

They devoted themselves to the teaching  
of the apostles and to the communal life,  
to the breaking of the bread  
and to the prayers.

ACTS 2:42

*Issue 9 | April 2023*

## Peace of Christ!



*Family of Saint  
Sharbel USA*

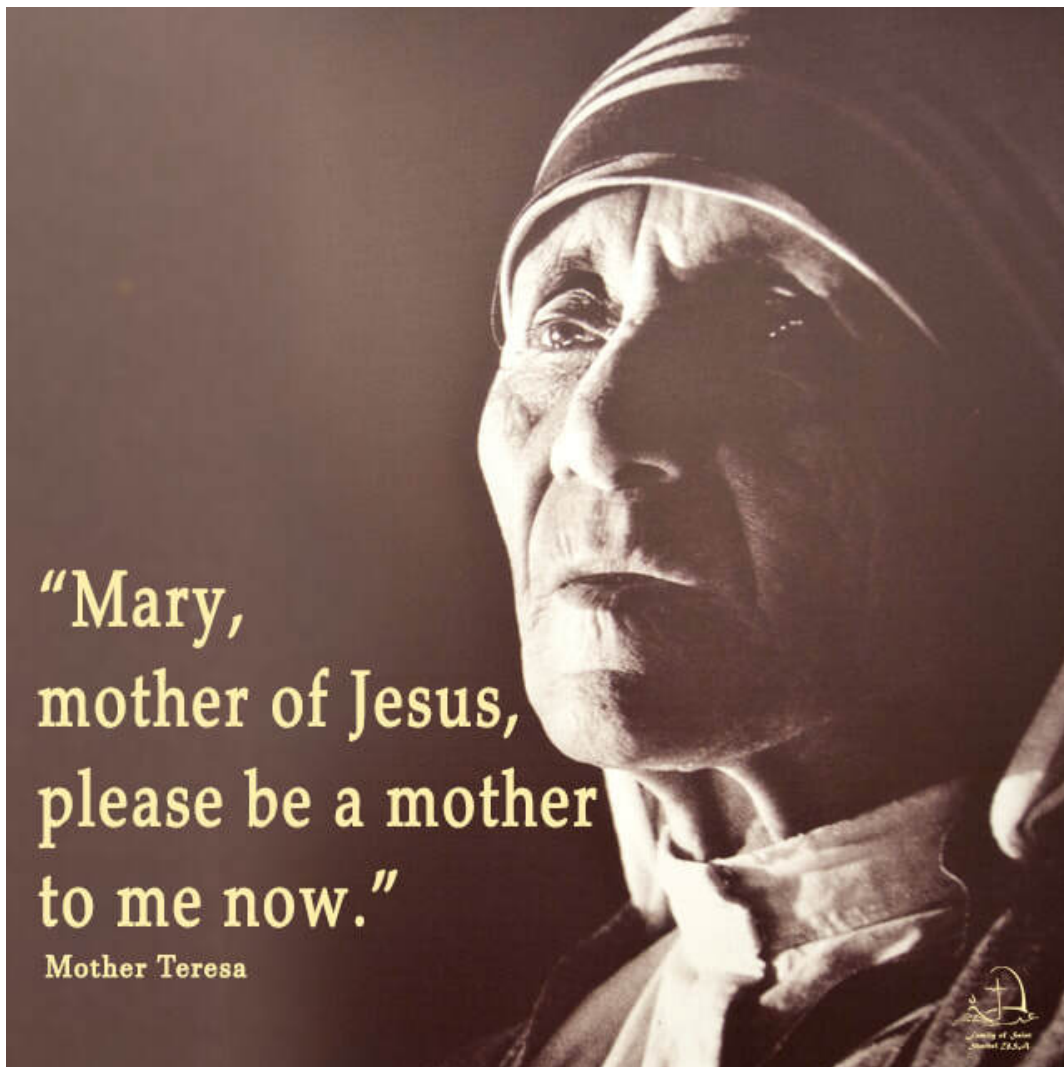
### Graces & Prayers Friends!

The Family of Saint Sharbel USA presents its latest Newsletter, to highlight past and future events, our spiritual content, and noteworthy projects. We are happy to have you on board! **Please spread the word among your family and friends, we would love to have you all join us.**

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## Contemplation Corner

### The Virgin Mary, Our Blessed Mother...



“Mary,  
mother of Jesus,  
please be a mother  
to me now.”

Mother Teresa

<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/spiritual-designs/mary-mother-of-jesus-please-be-a-mother-to-me-now>

We have now entered this beautiful month of May dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. The following reflection calls us to go deeper into our understanding of the love the Blessed Mother has for us. She is an exceptional role model for us, exhibiting **Forgiveness, Unconditional Love**, and the

## Beauty of God.

Remember this verse in John, Chapter 19: *When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son."* (Jn 19:26, USCCB) In doing this, Jesus declared the Virgin Mary the Mother of all the world. She watched sinners crucify her only son and still is a beacon of **Forgiveness** and **Unconditional Love** to all who seek her.

