



# SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN #050 [January 15, 2017]

### PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 1 P.M



*Chapel Of Mary Mother of the Angels*  
St Francis of Assisi  
11401 Leesville  
Raleigh, NC 27613

**OFFICE HOURS** Mon & Tue 10 AM—4 PM  
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### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM & CHRISMATIONS:** Preparation is required. We encourage this to begin at least one month before the Baptism.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements six (6) months in advance.

**CONFESSIONS:** Sunday 12.15-12:45 PM & by appointment

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome to our parish family. Please be sure to register with our parish by calling the Parish House.

**SICK CALLS :** If someone is hospitalized, sick, in rest homes or unable to leave home, please let us know by calling the Parish office.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Jan 15	1:00 PM	Divine Liturgy
Jan 15	2:00 PM	Sunday School
Jan 22	1:00 PM	Divine Liturgy
Jan 22	-----	MYO Meeting

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### The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

In the Eastern Churches this feast is known by two names: Epiphany and Theophany. The Greek word, "Epiphany" means "a manifestation" or "an apparition" and the word, "Theophany", "an appearance of God." On this day we celebrate the appearance or manifestation of Christ among us as God's Son.

The feast of Epiphany was first celebrated in the east around the third century and eventually was adopted by the western Church. In the eastern Churches the celebration of the Epiphany originally centered on both the Birth of our Lord and his Baptism. When the later western feast of Christmas was introduced into the East, Christmas became the feast of the Birth of our Lord and the Epiphany, that of his Baptism.

The feast of the Epiphany is intimately connected with the mystery of our Lord's Birth. The child who was born for us and the Son who was given to us is manifested before us to be the Son of the Most High. Christ begins his public life with his Baptism by John in the Jordan river. At his Baptism Christ is seen as the fulfillment of John's preaching: he is the Messiah and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The Father and the Holy Spirit are witnesses to Christ for he is the beloved Son of the Father and upon him the Spirit rests. Thus at the Baptism of the Lord we have not only an Epiphany or manifestation of Christ as God's Son, but also a theophany or manifestation of the Holy Trinity- Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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**READINGS Jan 15-Jan 22, 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd Sunday After Epiphany</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	2 Cor 4: 5-15	Jn 1:35-42
<b>Monday</b>	2 Cor 1: 1-11	Jn 1:43-51
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Cor 1: 12-24	Lk 5: 1-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Cor 2: 1-11	Mt 4: 18-25
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Cor 2: 12-17	Mt9: 9-13
<b>Friday</b>	2 Cor 12: 17-13:4	Mt 9: 35-38
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Cor 13: 5-13	Mt 10: 1-6
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b>	
	Gal 3: 23-29	Jn 3: 1-16

**÷ LITURGY INTENTIONS ÷**

**Sunday Jan 15, 2016** - 40 Days Memorial Liturgy for Milton J. Salim By his sister Gloria Salim-Brown

**Sunday Jan 22, 2017** - 40 Days Memorial Liturgy for Rose Isaac El-Khoury by her daughter Marsha Shiver & family.

<b>PARISH STEWARDSHIP</b>	
	<b>Sunday Jan 08, 2017</b>
Weekly Offering	\$238.00
Utility Fund	10.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$239.00</b>

**UPCOMING 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS**

<b>Jan 15</b>	Support for Assessment
<b>Jan 22</b>	US Catholic Bishops' World Wide

**HOSPITALITY / COFFEE HOUR**

<b>Jan 15</b>	Gloria Salim Brown
<b>Jan 22</b>	Available

To sponsor a coffee hour contact Mrs. Anna Franca Abi-Aad.

**P O I N T S O F I N T E R E S T S**

**New Administrator for St Sharbel Mission.** On December 23, 2016, his Excellency Bishop Mansour appointed Rev. Raymond Khallouf as administrator of St Sharbel Mission. And appointed Rev. Elias Khalil as administrator for the Maronite Mission in Charlotte. This appointment is effective **January 1, 2017** and will remain in effect until revoked by Bishop Mansour or his successor.

**Pastoral Life Council.** The first Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday January 10, 2017 at 7 PM in the rectory.

**2017 Offering Envelopes.** Remember to pick up your offering envelopes from the church. If you don't have a Set yet please inform Fr.Raymond

**2017 Calendars.** We are providing this year Liturgical Calendars for the year 2017. Calendars are displayed at the entrance of the church for a suggested donation of \$5.00

**Reminders:** Please let us know if you have any family announcements that you would like published, such as: graduations, weddings, engagements, birthdays and anniversaries. write it down and send it or email it to us. Or if you would like to send us some interesting articles to publish, don't hesitate to contact us.

**Mass Intentions** Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions. Please let us know early of your intentions in order to make mention of it in the bulletin. See or call Father Raymond.

