



# SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

WEEKLY BULLETIN #2023-221  
March 19, 2023

## PARISH SCHEDULE

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

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**Pastor:** Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

**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

## March / 2023

**March 19** St. Joseph the Virgin & Healing of the Paralytic

**Epistle**

Eph 3:1-13

**Gospel**

Mt 1:18-25



**March 26** Healing of the Blind Man

**Epistle**

2 Cor 10:1-7

**Gospel**

Mk 10:46-52

**TIME**

**\* LITURGY INTENTIONS \***

**FROM**



**Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions**

March 19

11:00 AM

All Parishioners

By: The Priest

March 26

11:00 AM

Available

April 2

11:00 AM

All Parishioners

By: The Priest

## HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

March 19

Sarah Abboodi

March 26

Eya Najm

April 2

Hosanna Sunday Luncheon



*To sponsor a coffee hour pls contact Gloria Salim-Brown: 919.345.3483, gsalim@aol.com.  
Donation for coffee hour is appreciated*

## PARISH OFFERING

March 12, 2023



Weekly offering	\$616.00
Second Collection	\$67.00
Donation	\$1,150.00
Coffee Hour	\$35.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,868.00</b>

*Thank You for your generosity and  
your support*

## Important Messages

### Daily Readings

Monday: Eph 5:3-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 1 Tim 1:1-8; Mk 6:47-56

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 7:11-17

Thursday: 2 Tim 1:6-14; Mk 4:33-41

Friday: Phil 2:12-19; Lk 4:31-44

Saturday: Gal 3:15-22; Lk 1:26-38



## **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.

## **Thank You for Supporting Your Church**

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

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## **Eparchial Charities Appeal**

Second Collection from February 2 - April 6 , 2023, is dedicated to the Bishop's Appeal. It will be divided as follows: 20% priests' retirement; 40% seminary; 10% endowment fund; 20% Eparchial Ministries; 10% Lebanon. Our assessment this year is \$1500.00. I appreciate your generosity to meet the required amount.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2023**

March 19:	St. Joseph the Spouse of the Virgin Mary
March 24-26:	MYO Regional Retreat in Richmond, VA
March 25:	The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary
March 25:	Lenten Fish Fry: 11:00 AM—7:00 PM
April 2:	Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)
April 2:	Pick up Maamoul Order

## Revelation to Joseph

Qurbono P. 57; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. James p. 794

Joseph, the spouse of Mary, lived a life of obscurity and devotion, and suffered the same lot during the first centuries of the Church. However, we find that Jerome praises his virginity; John Chrysostom spoke about his sufferings and his joys. It is said that Helen built a church in his honor at Bethlehem and a feast has been celebrated in his memory by the Eastern Churches since the ninth century. The Maronite Church celebrates his feast on the fifth Sunday of the Season of Announcement and also on March 19.

From the day of the announcement of Gabriel to Mary and her virginal conception, three months had already passed. During this time, Mary kept silent. Although the consequences could have been disastrous to her reputation, she revealed the great mystery to no one, not even Joseph, her betrothed, or her relative, Elizabeth. She trusted in God and knew that he would reveal the great mystery in his own time and in his own way. The Lord did just that. According to Jewish law, betrothal was equivalent to marriage. Even before cohabitation, if a man desires to leave a woman, he had to give the bride a written divorce. If the groom were to die, the bride was considered to be a widow. If the woman was found guilty of adultery, it was the duty of the man to repudiate her publicly.

When Joseph discovered that Mary was pregnant, he could not understand how something like this could have happened. Mary continued to be modest, kind and compassionate. Saint Jerome describes Joseph's confusion. "Joseph, knowing the chastity of Mary and admiring what happened, hid in a silence the mystery he was unable to understand." Just as Mary respected the mystery, so also did Joseph. However, he decided that it was his duty to send her away in silence, even though he would have to suffer. They would have to separate rather than unveil the mystery. The Holy Family began with this martyrdom of self in the face of God's mystery.

God intervened in a dream, which Joseph did not doubt as coming from heaven. God told Joseph that Mary was pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. He also gave Joseph his role as the

"father" of the family: "Mary will give birth and you will call him Jesus." This child will deliver people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21). A great responsibility was given to Joseph and, like Mary, he accepted the will of God.

Joseph was called to be the humble servant of God, Jesus and Mary. He would do all his duties in silence. He would serve, protect, provide and die before even seeing a miracle. His entire life became one of love, immolation, sacrifice, work and self-effacement.

He would take Mary to Bethlehem, flee to Egypt, bring Jesus and Mary out of Egypt, look for Jesus in the Temple—and die in silence. This was his mission and he accomplished it because he trusted in God.

Joseph has often been compared to the Joseph of the Old Testament, the son of Jacob. As Joseph of the Old Testament saved Egypt and its neighbors, may the Joseph of the New Testament save the Church and all those who come to him. "Go to Joseph. He has the riches of the king! The King has entrusted to him the distribution of his goods!"