Mother Teresa dedicated her life to helping those who were neglected and forgotten by society and in the Spiritual Design quote above, we see this righteous Saint call upon the Blessed Mother for guidance. In doing so, St. Teresa of Calcutta radiated the **Beauty of God** through her actions that were filled with Love and Light.

We extend our gratitude and love to all motherly figures and wish you all a Blessed [early] Mother's Day (US). Please be assured of our prayers for you and if you enjoyed reflecting on this image, find more of our spiritual designs [HERE](#)

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## What's Ahead: Schedule and Events

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### May 8 - Divine Liturgy in Honor of St. Sharbel, OLOL, Washington, DC

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church in Washington DC will be offering the Divine Liturgy in Honor of Saint Sharbel's birthday on **Monday, May 8th at 7:30 PM [EST]**.

**What:** Divine Liturgy in Honor of Saint Sharbel's Birthday

**When:** Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:30 PM [EST]

**Where:** Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church, 7142 Alaska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20012

**Contact:** (202) 291-5153

**Email:** ourladyoflebanonchurchdc@gmail.com

[OLOL DC Church Website](#)

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## May 15 - Monthly Healing Mass, St. Agnes, Baton Rouge, LA

St. Agnes Catholic Church is offering its monthly Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel on **Monday, May 15th at 6:30 PM [CDT]**. The next dates of their Healing Masses can be found on their website [HERE](#).

**What:** Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel

**When:** Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM [CDT]

**Where:** St. Agnes Catholic Church, 749 East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**Contact:** (225) 383-4127

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## May 18 - Monthly Healing Mass, St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, Pheonix, AZ

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, Pheonix, Arizona will host its monthly Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel on **Thursday, May 18th at 7 PM [EST]**. All are welcome and below are some details to partake:

**Facebook Live Link**

**Church Website**

**Where:** 5406 East Virginia Avenue, Phoenix AZ, 85008

**When:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7 PM [EST]

**Contact:** stjosephmaronitechurch@gmail.com

**Tel:** (602) 667-3280

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## May 20 - Divine Liturgy in Honor of Saint Sharbel, National Shrine Grotto, Emmitsburg, MD

The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, Maryland is offering a Divine Liturgy in Honor of Saint Sharbel on **Saturday, May 20th at 12 PM, Noon [EST]** then confessions from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM followed by the blessing with the relic and holy oil of St. Sharbel.

**What:** Divine Liturgy in Honor of Saint Sharbel

**When:** Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 12:00 PM [EST]

**Where:** National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, 16330 Grotto Road  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

**Contact:** (301) 447-5318

**Website:** <https://www.nsgrotto.org/events.html>

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## **May 22 - Monthly Healing Mass, St. Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee**

The St. Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee is offering a Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel on **Monday, May 22nd at 12 PM, Noon [EST]**. This healing Mass is offered *every 22nd of the month* (unless otherwise specified). All are welcome.

**What:** Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel

**When:** Monday, May 22, 2023 at 12:00 PM [EST]

**Where:** St. Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee, 1501 172nd Ave, Paris / Union Grove, WI 53182-9431

**Contact:** (805) 402-5060

**[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THEIR NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)**

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## **In Case You Missed It: Past Events**

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### **Apr. 29 - The Silence of God | A Zoom Talk by Mr. Raymond Nader**

On Saturday, April 29, 2023, The Family of Saint Sharbel, USA, hosted a Zoom talk in English by Raymond Nader, Founder and Superior of the Family of Saint Sharbel, under the title "The Silence of God." In this talk, Raymond tried to answer questions like, "Does God hear my prayer? If he does, then why doesn't he answer my petitions? Why is God so unresponsive to the evils that afflict our world? Why does God seem to be silently observing the evils in this world without any reaction?" and such similar questions.

Follow this link to access the audio file of the talk:

**<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/audio1.html>**

More information about Raymond Nader is available at:

<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/experiences.html>

and in Arabic at:

<https://www.ayletmarcharbel.org/content/experiences>

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### **Apr. 24 - Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel, St. Joseph's Parish in Astoria, NY**

Father Vincent Chirichella and his brother Deacon Michael offered a Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel on **Monday, April 24** at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Astoria, New York.

**Contact:** 718-278-1611

**[CLICK HERE FOR A FULL EVENTS CALENDAR](#)**

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### **Apr. 23 - Monthly Healing Mass, St. Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee**

The St. Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee offered their monthly healing Mass in honor of Saint Sharbel, exceptionally on Sunday, **April 23, 2023**. This healing Mass is offered *every 22nd of the month* (unless otherwise specified). All are welcome.

