

# SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

WEEKLY BULLETIN #2020-85  
[August 16, 2020]



## PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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**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

## August/2020

**August 15**

**Assumption of Virgin Mary**

**Epistle**

Rom 12:9-15

**Gospel**

Lk 1:46-55



**August 16**

**12th Sunday of Pentecost**

**Epistle**

Eph 3:1-13

**Gospel**

Mt 15:21-28

**DATE**

**TIME**

**\* LITURGY INTENTIONS \***

**FROM**



**Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions**

August 15

5:00 PM

Personal Intentions

August 16

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

August 23

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

### HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2020

August 15

Cook-Out after Liturgy

August 16

No Coffee Hour

August 23

SAJ Pies after Liturgy



*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

**August 9, 2020**



*Weekly offering*

*\$529.00*

*Stipend*

*\$50.00*

**Total Income**

**\$579.00**

*Thank You for your generosity and your support*

### Important Messages

#### **Pentecost Season**

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Praying that all our Parishioners and friends will be filled with the Holy Spirit on this Pentecost Season.**



## **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.

## **RELIEF AID TO LEBANON**

On August 4th, a tremendous explosion devastated the Port of Beirut and the surrounding neighborhoods. More than 150 lives have been lost, over 4,000 injured and at least 300,000 lost their homes. This comes on top of the suffering already inflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the worst financial crisis in decades.

Saint Sharbel Church in Raleigh is raising funds to support one or more NGOs that are working on the frontlines of this crisis, mainly Caritas and St. Vincent De Paul. All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for your records.

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### **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 and asks you 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.saintshatbelchurch.org](http://www.saintshatbelchurch.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**

**Due to the Coronavirus, no social activity will take place until further notice.**

**If you cannot to come to Sunday's Liturgy, you may come on Wednesday thru Friday at 6:30 PM, and Saturday at 5:00 PM**

**On Saturday August 15, we will be having a cook-out after Liturgy.**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Fries will be supplied**

## Feast of the Assumption of Virgin Mary (August 15)

This is a fairly recent Catholic doctrine even though it is rooted in the early 4th century. It means that Mary is with the risen Christ in the fullness of her personality, which means "Body and Soul." Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed on November 1, 1950 "The Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, after her life on earth, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

As early as the fifth century, Christians celebrated a memorial of Mary patterned on the "birthday into heaven" of martyrs' anniversaries. This primitive "Memorial of Mary," sometimes observed on August 15th, evolved into the feast of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, which means the "falling asleep." As early as the sixth century, homilies on the Assumption appear, which bring out the perfect conformity of the Mother of Jesus with "her Son, the conqueror of sin and death." An eighth century prayer, originally an announcement of a procession on August 15, has survived as an entrance prayer in both Eastern and Western liturgies (e.g., the Maronite Rite and the Carmelite Rite): "On this day the Holy Mother of God suffered temporal death, but could not be held fast by the bonds of death, who gave birth to our Lord made flesh."

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### Assumption of Virgin Mary (August 15)

Qurbano P. 594; Anaphora of Saint Peter P. 774

### Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost (August 16)

Qurbano P. 425; Creed P. 748; Pre-Anaphora P.749; Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles P. 754

#### Dear Parishioners,

Since the restrictions on gathering into phase II are eased, we are relieved to be able to assemble to worship in a larger group. I would like to have no more than 50 people in the church during Liturgy. I would like to recommend the following:

- 1- Parishioners are advised to avoid coming to church if having elevated temperature, or if any family member have any encounter with a person who have Flu like symptoms or one family member or more have these symptoms themselves; such as runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath, body ache, loss of sense of smell or taste etc...
- 2- We have hand sanitizer, but please bring your own, if available, to keep all hands clean periodically.
- 3- Avoid touching and hand shaking during this stage.
- 4- Let us protect each other by trying to wear face mask
- 5- Let us practice social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet between each other. A group of one family may sit next to each other if they live in the same house.