



WEEKLY BULLETIN #2023-227

April 30, 2023

SAINT
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PARISH

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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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

April-May/2023

April 30	4th Sunday of the Resurrection	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Heb 13:18-25	Jn 21:1-14
May 7	5th Sunday of the Resurrection; Our Lady of Lebanon	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Eph 2:1-10	Jn 21:15-19



* LITURGY INTENTIONS * FROM



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions


April 30	11:00 AM	Abdo Y Al Bachaalani, Souad Najm, & Joseph A Al Bachaalani	By: Yvonne & Joumana Najm
May 7	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest
May 14	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

April 30	Yvonne & Joumana Najm
May 7	Jacques Akl-Matar
May 14	Mother's Day Brunch



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



PARISH OFFERING

April 23, 2023

Weekly offering	\$1,132.00
Donation	\$300.00
Second Collection	\$115.00
Total Income	\$1,547.00

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-10; Lk 5:1-11

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-12; Lk 8:22-25

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:13-20; Jn 6:1-15

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:1-13; Jn 6:16-21

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-12; Jn 6:22-27

Saturday: 1 Thes 5:12-28; Mt 14:22-33

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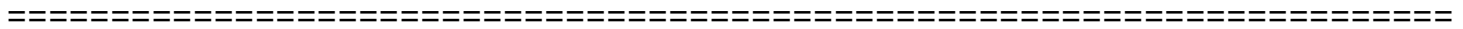
THE SANCTUARY LAMP

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 by clicking on Donate
- Direct Deposit to First Citizens Bank : Routing #: 053100300, Acc # 000861430571



Upcoming Second Collection

- May 7: National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon
- May 21: Catholic Communications Campaign
- June 25: Holy Father's Collection (Peter's Pence)

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2023

- May 7: Our Lady of Lebanon & First Communion
- May 14: Mother's Day Brunch
- May 18: The Ascension of the Lord (**Holy Day of Obligation**)
- May 28: Pentecost Sunday
- June 8: Thursday of the Body of Christ

Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

Qurbano P. 315; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Sixtus p. 856

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Christ is Risen

Jesus Appears to the Apostles on the Lake (John 21:1-14)

This Sunday reminds us of the appearance of Jesus to seven of his disciples on the Lake of Tiberias. They are: Peter, Thomas, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, John the beloved disciple, and two others unnamed. It is a miraculous catch through the power of the word of the living and risen Jesus. It symbolizes the catching of men by the Apostles. The Church Fathers refers to the fishing net as the Church, whose mission is to gather in the living Christ all the nations of the earth.

They worked hard all night long but caught nothing. This is a clear sign that their mission now is no longer to catch fish, but to catch people for salvation. The living and risen Jesus who is present among them is the one who is behind this miraculous catch. They recognized him from the abundance of fish they caught and from the fact that their net was not torn! The Beloved Disciple "John" was the first to recognize him. He was the one who cried out to alert Peter "It is the Lord." Peter put on some cloths and jumped into the water since he was stripped. They also recognized him through the number of fish, one hundred fifty-three to be exact. This number is symbolic and consists of the following: $9 \times 17 = 153$, the number 9 or 3×3 refers to the divine and miraculous work of the Lord Jesus. The number 17 or $10 + 7$ refers to the concept of totality and wholeness. Number 7 symbolizes fullness and perfection. Number 10 refers to the Church who is called to gather all nations and to grant them the fullness of God's grace and to offer them salvation. The final sign in which the disciples recognized the risen Lord was when, "Jesus took the bread gave it to them," which is a clear sign referring to the Eucharist. The bread, becoming the Eucharist, is the true and distinguished reason through which the believer comes to meet the risen and the living Lord.

Lord Jesus, you died and were buried like all mortals. By your resurrection you conquered evil and trampled upon death. You gave us life and opened for us the gates of Heaven. As we stumble along the journey of life, grant us peace and hope so that we may remain in the assembly of believers and inherit Eternal Life. Amen.