You can contact the parish using this number **805-402-5060** or

**[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THEIR NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)**

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### **Apr. 18 - Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel, St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, Pheonix, AZ**

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, Pheonix, Arizona hosted their monthly Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel on **Tuesday, April 18th**. Below are links to watch the Mass recording:

**[Facebook Live Link](#)**

**[Church Website](#)**

**Contact:** [stjosephmaronitechurch@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephmaronitechurch@gmail.com)

**Tel:** (602) 667-3280

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### **Apr. 17 - Monthly Healing Mass, St. Agnes, Baton Rouge, LA**

St. Agnes Catholic Church offered their monthly Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel on **April 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM [CDT]**. The next dates of their Healing Masses can be found on their website [\*\*HERE\*\*](#).

**Where:** St. Agnes Catholic Church, 749 East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**Contact:** (225) 383-4127

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## **Saint Spotlight**

### **Saint Rita of Cascia**



<https://www.traditions-monastiques.com>

**Feast Day: May 22**

**Saint Rita** who the late John Paul II called “a disciple of the Crucified One” and an “expert in suffering.” is known in Spain as “La Santa de los imposibles” (the Saint of the Impossible). Saint Rita has become immensely popular throughout the centuries. She is invoked by people in all situations and stations of life since she had embraced suffering with charity and exhibited immense forgiveness in the many trials she experienced in her life: as a wife, widow, a mother surviving



the death of her children, and a nun. (*Text adapted from the Catholic News Agency*)

For more on the life of Saint Rita, click [HERE](#)

*Saint Rita, Patron Saint of Impossible Causes, Pray for Us!*

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## Editor's Pick: FORMED Resource | Via Lucis

### The Stations of the Resurrection...



<https://watch.formed.org/via-lucis>

The Family of Saint Sharbel offers a FREE subscription to FORMED, a Catholic online platform with thousands of resources for spiritual growth. For this Liturgical Season, they offer the Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, a devotional practice for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season. While the Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of Light focus on the events that followed the Resurrection. **-WATCH HERE-** You can sign up **FOR FREE** by following these simple steps:

**Go to:** <https://formed.org/signup>, **Enter:** Family of Saint Sharbel, **Enter** your name and email address and you're in!

Below are the links to FORMED on social media:

*Instagram:* [formedcatholic](#)

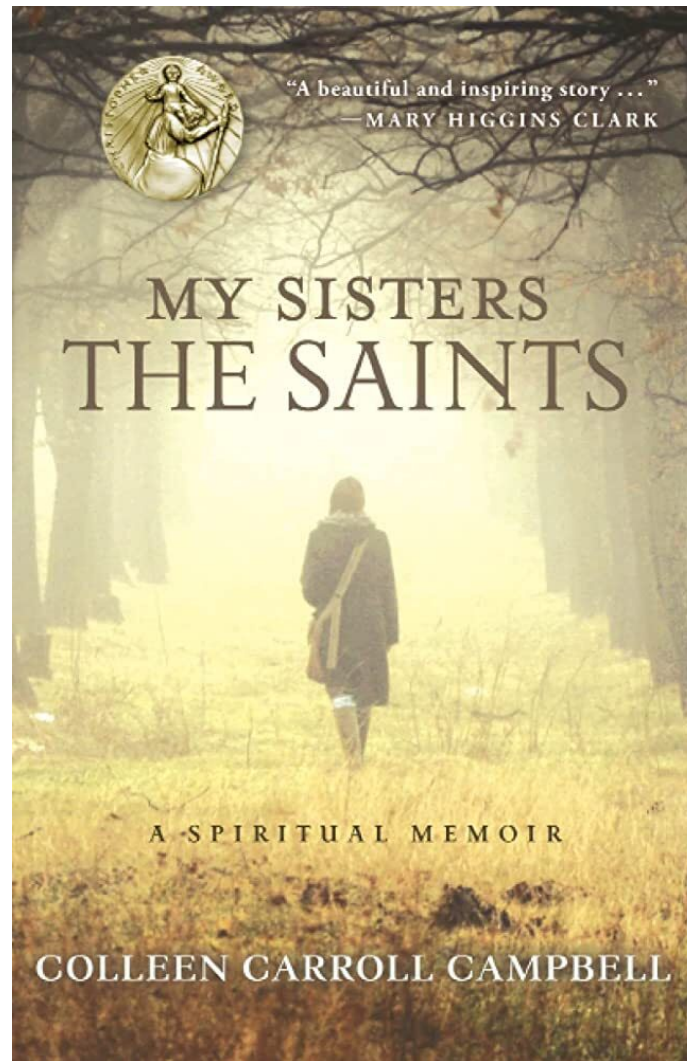
Facebook: FORMEDCatholic

YouTube: Augustine Institute

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## Reading Nook

### My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir



<https://www.amazon.com>

**Title:** *My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir*

**Author(s):** Colleen Carroll Campbell

**Abstract:** In *My Sisters the Saints*, author Colleen Carroll Campbell blends her personal narrative of spiritual seeking, trials, stumbles, and breakthroughs with the stories of six women saints who profoundly changed her life: Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Faustina of Poland, Edith Stein of Germany, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Mary of Nazareth. Drawing upon the rich writings and

examples of these extraordinary women, the author reveals Christianity's liberating power for women and the relevance of the saints to the lives of contemporary Christians.

