



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

3rd Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

October 2025

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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

Reflection: (The coming of the Son of Man)

This Sunday in the season of the Cross, is also called the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The early Christians anticipated the Second coming because of their suffering and persecution; they looked and longed for relief. They prayed that the coming of Jesus Christ would be soon.

Jesus may have intended that the kingdom would become mighty before that generation had passed away. The Church's mission to preach the Gospel to all nations had yet to reach its promise. He is saying that these grim prophecies about the fall of Jerusalem would be fulfilled within that very generation.

We are told that a time of sadness awaits those who are immersed in material things. Noah prepared for the flood in the calm weather, when it came, he was ready. But the rest of mankind was eating, drinking, and enjoying worldly pleasures; indeed, they were caught completely unaware and therefore swept away.

READINGS:

• **Daniel 7:9-14**

• **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

GOSPEL:

† **Matthew 24:23-31**



**BUT NO ONE
KNOWS OF THAT
DAY AND HOUR,
NOT EVEN THE
ANGELS OF
HEAVEN, BUT
MY FATHER
ONLY**

Matthew 24:36



The warnings of Noah's Ark remind us that the issues of life and death are in God's Hands, and that whenever His call comes, we must be prepared. The coming of Christ will be a time of separation and judgement; yet the Son of Man, when He comes shall He find faith on earth? (Lk 18:8) He will gather to Himself those who are His own.

Let us ponder:

For this reason, we must have our lamps lit ready at all times for His Coming; like a thief that surprises us, we must remember to await His coming with joy and gladness.

Let us pray:

O Lord keep us in Your Holy Church, that we may celebrate Your second coming, together with great joy and happiness, glorifying You today and forever. Amen.

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OUR HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIV TO TRAVEL TO LEBANON IN LIKELY FIRST INTERNATIONAL TRIP

Pope Leo XIV is preparing to travel to Lebanon later this year, in what could be his first journey abroad since being elected head of the Catholic Church in May.

Archbishop Paul Sayah, deputy to Lebanon's highest-ranking Catholic leader, told the BBC the Vatican was "studying" the trip but that the church was still waiting for official dates.

The visit would mark a significant moment for the first American Pope, who has repeatedly urged peace in the Middle East and interfaith co-existence.

"Lebanon is a multicultural, multi-religious country and is a place of dialogue," Bishop Sayah said.

"It's one of the rare environments where Muslims and Christians are living together and respecting each other... so it sends a message to the region."

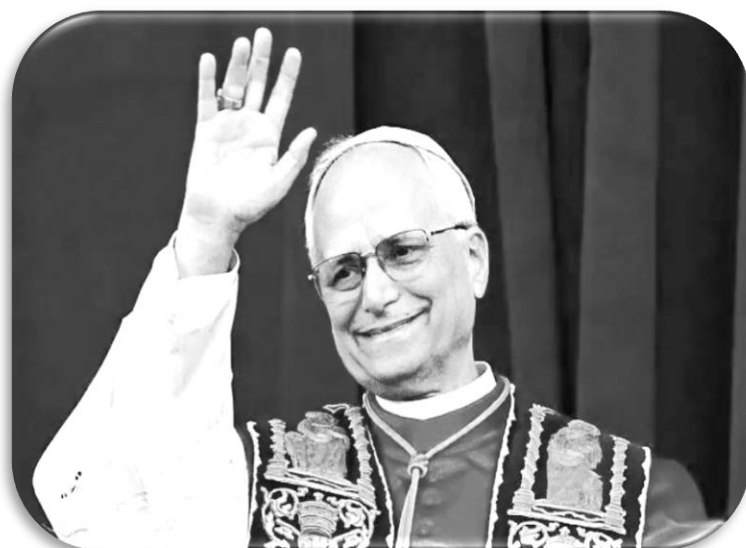
There has been speculation over Pope Leo's first international destination, as early papal trips often define the tone of a pontificate.

