & quiet?
- Do you want to have a date?
- Do you want to be loved?
- Sign up for a date with Jesus!

Then Eucharistic Adoration is for You!

Eucharistic Adoration is a privilege and gift to us here at St. Sharbel from **7 AM – 6 PM DAILY**

- Sign up forms are available on the table in the Adoration Chapel
- Check the hours that are available on the picture frame on the table or in the white binder
- If you have already sign up, it is your responsibility to make sure you show up or call someone to cover your hour. Names and telephone numbers are in the white binder.

Questions: Contact the Parish Office or Mylynn Lim at 702 769-2382



NUESTRO NOTICIAS DE LA COMUNIDAD ESPAÑOLA

El Grupo Guadalupano de la Iglesia
de San Charbel

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Rosario que se celebran el primer
domingo cada mes comenzado,



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por
nosotros*

DIA:

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HORA:

Rosario 4:30 pm Misa 5 pm

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For registration and scheduling, please call the following members of the Black Nazarene Group to assist you:
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ADULT GROUP
AGES 18-30

EVERY TUESDAY 6-7:45 PM

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2 NEW MIRACLES REPORTED THROUGH INTERCESSION OF ST. CHARBEL IN 2026

Two new miracles attributed to St. Charbel Makhoul have been reported since the beginning of 2026 – one in the United States and one in Lebanon – each involving the healing of a woman against all medical expectation.

Revered by the faithful as the “**doctor of the sky**,” St. Charbel, a Lebanese Maronite monk and priest, is now associated with more than 30,000 reported miracles. From his hermitage in the mountains of Lebanon to hospital rooms across continents, his intercession continues to reach those in need, transcending borders, cultures, and generations.

A healing case from the United States

Attorney Georgianne Walker, born in South Bend, Indiana, in 1975, reported that she underwent abdominal surgery in December 2024, which was soon followed by a serious infection in the lower abdomen. The infection caused severe pain and persistent anxiety, requiring six weeks of antibiotic treatment. While the symptoms gradually subsided, the surgical wound remained open, inflamed, and unhealed.

Despite close monitoring by her surgeon and other medical professionals, the wound showed no improvement. For 10 months, Walker changed her dressings daily due to continuous bleeding. With no progress, her surgeon ultimately concluded that a second operation was necessary to remove the inflamed tissue and scheduled a new surgery.

In September 2025, Walker said she was visited by George Issa, a Lebanese friend who had been healed through the intercession of St. Charbel Makhoul three years earlier. Issa brought with him a small vial of oil associated with the saint and encouraged her to pray for his intercession and anoint her wound with the oil.

The use of blessed oil has long been an established practice in the Eastern Christian tradition and continues to this day. In the case of St. Charbel, this ancient custom remains actively observed. Monks at the Monastery of Saint Maron in Annaya continue to bless oil using the saint’s relics and distribute it to the faithful who request his intercession for healing and other graces.

Walker stated that she prayed and applied the oil to the wound, after which it healed completely. She reported a full recovery and no longer required the scheduled surgery. She said she believed the healing occurred through the intercession of St. Charbel and expressed gratitude to both the saint and Issa for what she described as a life-changing event. The healing was officially recorded on Jan. 17.

A recovery without medical explanation in Lebanon

The second reported miracle of the year was recounted by Racha Charbel (no known relation to St. Charbel) born in 1987 in Jezzine, a mountain town in south Lebanon.

Racha was admitted to the hospital on Oct. 1, 2025, after experiencing severe back pain. An MRI scan conducted under the supervision of her treating physician, Dr. Christian Atiya, a specialist in neurosurgery and vascular surgery, revealed a tumor on the spinal column identified as a meningioma, measuring 2.3 centimeters in length and 0.3 centimeters in thickness.

According to her physician, the tumor was unresponsive to medication, posed a risk to the spinal nerves and blood vessels, and could only be treated through surgical removal. A follow-up MRI was scheduled three months later to monitor its’ progression, and a provisional hospital admission date of Jan. 7, 2026, was set should surgery be required.

Racha reported that on the night of Jan. 6, a picture of St. Charbel was hanging above her bed. She said she placed her hand on the image and asked for healing before falling asleep.

