



## PARISH SCHEDULE

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

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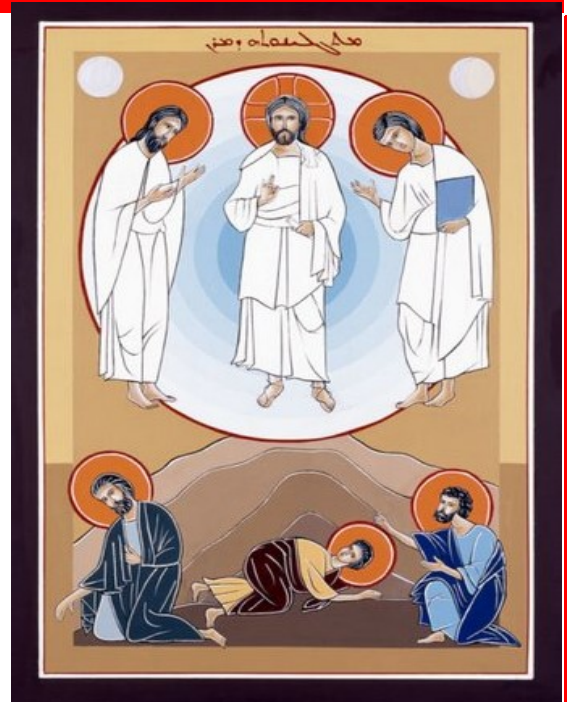
**Subdeacon:** Claude Shiver

**Sunday Liturgy:** 11:00 AM

**Saturday Liturgy:** 5:00 PM

**Wednesday & Friday Liturgy:** 6:30 PM

**Thursday Liturgy & Adoration:** 6:30 PM



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# READINGS

August/2022

August 7

10th Sunday of Pentecost

Epistle

1 Cor 12:1-11

Gospel

Mt 12:22-32



August 14

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Epistle

Eph 2:17-22

Gospel

Lk 19:1-10

TIME

\* LITURGY INTENTIONS \*

FROM



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

August 7

11:00 AM

Available

August 14

11:00 AM

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August 21

11:00 AM

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## HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2022

August 7

Laure Chemali

August 14

Maayah Family

August 21

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## PARISH OFFERING

July 31, 2022



Weekly offering

\$782.00

Donations

\$250.00

Total Income

\$1,032.00

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## Important Messages

### Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 21:1-14; Mt 23:13-15

Tuesday: Acts 21:15-26; Mt 23:16-22

Wednesday: Acts 21:30-40; Mt 23:23-26

Thursday: Acts 21:40-22:10; Lk 12:1-5

Friday: Acts 22:17-29; Lk 12:6-9

Saturday: Acts 22:30-23:11; Lk 12:10-12



## 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.

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- Via our website [www.saintshatbelchurch.org](http://www.saintshatbelchurch.org) by clicking on Donate
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## Upcoming Second Collection

- Sept. 11: Catholic University of America  
 Oct. 23: World Mission Sunday  
 Nov 13: Maronite Patriarchal Charities

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2022

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| August 6:     | Transfiguration of Our Lord                            |
| August 15:    | Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| August 21:    | Pastoral Council Meeting                               |
| September 11: | Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Celebrated)              |
| September 14: | Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Actual)                  |



## 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Qurbono P. 492; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. John p. 815

### The Transfiguration of Our Lord

We call this story (or “event” if you prefer) the Transfiguration, the day on which Peter, James, and John were **privileged to see Jesus in a way no one** (as far as we know) **had seen him before**. The story is an incredibly dramatic one. These three followers of Jesus not only see him in a **glorious** sort of way, but also see **Moses and Elijah** alongside of him. And then of course we have **The Voice** --- a voice from the clouds which only seems to echo down from heaven when there is something really important going on.

**“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him”**

On the surface, this story does seem to be one of those stories we simply **admire from afar**, seems to be a story that is so **far removed from our day-to-day lives**. Does this story really have **little to offer us**? Is it really one of those stories to which **we can’t relate**?

What really stand out for me is the fact that **Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus**. This seems to be a tremendously important detail. After all, Jesus could have been transfigured with them nowhere in sight. That would have been enough to make his point. Yet, the presence of Moses and Elijah would have been a **powerful symbol and signal** to Peter, James, and John. These two were considered to be **close to God**, and the Jewish people believed that deeply. To Peter, James, and John, the presence of Moses and Elijah would have signaled to them that Jesus was not a **disconnection from the past**, but a **fulfillment of it**.

On one hand the story shows us the **importance of others** in living a life of faith. Just as Moses and Elijah (and prophets after them) helped **guide the people** remain close to God, helped them stay **focused on what really matters** --- so too we have people in our lives who have much to teach us and show us about what it means to **be a child of God**. These people are (in a sense) prophets in our own time, in our own little corner of the world --- friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, you name it. And these men and women are **invaluable**, for they can help keep us on the path, can help **illuminate some deep truths for us**. And so we must be ready to respond to goodness and kindness and generosity and love and wisdom and truth **wherever** we find it, in **whomever** we find it. God doesn’t work simply from the outside. He works through countless of his children --- even through you and me.

But in the end, let’s make sure that the voice that gets the **last word**, the voice that we **listen for the most deeply and attentively**, the voice that **trumps all others**, is the voice of our Lord Jesus. That’s the voice that ultimately matters.