The late Pope Francis's first major journey outside Rome, to the Italian island of Lampedusa in 2013, set the stage for his focus on migration and marginalized communities.

In recent decades, overseas travel has become central to the papacy, allowing popes to connect with Catholics worldwide, spread their message and engage in diplomacy.

Pope Leo XIV has praised Christians in the Middle East who stay in their lands rather than leaving them:

'I thank God for those Christians – Eastern and Latin alike – who, above all in the Middle East, persevere and remain in their homelands, resisting the temptation to abandon them. Christians must be given the opportunity, and not just in words, to remain in their native lands with all the rights needed for a secure existence. Please, let us strive for this!'



During his 12 years as pontiff, Pope Francis visited 68 countries on 47 foreign trips, often choosing destinations on the world's margins, which he described as the Church's "peripheries".

Lebanon, home to more than two million Catholics and known for its religious diversity, has long carried symbolic weight for the Church. A papal stop there would also place Pope Leo near the war in Gaza and the wider Israel-Palestine conflict.

"Everybody is talking to Israel, but Israel doesn't listen. Netanyahu doesn't seem to listen a lot, but the more [leaders speak], the better," Bishop Sayah said.

"If the Pope adds his voice and concern, I think it's likely to have some impact."

Pope Leo has already drawn attention to outreach efforts with other faiths.

One of his first meetings after his election was with an interreligious delegation, where he praised the "Jewish roots of Christianity" and honored the "growing commitment to dialogue and fraternity" between Catholics and Muslims. He has repeatedly urged Christians, Jews, and Muslims to "say no to war and yes to peace".

If the trip goes ahead, it will follow visits by Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, both remembered for messages of peace and religious co-existence.

Earlier this month, Pope Leo also marked the fifth anniversary of the Beirut port explosion, which killed 200 people and caused billions in damage.

"Beloved and suffering Lebanon remains at the center of our prayers," he said.

MARONITE BISHOPS CALL FOR FULL RESTORATION OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY

Lebanon must seize available regional and international opportunities to restore full sovereignty over its territory and unite around constitutional institutions, the Maronite bishops stressed in a recent statement. They emphasized that full sovereignty is essential for achieving the state's reform agenda and for leading Lebanon out of its ongoing crisis.

The bishops' statement came during their monthly gathering on Sept. 3, held at the patriarchal summer residence in Dimane, a mountainous village in the North Governorate of Lebanon, under the leadership of Patriarch Cardinal Bechara Boutros al-Rahi and with the participation of the superiors general of the Maronite religious orders.

The bishops welcomed the international consensus to extend the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon in the south for one more year. They expressed hope that the mission would receive the support it needs so that this extension can mark the final phase of its mandate, in coordination with the Lebanese Army and security forces, in service of Lebanon's stability.

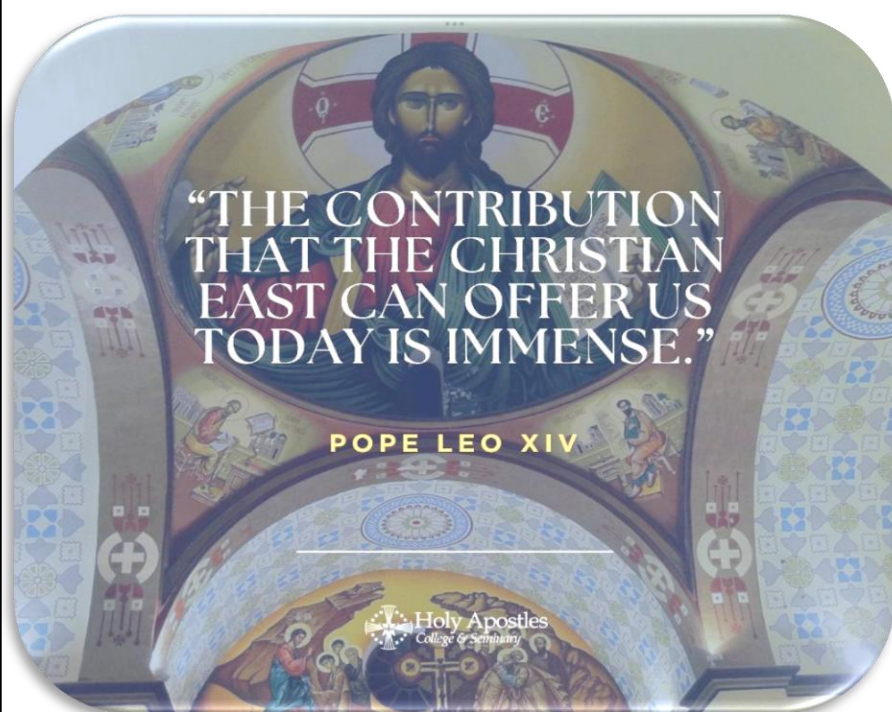
They also praised the ongoing efforts of the Lebanese military to fulfill its government-assigned mission of collecting illegal weapons across the country.