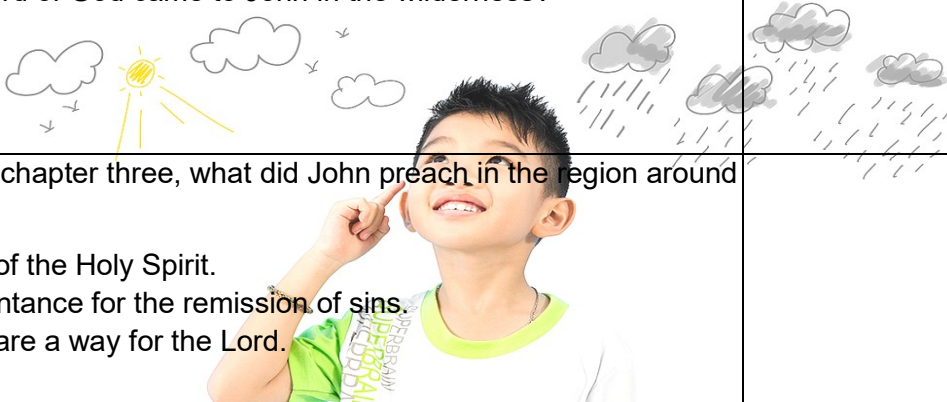
**Vocations.** Do you feel as though God is calling you to serve him as a Priest or a Sister? If you are trying to discern your vocation, Father Raymond would be happy to meet with you to discuss.

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The feast of the Epiphany reminds us not only of the Baptism of Christ, but also of our own Baptism. St. Ephrem in his hymn on Epiphany says: "...our blessed Lord came to be baptized with sinners and because of his Glory the Heavens were opened. The one who purifies all creatures, desiring to cleanse them, went into the waters and sanctified them for our Baptism." It is for this reason that we bless water on this day. Originally, the mystery of baptism was celebrated on this feast and the waters blessed were those of baptism.

Today we celebrate the manifestation or Epiphany of the Trinity at the baptism of Christ as well as the manifestation of the Glory of God in the person of the Lord come into the world, that is to say, the manifestation of Christ, the word of God, among us. Let us then call to mind the grace of God who has appeared for the salvation of all, and thank him for the baptism through which we have been begotten in the Spirit and through which we have put on Christ and become children of the Father.



#	Question	Answer	Reference
1	<p>According to Luke chapter three, who were the tetrarchs in Judea when the word of God came to John in the wilderness?</p> <p>a. Tiberius, Herod, and Philip. b. Herod, Philip, and Lysanias. c. Herod, Lysanias, and Agrippa.</p>		(Luke 3:1)
2	<p>According to Luke chapter three, which of these men was NOT a high priest when the word of God came to John in the wilderness?</p> <p>a. Zacharias. b. Annas. c. Caiaphas.</p>		(Luke 3:2)
3	<p>According to Luke chapter three, what did John preach in the region around the Jordan?</p> <p>a. Baptism for gift of the Holy Spirit. b. Baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. c. Baptism to prepare a way for the Lord.</p>		(Luke 3:3)
4	<p>According to Luke chapter three, the book of the words of which prophet says the following: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"</p> <p>a. Jeremiah. b. Ezekiel. c. Isaiah.</p>		(Luke 3:4; passage from 3:4-6)
5	<p>According to Luke chapter three, what did John call the multitudes who came to him to be baptized?</p> <p>a. "Brood of vipers." b. "Children of Israel." c. "Lambs of God."</p>		(Luke 3:7)
6	<p>According to Luke chapter three, what fruit did John tell the multitudes to bear?</p> <p>a. Fruits worthy of salvation. b. The fruit of the Spirit. c. Fruits worthy of repentance.</p>		(Luke 3:8)
7	<p>According to Luke chapter three, which of these groups of people came to John to be baptized?</p> <p>a. Scribes. b. Tax collectors. c. Priests.</p>		(Luke 3:12)

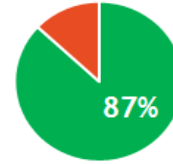
# Capital Campaign - Church Building

## Pledges

Phase 1 Pledge Goal - To have \$1,000,000 in pledges

**\$1,000,000**

COMMITTED PLEDGES TO GOAL \$869,770  
OUTSTANDING PLEDGES NEEDED **\$130,230**



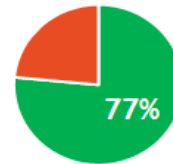
- COMMITTED PLEDGES TO GOAL
- OUTSTANDING PLEDGES NEEDED

## Pledges Received

Pledges Receipt Goal - To receive 33% of pledge goal by Dec 31st

**\$331,683**

ACTUAL RECEIPTS TO GOAL \$253,747.58  
OUTSTANDING RECEIPTS NEEDED **\$77,935.15**



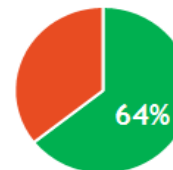
- ACTUAL RECEIPTS TO GOAL
- OUTSTANDING RECEIPTS NEEDED

## Savings

2016 Savings Account Goal - To have \$500,000 in account by Dec 31st

**\$500,000**

ACTUAL SAVINGS TO GOAL \$321,787.38  
OUTSTANDING SAVINGS NEEDED **\$178,212.62**



- ACTUAL SAVINGS TO GOAL
- OUTSTANDING SAVINGS NEEDED

### THE FUTURE HOME OF ST SHARBEL MISSION



Building Home to St Sharbel  
Be part of it all!

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