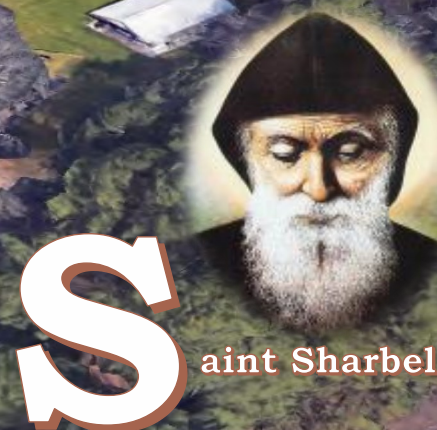


# SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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## PARISH SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM**

***St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church***

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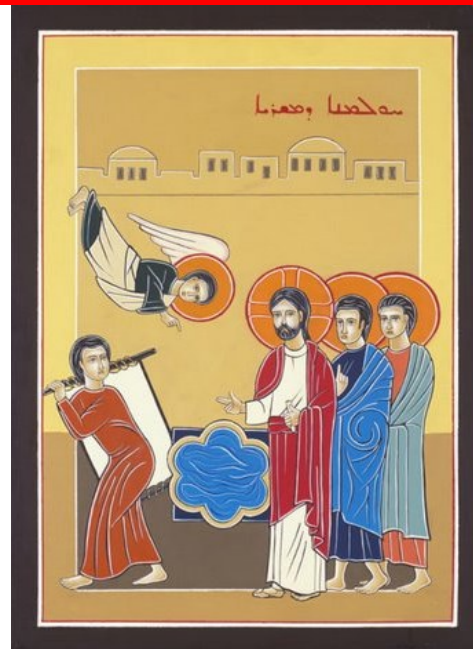
**Subdeacon:** Claude Shiver

**Sunday Liturgy:** 11:00 AM

**Saturday Liturgy:** 5:00 PM

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:** 6:30 PM

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 6:30 PM



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# READINGS

March / 2020

March 22

Healing of the Paralytic

Epistle

Gospel

1 Tim 5:24 - 6:5

Mk 2:1-12

March 29

Healing of the Blind Man

Epistle

Gospel

2 Cor 10:1-7

Mk 10:46-52



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TIME

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FROM



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

Mar. 22

11:00 AM

All those affected by the Coronavirus

Mar. 29

11:00 AM

The safety of all Parishioners

April 5

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

## HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2020

Mar. 15

No Coffee Hour

Mar. 22

No Coffee Hour

Mar. 29

To be determined



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

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



## PARISH OFFERING

March 15, 2020

## Important Messages

Weekly offering

\$567.00

Coffee Hour

\$280.00

Total Income

\$847.00

Thank You for your generosity and  
your support

## Remember Me In Your Kingdom

Praying for our deceased, no matter how long it has been, is a way of remembering them and asking the Lord to grant them repose in His dwelling of light, so they may rejoice with all the saints.

Every last Sunday of the month, the Divine Liturgy will be offered in memory of those who passed in that particular month. If you would like to have your deceased remembered, please send me their names and the month they passed.



## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Is a vigil light burning 24/7 and kept near the Blessed Sacrament. The light indicates the unfathomable mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. It reminds us of the reverence due to the Sacrament. The burning light is a pious custom as a way of prolonging our adoration and prayer to honor His presence.

## Car Raffle

Car raffle tickets are now on sale for the 2020 Honda CR-V. Tickets are \$100 each and only 500 will be sold. Odds of winning will be 1/500 minimum. Drawing will be on **Saturday 25-April-2020** during Mother's day Dinner.

You may buy your ticket(s) via our website at <http://saintsharbelchurch.org/mec-events/honda-cr-v-car-raffle/>, or by contacting Mounir Saleh or George Harb .

## Benediction of St. Sharbel

Every 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month, there will a Procession and Benediction of St. Sharbel after Liturgy.

## Thank You for Supporting Your Church

During these difficult times of Coronavirus that is forcing everyone to take extreme precautions and remain at home, your Church needs your support to continue making your financial offerings. You may do so in various ways:

- By Mail at: 600 Mount Vernon Church Rd., Raleigh NC 27614
- Via our website [www.saintsharbelchurch.org](http://www.saintsharbelchurch.org) by clicking on Donate
- Direct Deposit to First Citizens Bank : Routing #: 053100300, Acc # 000861430571
- Vanco: by downloading on your smartphone the free Give+ application.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2020

<b>March 22</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Great Friday of the Crucifixion</b>
<b>April 12</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>The Glorious Resurrection</b>



## A Letter from our Bishop

### Revised Statement on the Coronavirus

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Religious Men and Women, and Lay Faithful:

These days of the Coronavirus have been most difficult. We look to God and to modern science to help us in our great need. The Center for Disease Control has recommended that social gatherings are to be avoided for the next 8 weeks. Some states have prohibited such gatherings by law, giving regulations on the numbers of people gathered. This gives deep pause to reflect on what our 45 parishes ought to do as we look for a way forward in this new reality.

I ask that we do not cancel the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and continue to offer it daily. In this time of crisis, we need the Liturgy. If possible, I encourage our priests to live stream the Liturgy to our faithful who wish to make a spiritual communion (see prayer below). **During this time of crisis, the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy on Sunday.** In fact, in this present crisis, I strongly recommend what health officials have been telling us, to stay home unless for something essential.

On Sundays, I ask the priests to observe all directives issued by civil authorities as best as possible with pastoral prudence, and to be creative. Times for the Sacrament of Penance and Friday Lenten devotions need not be cancelled, but social gatherings should be cancelled at this time.

Let us redouble our efforts to care for one another in creative ways, as Pope Francis has urged us. In times like this God can bring out the best in us, and we can rise to the call of service. I am asking our priests to keep the doors of their Church open to those who desire to come and pray, and to be available to the sick, especially to offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

May the prayers, Our Lady, Saint Joseph, and the Hosts of Heaven be with us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

- Gregory John Mansour

**Our Sunday Liturgy will be broadcasted live on our Facebook page, Saint Sharbel church Raleigh NC, at 11:00 AM**

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.