The Maronite bishops gather for their monthly meeting at the Patriarchal Summer Residence in Dimane, Lebanon, where they issued a statement that Lebanon must seize available regional and international opportunities to restore full sovereignty over its territory and unite around constitutional institutions. / Credit: Maronite Patriarchate

The bishops further expressed their hope for careful preparation of communication and dialogue between Beirut and Damascus — whether regarding border demarcation and security, the case of Syrian prisoners in Lebanon and missing Lebanese in Syria, or bilateral relations in general. The bishops said they view the convergence of the two capitals on common interests as an important step toward resolving the conflict with Israel and restoring vitality to southern Lebanon.

The bishops also commended the dedication of educators in both public and private sectors, who are striving to ensure that Lebanon's youth can continue their studies despite difficult security and economic conditions. They encouraged leaders of Catholic schools to act with transparency and responsibility in financial management, always under the law, to ensure fair distribution of educational burdens and to safeguard the best interests of students. On the occasion of the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sept. 14, the bishops called on the faithful to mark the day with prayer and works of charity, lifting their petitions to Christ the Redeemer so that love and peace may dwell in their hearts and in their homeland.

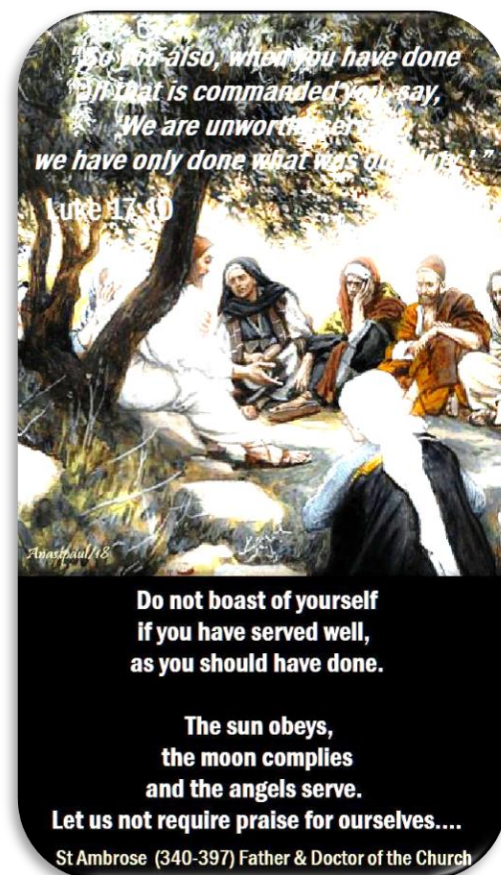


27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Holding On to Faith Despite All!

This is our first Sunday in the month of the Rosary and of the Missions. This is the month in which we are urged to grow in our faith and pray for an increase in it, remembering that faith is both a gift from the Lord and a commitment on our part.

