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#### SACRAMENTS

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Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

#### MARRIAGE

Couples must contact our priest six months before the wedding.

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#### THE CELEBRATION OF ST. SHARBEL

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

## GOSPEL

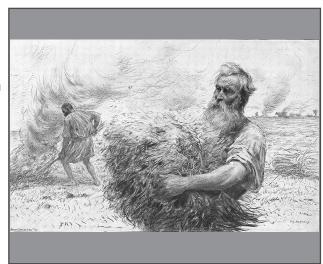
MATTHEW 13:36-43



Then dismissing the crowds, Jesus went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the

world, the good

seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man



The Tares. Eugène Burnand (1850-1921)

will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

This week Father will pray the ANAPHORA OF SAINT JAMES beginning on page 794

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, July 20 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Elias Noujaim Requested by Afaf and family

#### Sunday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Charles and Joseph Nader. Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

#### Saturday, July 27 at 4:30 p.m.

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## Sunday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of William Battle Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

#### Saturday, August 3 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Jemel Nejaime Requested by his sisters Dulce, Jemeli, Lili

#### Sunday, August 4 at 10:00 a.m.

In memory of Mary Peters Dreisbach and the deceased members of the Namtella and Rachel Peters family Requested by Rae Cameron

In memory of Thomas E. Cahill Jr. and Maureen Cahill Rushlow Requested by The Piechocki family

#### Saturday, August 10 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Jemel Nejaime Requested by his sisters Dulce, Jemeli, Lili

#### Sunday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Timothy Driscoll Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

#### Saturday, August 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

#### Sunday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

#### Saturday, August 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

## Sunday, August 25 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Jonathan Grohs Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

#### **SOME TIMELESS ADVICE FROM ST. SHARBEL:**

Begin nothing on earth unless it has its end in heaven; do not walk on a path that does not lead to heaven.

## **CHURCH SUPPORT**

### Weekend of July 13/14

Saturday, June 13 Offering:

1st Collection \$487.00

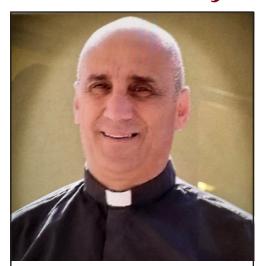
Sunday, June 14 Offering:

1st Collection \$589.00

Mail In: **\$450.00** 

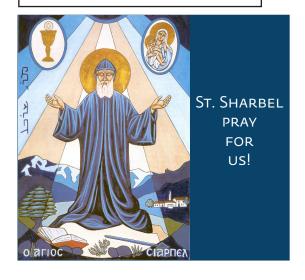
Bingo: **\$704.00** 

Thank You!



**FR BOULOS YOUSSEF** of the Eparchy of Beirut died on Sunday, July 14. He was a dear friend of Fr. Fadi. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, and may peace be given to his family.

Father Fadi will be offering a liturgy for the repose of his soul. .



#### **EDISTLE**

ROMANS 8:28-39

Brothers and Sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written:

"For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered."

No in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Praise be to God always!

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Congratulations and best wishes to Tina Jones who will be married in October to Elias Noujaim and her maid of honor Jaclyn Bosco who received the sacrament of confirmation on Sunday. God bless you both for your commitment to your faith.



My Dear Friends:

Today we remember and celebrate a great Lebanese saint, St. Sharbel Makhlouf (1828-1898). At 23 St. Sharbel left home to become a monk, at 31 he was ordained a priest, and finally, at age 47, he was given permission to follow his deep desire to live as a hermit. Throughout his life he was a humble and holy man who had a great love for the Eucharist. He was always obedient to his superiors and embraced a strict regime of daily prayer, manual work, and severe asceticism. Even before his death, he was known to work miracles. Since his death thousands of miracles have been attributed to his intercession.

Pope Paul VI, in his homily for the Canonization Liturgy of Saint Sharbel, said:

Yes, the kind of holiness practiced by Sharbel Makhlouf is of great weight, not only for the glory of God, but for the vitality of the Church...Pastors are needed, who gather the people of God...We need theologians...evangelizers and missionaries...catechists... people who are directly dedicated to helping their brothers... But we also need people who offer themselves as victims for the salvation of the world, in a freely accepted penance, in an unceasing prayer of intercession...in a passionate search for the Absolute, testifying that God is worth worshiping and loving for himself. The lifestyle of these religious, of these monks, of these hermits is not offered to everyone as an imitable charisma; but in their pure state, in a radical way, they embody a spirit from which no faithful of Christ is exempt, they exercise a function which the Church cannot do without, they remind us of a salutary way for all.

I pray that through the intercession of St. Sharbel, you all will have a blessed week.

Fr. Fadi

Saint Sharbel, you were called into the solitary life of a monk and then a hermit, and you responded. You kept your eyes upon Christ, and He transformed your humble soul into a glorious beacon of light for the world to see. Please pray for me, that I will receive the grace I need to be faithful to the vocation God has given me and that I will respond with the same generosity and commitment that you manifested in your earthly life. Saint Sharbel, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

#### MORE TIMELESS ADVICE FROM ST. SHARBEL:

You exist in this world to give and to serve.





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