**Language:** English

**Publisher:** Image

**Publication Year:** 2012

You can purchase this book using the following link(s)\*:

[Amazon.com](#)

[Author's Website](#)

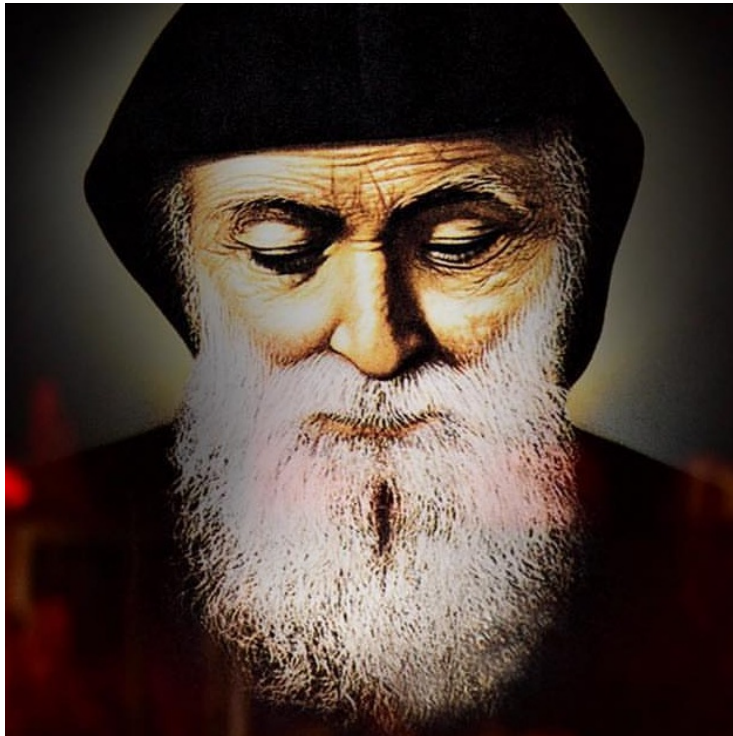
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## Articles and More

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### The Testimony of Maria Abboud Hanna



You can read more personal testimonials on our Testimonials page [HERE](#)

“It appeared that I had a type of cancerous disease in the sinuses...I started praying to Saint Sharbel and the Lord Jesus. I asked Jesus for the grace of healing or dying because of the excessive pain...

My mother vowed to wear Saint Sharbel's garb and asked for his intercession and the grace of healing. Saint Sharbel appeared to her in a dream, he told her, "Do not be afraid, I healed your daughter." During the same night, my daughter Maria woke up to find Saint Sharbel's blessed belt she had worn untied and placed by her side on the bed -- *Read the full Testimonial* **HERE**

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## **FSS Sign of Hope Video | The Fragrance of Sanctity, Part 2 (subtitled in English) - Miracles of Saint Sharbel**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch>

The Sign of Hope video series is a group of over a dozen videos in Arabic (subtitles offered in English) that speak on Saint Sharbel's healings and teachings. The latest episode is from The Fragrance of Sanctity, a program by Noursat TV Network, hosted by Elie Issa with his guest Father Louis Matar, the caretaker of Saint Maron Monastery in Annaya, Lebanon. The miracles and healings in this video were documented at Annaya monastery.

The translation and subtitling of this video were made possible by your generous donations. To support our mission and projects, please follow this link and make a tax-deductible donation today:

**<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/donate.html>**

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## **Our Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings**

**Join us for our Arabic Prayer Gatherings!**



Every Tuesday night at 8:00 PM (EST), the Family of Saint Sharbel from all over North America gets together to pray the Ramsho (evening liturgy of the hours) in Arabic. A priest will lead the celebration, cantors sing the hymns and lectors read Scripture passages. The priest then reads the Gospel of the day and gives a short homily. Following the prayers, the priest proceeds to give the scheduled teaching and engage in a Q&A session.

Email [office@familyofsaintsharbel.org](mailto:office@familyofsaintsharbel.org) to become a part of this awesome prayer group that has been meeting every Tuesday since 2020!

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