Faith is what enables us to accept with humble trust even the sad events that elude our comprehension. It is what empowers us to persevere in the good work, even when we do not see the results we had hoped to attain. Faith is what drives our missionaries to devote all their energies to bring the light of the Gospel to those who do not yet know Christ. Faith is what brings us together, right now, to offer this Eucharist in praise of God and for the good of all mankind. Together with Jesus' disciples, let us pray: "Lord, increase our faith!"



ST. DOMINIC & THE ROSARY

St. Dominic and the Rosar, a Spanish theologian (circa 1170-1221) was the founder of the Roman Catholic religious order of Friars Preachers, or Dominicans.

Around the year 1203, Dominic was sent by Pope Innocent III to South France to preach to the Albigenses. At the time, the Albigensian doctrine was based on a dualism of two eternally opposing principles, good and evil, all matter being regarded as evil and the creator of the material world as a devil. St. Dominic discovered that this doctrine was becoming widespread due to the fact that the Albigenses were well educated and well organized. To combat the unorthodox teachings of the Albigensians, Dominic organized and educated his preachers so they would be better equipped to overcome this Albigensian heresy. Dominic stressed the importance of education, and his preachers traveled throughout Europe and educated common people and religious leaders as a way to challenge the heresy.



*Our Mother
Mary entrusting
to St. Dominic
the establishing
of the Holy
Rosary*

It was during Dominic's fight against this heresy when tradition tells how this saint received the rosary from the Virgin Mary in a vision. According to tradition, the Virgin Mary told him to "Pray my Psalter and teach it to your people. That prayer will never fail". Dominic was told that if he did as instructed, the heresy would be dispelled from France. Eventually after widespread teachings on the rosary and the meditations of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the heresy was defeated, and the Church was strengthened.

St. Dominic is widely associated with the origin and creation of the Rosary because he was the first to implement the widespread teaching of this sacred devotion.

THE HOLY ROSARY : HISTORY

The history of the rosary originally started as a private personal prayer that consisted of 150 Our Fathers said aloud substituting for those who could not read the 150 psalms. The rosary as prayed today was said to originate with St. Dominic, who in 1216 had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary who gave him the Rosary. Hail Marys were substituted for the Our Fathers. The 150 beads, which made 15 decades, were divided into 3 rosaries of 50 Hail Mary's each. The more commonly prayed version was actually a third part of the whole, made of only 5 decades.

However, the rosary continued to evolve throughout the next 4 centuries, as the Mysteries took shape. The Mysteries are the biblical themes concerning Jesus and Mary that the faithful meditate on while reciting the prayers. The 3 sets of Mysteries were fully established by the 1600s. Different days of the week were designated for the different Mysteries, as well as holy seasons in the Catholic faith.

The term rosary was originally used to define the entire 15 decades, and the smaller common 5 decade was called corona (crown). However, through time, the term rosary was used for both the 15 and 5 decade, and now the rosary means the 5 decade, as well as the entire set of mysteries. The name rosary was derived from the popular term, "The Mystical Rose," given to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In October 2002, Pope John Paul II proposed a new set of Mysteries, adding a 4th set of five decades. He named them the **Luminous Mysteries**, the theme focusing on the life of Christ. This new Mystery is not an edict but an exhortation, which means that it is voluntary for any Catholic to add this theme and additional prayers.

While not a requirement, the rosary is an important prayer tool in which the faithful spend time thinking about certain stories in the life of Jesus and Mary. However, it must be stated that at no time is this valuable meditation tool used to worship Mary, as some non-Catholics erroneously believe, although it is a tool that honors her as Christ's mother. The rosary beads are used to keep count of the prayers and mysteries. With each recitation of the rosary, the faithful have the opportunity to offer the prayers to God for specific causes, such as world peace, healing, redemption of wayward loved ones, and so on. Such intentions are stated right before praying, leaving the outcome to the will of God.



CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**Scrupulosity stops all progress in perfection.**

It is a fundamental truth that we cannot love God unless we believe in His love for us. Scrupulosity completely **represses** such a belief and thus **paralyses** all generous effort.

At every moment it creates **trouble** between the soul and its Creator by pessimistic feelings about the past, and about its present dispositions and actions. The conclusions foolishly arrived at under the influence of these feelings boldly give the lie to the wise decisions of the confessor and lead the soul to rebel against his spiritual guidance, and to put itself at the mercy of its enemy.

Soon the soul, seriously believing itself to be in a bad way, becomes **discouraged**, and often begins to commit real sin. Even though sin does not follow from scruples, scrupulosity, nevertheless, retards the soul's progress in several other ways. It represents **prayer** as full of difficulties. It stops the ears of the poor downcast soul to the consoling voice of the Holy Ghost. It destroys **confidence**. **It prevents the frequentation of the Sacraments** and thus stops their strengthening effects. It almost takes away the power of resisting **temptation**. It causes **discouragement**, and may even lead to **despair**.

Treatment of Scrupulosity

The general rules for the treatment of scruples may be reduced to five: *prayer, vigilance, struggle against depression, obedience, generosity in self-conquest*. On the first three, little need be said; **obedience and generosity** in self-conquest constitute the **basis** of the treatment.

First Remedy: Prayer.

The precept laid down by our Lord Jesus Christ **to pray in temptation** is evidently applicable to scruples, which are a great danger even to salvation.

Satan would mock at our weakness in our fight with scruples, as Goliath mocked at David, unless we were armed by prayer with the very strength of God.

And so, prayer, however dry and against the grain, is needed by the soul that is a prey to scruples.

"Watch ye and pray that ye enter not into temptation" (Matt. 26:41).

Second Remedy: Vigilance.

For a scrupulous soul, what is this holy vigilance recommended by Christ?

It is the **vigilance** of a soldier facing an enemy.

To sleep, to throw down one's arms, to neglect precautions, would be serious faults against this warlike vigilance prescribed by our Savior.

How foolish, then, those who think to cure scrupulous souls by recommending them to have a good time of it, to put aside prayer, mortification of the senses, and all care of conscience!

Do they consider themselves wiser than Jesus Christ who thus dare to counsel the very opposite to His command?

Third Remedy: Struggle against Depression.

If there be anyone who feels the effects of sadness as described by the Wise Man: *"The sadness of a man consumes the heart"* (Prov. 25:20), it is the poor scrupulous soul.

And **sadness only increases scrupulosity**.

The scrupulous, therefore, will do well to have recourse with moderation to innocent amusements. And try to occupy their mind with pleasant thoughts.

Above all, such people should strive to keep themselves **usefully employed**. This is the best antidote to trouble of mind.

Does not a trouble, of which we think ten times less, owing to our occupations, become in consequence ten times lighter?

No one can pity those who brood over their worries, neglecting the duties of their state, which, whilst giving them necessary distraction, would sanctify their lives and save them much suffering.

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
Te invita a que asistas a la Misa y El Rosario que se
celebran el primer domingo cada mes comenzado,

DIA: Domingo 5 de Octubre del 2025

HORA: Rosario 4:30 pm Misa 5 pm

**DONDE: Iglesia Catolica de San Charbel
10325 Rancho Destino Rd,
Las Vegas, NV 89183**

Despues de la Misa te invitamos a que nos
acompañes a una pequeña recepcion donde
compartiremos: café, postres, y bocadillos con
todos los asistentes.

Si tienes alguna duda communicate con:
Oficina de la Iglesia 702-616-6902



Ruega por nosotros

Discernment Weekend 2025

The Office of Vocations of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn will hold a discernment weekend from **Friday, October 31st to Sunday, November 2nd**, at the Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in Washington, DC.

If you know of anyone discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or if anyone wants more information, please ask them to fill out the following form:
<https://forms.gle/vS767wXLcavCcsDH9> or use the QR code to register.