On the morning of Jan. 7, she returned to the hospital for the repeat MRI. She was informed that the examination would take approximately 45 minutes and could take longer if needed. The scan was completed in about 20 minutes and revealed an unexpected finding: The tumor had completely disappeared.

According to Racha, her doctor told her that there was no medical explanation for the disappearance and that such a tumor could not vanish without surgical intervention.

On Jan. 17, Racha Charbel made a thanksgiving visit to the Monastery of Saint Maron in Annaya, where she officially registered the healing and submitted the relevant medical reports. She later stated that the experience marked a turning point in her life and deepened her faith.

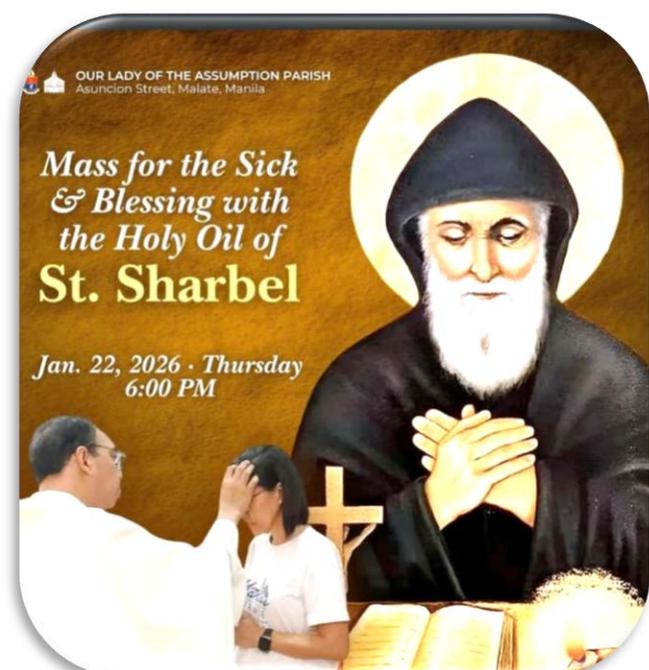
A saint and a river of mercy

The Lebanese saint, a priest and hermit monk of the Maronite rite, was widely known for intercessions attributed to him by Catholics, Muslims, and followers of other religions like the Druze.

St. Charbel died on Dec. 24, 1898. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI on Dec. 5, 1965, and was canonized by the same pontiff on Oct. 9, 1977.

In December 2025, Pope Leo XIV became the first pope to visit St. Charbel’s tomb during his trip to Lebanon.

During the visit, the pope described the saint’s intercession as “a river of mercy,” recalling in particular the monthly pilgrimage held on the 22nd of each month in memory of a miracle granted to a woman named Nouhad El Chami – a devotion that continues to draw thousands of pilgrims.



OUR FILIPINO COMMUNITY NEWS

RICHARD MICHAEL "RICHIE" FERNANDO | Servant of God

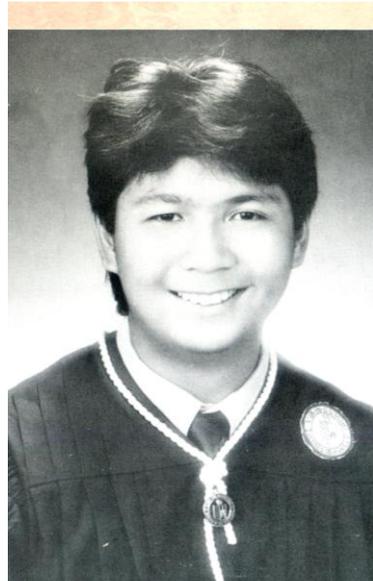
Richie Fernando was born on February 27, 1970, in Quezon City. From an early age, he was already known for his compassion for others, especially the poor and those on the margins of society. His youth was shaped by deep faith and concern for others, which later became the foundation of his vocation.

After completing college, he chose the path of becoming a Jesuit. In 1995, he was sent to Cambodia to serve in a technical school for persons with disabilities. There, he showed the true spirit of mission—offering himself completely for the good of others, especially young people in need of hope.

