

SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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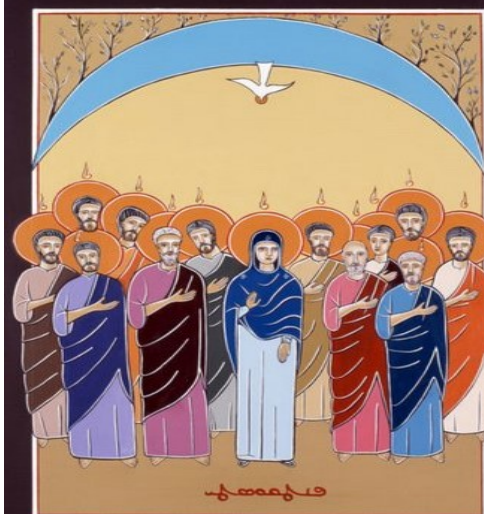
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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM



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READINGS July/ 2019

July 14 6th Sunday of Pentecost

	Epistle	Gospel
	1 Cor 12:12-13, 27-30	Mt 10:16-25

July 21 7th Sunday of Pentecost

	Epistle	Gospel
	2 Cor 3:1-6	Lk 10:1-7



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FROM



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

July 14	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
July 21	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
July 28	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

July 14	Fouad & Joumana Najm
July 21	Available
July 28	Available



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

Tel:(954) 806-9909 Or Email: abetriz@yahoo.com /Donation for coffee hour is appreciated



PARISH OFFERING

July 7, 2019

Weekly offering	\$1,003.19
Coffee Hour	\$226.00
Donation	\$300.00
Stipend	\$350.00
Total Income	\$1,879.19

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

From the Spirituality of Pope Francis

Do we truly Pray? Without an abiding relationship with God, it is difficult to live an authentic Christian life.

If we live the faith in our daily life, then our work too becomes a chance to spread the joy of being a Christian. To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests, but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poor-



The dream has come true. Celebrating our First Divine Liturgy in the new Church on Hosanna Sunday was very moving, a real Home Coming. Now, our Bishop Gregory Mansour will be officially dedicating it on October 13, 2019. Please join us.

May God bless all Donors

When are we obliged to confess our serious sins? How often should we go to confession?

Upon reaching the age of reason, a Catholic is obliged to confess his serious sins. The Church urgently advises the faithful to do this at least once a year. At any rate one must go to confession before receiving Holy Communion if one has committed a serious sin. By "the age of reason", the Church means the age at which one has arrived at the use of reason and has learned to distinguish between good and bad (YOUCAT questions 234 and 236).

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Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you and I detest all my sins because of your just punishment, but most of all, because they offend you my God, who are good and deserving of all of my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more, to amend my life, and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019

July 20	7:00 PM	Prayer Vigil and Cook-out
July 21	11:00 AM	Feast of St. Sharbel
August 24	Noon-8:00 PM	Taste of Lebanon at St. Sharbel
Sptember 28	Noon– 7:00 PM	Golf Tournament
October 13	11:00 AM	Dedication of Our Church

The Commissioning of the Apostles Matthew (10:16-25)

We celebrate this Sunday the event of the commissioning of the twelve apostles, after Jesus had called them to be eye witnesses and close to him. He handed over to them the same authority he himself had received from the Father. He sent them well equipped with his love and encouragement, and committed them to the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in order to secure the success of their mission.

Jesus sent his apostles in an official and celebratory fashion: "I am sending you." He warned them about persecution by the Jewish courts and the pagan kings and governors. At the same time he afforded them sustenance and help through the Holy Spirit whom he will send to them. They will not be facing persecution alone, but the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, will be by their side as the one who will defend, encourage, console and teach them.

We learned last week that Jesus commanded the apostles to go first and save the lost sheep of Israel and not to go to the Gentiles territories nor enter any Samaritan city. Yet in the same chapter, St. Matthew shows Jesus foretelling persecution and trial that will go far beyond Galilee and the local territories. This may seem contradictory. But Matthew collected the commands of Jesus before and after. **Before**, as the "Jesus of Galilee" he sent them on their first expedition. And **After** his resurrection He commissioned them as "the Risen Jesus."

The Jewish thought had a dual look at life which divided time into two ages: (a) the present age which was bad; and (b) the age to come, which would be the golden age of God. In between there was the Day of the Lord, which would be a time of desolation, chaos, fear, destruction, abomination and judgment. This terrible period would turn children against parents and fathers would hand their children over to death, etc...! It would split the dearest bonds on earth and the world will be destroyed. The Jews were very familiar with these trying times, and so were Jesus and the Apostles, because these terrors and divisions were recorded in their Books. See the Books of Ezra, Baruch and Enoch.

To fully understand the meaning of an open relationship, a direct answer, or an honest opinion, in the long run Christianity is the answer. The world offers us sweet talks and impressive promises for success, advancement and fulfillment of ambitions. Mishaps and pitfalls are never mentioned. That is where the disaster lies. There is nothing hidden, closed, foiled or deceiving about Jesus and his mission. When he called the apostles he prepared them for hardship, persecution and death. Although that was a bold and tough approach, honesty paid off in the end. This is what is so impressive and unique about Christianity. Jesus is saying to all of us that if we want to be true Christians we must be prepared for the worst because persecution and hardships in life are imminent. It is not the beginning but the end that counts. It is not this world we seek, but the next. This is why Christianity is always at odd with the contemporary world.

"No pupil outranks his teacher, no slave his master" teaches us that in no way we can be in a better disposition than our Lord and God. It is clear from the last few verses of today's gospel that we should not expect to have an easy ride. There will be many bumps along the way and we must accept them. If he suffered and sacrificed, if he was mocked and smitten, we are not better or higher than him, and therefore, we must undergo the same. If we are called to fame and recognition, if we are invited to share in his glory, we are also invited to undergo the same hardship he endured. This is heroism at its best, this is true Christianity.