***St. Sharbel Church
Black Nazarene
Statue***


We are bringing back the grace and blessing of our Black Nazarene“ Poon Jesus Nazareno”, a House-to-House visit to be with you and your family for seven (7) days, Sunday to Sunday. A Novena prayer for your family's petition is available when you pick up the Black Nazarene Statue at St. Sharbel Church, after our Holy Mass on Sunday at 9:30 am. And, for courtesy, please return our Black Nazarene Statue the next Sunday before the 9:30 am Holy Mass, so it will be available for the next family on schedule. Your kind donation (Love Offering) to our Poon Jesus Nazareno intention will be greatly appreciated.

For registration and scheduling, please call the following members of the Black Nazarene Group to assist you:

Teresa Lacape 702-524-1086

MIRACLES OF SAINT SHARBEL
**HEALING OF
Marie-Berthe Abi Rached**

In May 2004, Marie-Berthe suffered from a headache. She went to the hospital and the medical tests revealed that she had a 15 cm-tumor. She underwent a surgery and the surgeon extracted 4% from the external tumor but he couldn't injure the brain. She prayed deeply saint Charbel asking him to heal her. He appeared to her and said: "I chose you among many".

Later on, she underwent a test and found out that the tumor was gone. She visited the tomb of saint Charbel and got her healing registered on February 14, 2011.

A PRAYER TO ST. SHARBEL

Lord infinitely glorified by His saints, You who fascinated the heart of St. Sharbel who chose the hermit life, granting him the grace and the power of being away from world keeping fast to the monastic virtues: chastity, obedience and poverty, we ask You to give us the grace of loving You and serving You as he did.

O mighty God! You who spread the power of St. Sharbel's intercession through the multiple miracles and marvels, provide us, through his intercession, with the grace to which we aim. Amen.

Saint Sharbel Miracle Oil & Novena are available at the St. Sharbel Gift Shop. If you have received graces of healing & blessing through St. Sharbel, write or call us at the office for Donation.

SAINTS. SARKIS & BACCHUS: MARTYRS (October 7)

Sergius and Bacchus were fourth century Roman Christian soldiers revered as martyrs and saints by the Catholic Church and their feast day is celebrated on the 7th of October. According to their hagiography, Sergius and Bacchus were officers in Galerius army and were held high in his favor until they were exposed as secret Christians. They were then severely punished, with Bacchus dying during torture, and Sergius eventually beheaded.

Sergius and Bacchus were very popular throughout late Antiquity, and churches in their honor were built in several cities, including Constantinople and Rome. The close friendship between the two is strongly emphasized in their hagiographies and traditions, making them one of the most famous examples of paired saints. The saint's story is told in the Greek text known as *The Passion of Sergius and Bacchus*. The story is ostensibly set during the reign of Roman Emperor Galerius (305 to 311).



According to the text, Sergius and Bacchus were Roman citizens and high-ranking officers of the Roman Army, but their covert Christianity was discovered when they attempted to avoid accompanying a Roman official into a pagan temple with the rest of his bodyguard. After they persisted in refusing to sacrifice to Jupiter in Galerius company, they were publicly humiliated by being chained, dressed in female attire and paraded around town.

Galerius then sent them to Barbalissos in Mesopotamia to be tried by Antiochus, the military commander there and an old friend of Sergius. Antiochus could not convince them to give up their faith and therefore Bacchus was beaten to death. The next day Bacchus spirit appeared to Sergius and encouraged him to remain strong so they could be together forever. Over the next days, Sergius was also brutally tortured and finally executed at Resafa, where his death was marked by miraculous happenings.