On October 17, 1996, a student threatened others with a grenade. Instead of fleeing, Richie embraced the student to save those around him. He died in the explosion, but his sacrifice became a sign of the highest form of love: the offering of one's own life for others.

At present, the Philippine Jesuit Province is promoting his cause for beatification. The Church hopes that he may become the first Filipino saint of the 20th century. His life and death continue to inspire Christians to live with faith, compassion, and love for neighbor.

The life of Richie Fernando reminds us that true love is not only spoken but lived. In his youth, he chose to dedicate himself to service, and in the end, he wholeheartedly offered his life to save others. His sacrifice is a powerful image of the greatest kind of love—self-giving for the sake of others.



"I know where my heart is. It is with Jesus Christ, who gave all for the poor, the sick, the orphan... I am confident that God never forgets his people: our disabled brothers and sisters. And I am glad that God has been using me to make sure that our brothers and sisters know this fact. I am convinced that this is my vocation."

Richard "Richie" Fernando SJ
1970-1996

PRAYER

Almighty Father, we thank You for the grace and inspiration You have given us through Your servant, Richie Fernando, a model for us Filipinos of fidelity in faith and a life of integrity.

We humbly pray to You that through Richie Fernando, You may grant our petition (mention the intention).

And according to Your holy will, may the holiness of his life be fully recognized by the Church, for the glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Servant of God
RICHARD MICHAEL
FERNANDO



Saint Sharbel Catholic Church Las Vegas -2026

- ❖ Ash Monday February 16 @ 8 am & 6 pm
- ❖ Ash Wednesday February 18 @ 8 am & 6 pm

St. Sharbel Church 2026

Every Friday

(February 20 – March 27)

Station of the Cross

5:30 pm (Arabic)

6:30 pm (English)



2026 Clergy Retreat for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles.

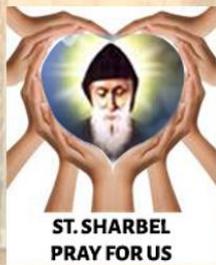
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CHAIR \$1,500



650 CHAIRS

*Payment Methods:

- ___ In Full \$1,500
- ___ 15 Months \$100
- ___ 30 Months \$50

Call Church Office For More Info 702-616-6902

In +Memory/ *Honor of St...Or Tribute to:

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Address: _____
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 Donor's Name: _____
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* All donations are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

Saint Sharbel Catholic Church
The Maronite Mission, Las Vegas

MEMBERSHIP FORM
Monthly Donation

Dear Sharbel pray for us For Our Church Monthly MORTGAGE & EXPENSES Mother of Charney pray for us

Full Name _____
 Company Name _____
 Postal Address _____
 Telephone Number _____
 Email: _____

The details of my bank / account are as follows: Please accompany with a VOID CHECK

Bank: _____
 Branch Name _____
 Routing or ABA number: _____
 Account Number: _____
 Type of Account: (Current/ Saving/ Transaction)

I / We hereby instruct and authorize you to draw against my/our above mentioned account or any other bank or branch to which I / we may transfer my / our account the sum: (\$ _____), the necessary amount for payment of pledge due in respect of the above mentioned agreement on the 2nd day of each month commencing (Month) _____ 20____ and continuing. All such withdrawals from my account by you shall be treated as though they had been signed by me/ us personally. I / We understand that the withdrawals hereby authorized will be processed by computer through a system known as the ACH (Automatic Clearing House), and I / we also understand that details of each withdrawal will be printed on my bank statement.

This authority may be cancelled by me / us by giving you thirty days notice in writing. Receipt of this instruction by you shall be regarded as receipt thereof by my/our bank/building society.

