

SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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[December 22, 2019]

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PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Monday, Thursday & Friday: 6:30 PM

Holy Days of Obligation: 6:30 PM



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READINGS**November-December/ 2019****December 22****Genealogy Sunday****Epistle****Gospel**

Rom 1:1-12

Mt 1:1-17

December 25**Glorious Birth of Our Lord****Epistle****Gospel**

Heb 1:1-12

Lk 2:1-20

**DATE****TIME***** L I T U R G Y I N T E N T I O N S *****FROM****Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions**

Dec. 22

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

Dec. 25

12:00 AM

All Parishioners

Dec. 25

11:00 AM

All Parishioners

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR/2019

Dec. 22

Dolly Matar, Laure Chemali, and Layal Sassine

Dec. 25

St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary

Dec. 29

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*To sponsor a coffee hour pls. contact Mrs. Ana Franca Abi-Aad**Tel:(954) 806-9909 Or Email: abetriz@yahoo.com /Donation for coffee hour is appreciated***PARISH OFFERING****December 15, 2019**

<i>Weekly offering</i>	<i>\$993.00</i>
<i>Donation</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$34.00</i>
<i>Religious education</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
Total Income	\$1,487.00

*Thank You for your generosity and
your support*

Important Messages**What are you saying Yes to?**

Today's culture promotes promiscuity, adultery, pornography, etc. People seek love in the wrong places and are often left empty and wounded. Say yes to this virtue!! Everyone is called to live it according to his/her own state of life whether married, celibate, single or religious. To learn more about what you are saying yes to when you embrace this virtue, check here [our chastity webpage](#).



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 officially consecrated it with a beautiful and blessed ritual.

May God bless you all

Christmas Novena

All major feast days were preceded by a period of Fasting in order to prepare the faithful spiritually for the celebration of the feast. Through the years, fasting was reduced the great lent that precedes Easter. Since we are no longer obligated to the fast before Christmas, let us prepare ourselves spiritually for the Glorious Birth of Our Lord by going to confession, receiving the Eucharist and attending the Christmas Novena which runs from the 15th through the 23rd of December.

Please note that the Novena is always celebrated with and after the Masses: On weekdays at 6:30 PM, and on weekends after the Saturday & Sunday Masses.

Car Raffle

We had planned to have the reverse drawing car Raffle at our Annual Christmas Party on Saturday December 14, 2019, but we have decided to postpone this event to a later date to have it stand on its own merit. We have quite a few plans for the Christmas party and a lot of music and dancing, and we want the drawing to be done in front of everyone and with enough time allocated to various activities. **The date is set for March 21, 2020.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019

Dec. 15 - 23	6:30 PM	Christmas Novena at Church
December 21	4:00 PM	Children's Christmas Party at the Hardini Center
December 25	12:00 AM	Midnight Christmas Liturgy
Decemebr 25	11:00 AM	Day Christmas Liturgy

Genealogy Sunday (Matthew 1:1-17)

The basic aim of any list of descendants in the scriptures, is the connection to God's progressive plan of salvation which reaches its fulfillment in Christ.

The genealogy of Matthew emphasizes that Jesus is the fulfillment of all the promises God made to Abraham and David. One notes that there are four women, perhaps all gentiles, in the list. The inclusion of these women may serve to indicate that Jesus came to save all mankind and not only the Jews. David, a sinner guilty of adultery and murder, is also included in the list, thus indicating that Jesus, who was without sin, was fully immersed in the sinfulness of humanity.

The genealogy calls us to trust in the salvific plan of God: all will be brought to fulfillment by the Lord in his own time and in his own way. In spite of difficulties, we are called to trust in the promises of the Lord. Jesus himself, the Son of the Father promised, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not" (Luke 21:33).

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Christmas Party Income & Expense Report

Income from Tickets	\$17,265.00
Income from Raffle	\$ 976.00
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Total Income	\$18,241.00
Hotel Expenses	\$ 7,760.72
Musicians	\$ 3,800.00
Stage Rental	\$ 350.00
Raffle Prize 50/50	\$ 488.00
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Total Expenses	\$ 12,398.72
 NET PROFIT	 \$ 5,842.28