October 10, 11 & 12 2025 Stars



Friday & Saturday
Salem Mawla



Maestro
Majd



Percussionist
Charbel



Sunday
Dany Ashkar



DJ OMAR





1 Weeks to Go, Don't Miss it!



Friday Oct. 10 @ 4 pm – 11 pm

Saturday Oct. 11 @ 4 pm – 11 pm

Sunday Oct. 12 @ 1 pm – 9 pm

- ❖ *Lebanese Cuisine*
- ❖ *Live Music & DJ*
- ❖ *Variety of Vendors*
- ❖ *Kids Zone*
- ❖ *Free Parking*



Admission \$10

Kids Under 9 Free

RAFFLE

***\$10,000 In Cash Prizes
Drawing Sun. Oct. 12***



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WEEKEND

Sat. 4:30 pm Oct 4

All Christian Believers

Sun. 9:30 am Oct 5

Healing-Keemia Tefrashi

Sun. 11:30 am

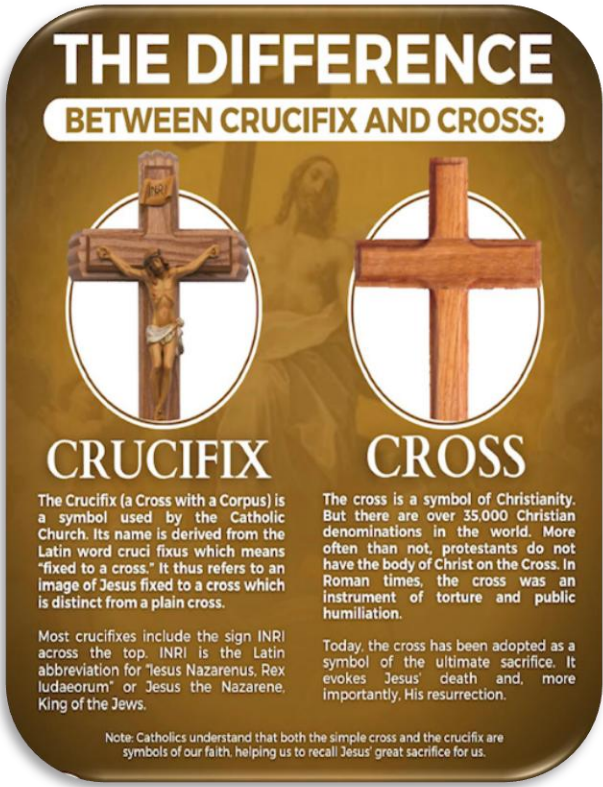
Success of our Festival

Sun. Spanish Mass

4:30pm

Todos los creyentes
católicos cristianos del
mundo

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



Pray for Us

DAILY 8AM

MONDAY Oct 6

Healing-Keemia Tefrashi
Unborn Babies

TUESDAY Oct 7

Healing-Keemia Tefrashi
Faithful Departed

WEDNESDAY Oct 8

Healing-Keemia Tefrashi

THURSDAY Oct 9

Healing-Keemia Tefrashi

FRIDAY Oct 10

Healing-Keemia Tefrashi
Our Festival Volunteers

SAINT SHARBEL COMMUNITY
LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1
- TUESDAY: 5:30 p.m. Rosary & anointing of the sick.
- 2
- MONTHLY SPANISH MASS: Sunday, October 5th at 5:00 p.m. & Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
- 3
- GOD THE FATHER: Sunday, October 5th, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome.
- 4
- SPONSOR A FOOD ITEM FOR THE FESTIVAL: Please pick up a copy of the list of food items in the main church. This will help reduce our expenses.
- 5
- FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS: are available at the Gift Shop. They cost \$100 each and there are only 300 copies printed. Total prizes \$10,000
- 6
- MASS INTENTIONS: Please submit your Mass Intention to the Parish Office two weeks in advance so that we can list them in the bulletin. Mass stipend by check is payable to the priest, not to the church.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

September 27 & 28

*Weekend Masses

Sat. 4:30 pm	\$1,176
Sun. 9:30 pm	\$1,444
Sun. 11:30 pm	\$654
Total	\$3,274

*General	\$1,853
*Building Fund	\$5,230
*Helping Hand	\$334



Weekly Church
Estimate Expense
\$10,558