Signed Date: _____

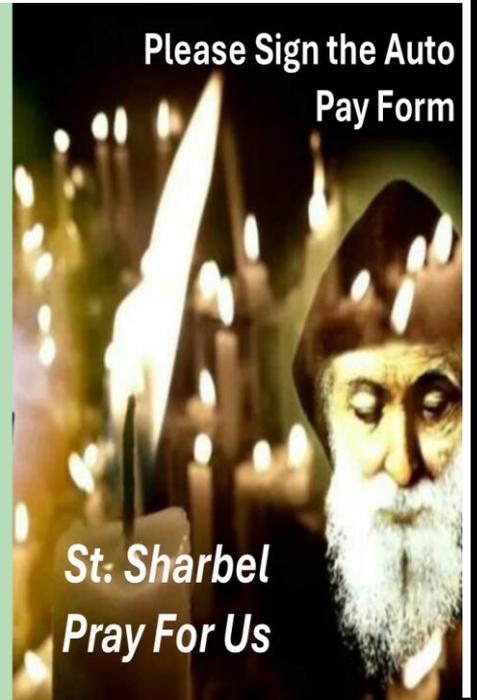
SIGNATURE: As used for signing withdrawals _____

PLEASE RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE

Your monthly contribution will be TAX DEDUCTIBLE. you will receive a yearly statement.
 *Please hand deliver to Father Nadim Abu Zaid in a sealed envelope stsharbel@stsharbel.org Thank you

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Please Sign the Auto Pay Form



St. Sharbel Pray For Us

WEEKEND

Sat. 4:30 pm Jan 31

+Salud Niranda
+Elvie Obrero
+ Adolfo Zoleta

Sun. 9:30 am Feb 1

Healing-Ryan Stoelk
Fr. Lucus
+Rosalind Pierro
+Josephine Whalen

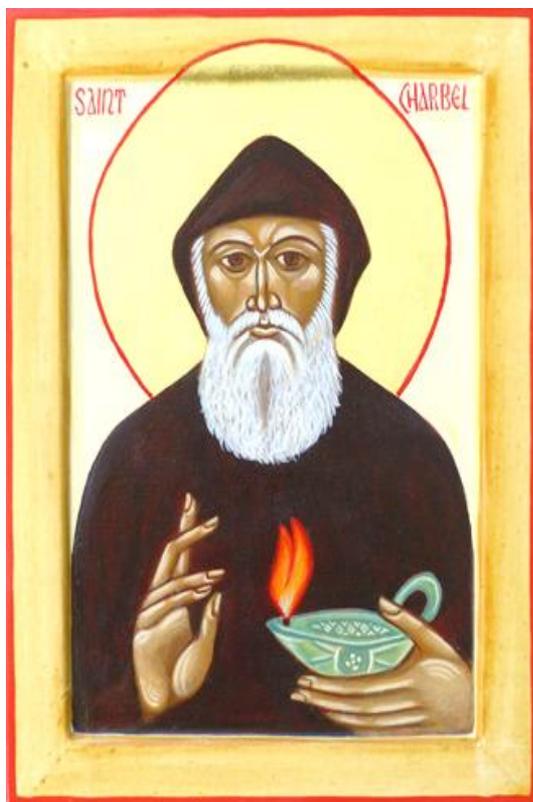
Sun. 11:30 am

All Benefactors

Sun. Spanish Mass 5 pm

Acción de gracias a todos Los Santos

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



Pray for Us

DAILY 8AM

MONDAY Feb 2

Unborn Babies

TUESDAY Feb 3

Marlene Giron

WEDNESDAY Feb 4

Unity of Families

THURSDAY Feb 5

Faithful Departed

FRIDAY Feb 6

Youth of Today

**SAINT SHARBEL COMMUNITY
LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. TUESDAY: 5:30 p.m. Rosary and anointing of the sick.

2. GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTION: Sunday, February 1st following the 9:30 AM Mass in the chapel.

3. SPANISH MASS: Sunday, February 1st at 4:30 PM Rosary and 5:00 PM Mass.

4. YOUTH GROUP: is moved this month only to Friday, February 20 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

5. ASH MONDAY: February 16th @ 8 AM & 6 PM

6. ASH WEDNESDAY: February 18 @ 8 AM & 6 PM

7. STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent @ 5:30 PM Arabic & 6:30 PM English.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
January 21 & 22, 2026

***Weekend Masses**

Sat. 4:30 pm	\$1,099
Sun. 9:30 am	\$1,533
Sun. 11:30 am	<u>\$827</u>
Total	\$3,425

*General	\$2,325
*Building Fund	\$8,514
*Helping Hand	\$235
* 2 nd Collection	\$1,125

Weekly Church: **Estimate Expense**

\$10,558