



SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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May 7, 2023

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

May/2023

May 7	5th Sunday of the Resurrection; Our Lady of Lebanon	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Eph 2:1-10	Jn 21:15-19
May 14	6th Sunday of the Resurrection	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Rom 10:1-13	Lk 24:36-48



*** LITURGY INTENTIONS * FROM**

<p>Mass Intentions</p>	<h2>Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions</h2>
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May 7	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest
May 14	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest
May 18	6:30 PM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

May 7	First Communion
May 14	Mother's Day Brunch
May 21	Dolly Matar



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 30, 2023

<i>Weekly offering</i>	<i>\$1,569.00</i>
<i>Donation</i>	<i>\$600.00</i>
Total Income	\$2,169.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Phil 1:1-10; Lk 22:28-34
 Tuesday: Phil 1:12-20; Jn 1:35-42
 Wednesday: Phil 1:21-30; Mt 16:11-20
 Thursday: Phil 2:1-11; Mt 16:21-28
 Friday: Phil 2:12-18; Mt 18:18-22
 Saturday: Phil 2:19-30; Mt 17:24-27



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

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- 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

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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

Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon

Qurbono P. 454; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. John Chrysostom p. 876

Jesus Hands Over the Governing Authority to Peter (John:21:15-19)

After the resurrection Jesus appeared to Peter and the disciples on the lake of Tiberias where he told them to cast the net to the right side of the boat for the miraculous catch. The three times answer of Saint Peter to Jesus that he loves him, forgives Peter's three times denial of Jesus at the night of his passion. It also explains why Jesus himself handed to Peter the responsibility of the flock, which is actually the Church, and commanded him three times: "feed my lambs..., tend my sheep..., feed my sheep...!"

Jesus did not hand down the responsibility of the church to the Disciple he loves, but to the one who loves Jesus. He would be in place of Jesus—a dignified shepherd for the Church. This completes the picture which the Evangelist portrayed in the scenario of the miraculous catch that we learned in last Sunday's Gospel. The Church is not an organization beset by chaos, anarchy and disruption. It is rather an organized community guided by the divine authority; and thus, by a dignified human authority which represents the authority of the concealed Jesus. It is Christ himself who is the Rock and the Shepherd. He authorized Peter as the Shepherd and made him the Rock! Therefore, following in the footsteps of his Master, Peter must also offer himself for the life of the sheep, thus, for the life of the Church. This, in fact, is the whole meaning of the expression "Follow Me!" It basically means following in his footsteps including death and martyrdom. Furthermore, "Follow Me" is about accepting the Lord's teaching, handed down to us by the Church and by being his true dedicated disciples.

The Scriptural readings for the rest of the week tell us more details about the relationship between the Lord Jesus and the special role to which he called the Apostle Simon Peter: Saint Luke brings about the prayer Jesus had for Peter: "I have prayed that your own faith may not fail and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." In Saint John the first encounter between Jesus and Simon Peter was when Jesus told him "you are Simon the son of John, you will be called Caiphas which means Peter." In Saint Matthew Peter expresses to Jesus that he does not wish him to go through suffering and death whereby Jesus responds: "Get behind me, Satan, you are an obstacle to me, you are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Loving Lord, Grant us to recognize you, to love you and to abide by your commandments. Help us understand our mission and strengthen us so that we may be able to live our faith as true Christian Disciples, and witness to your Holy Name all throughout our lives. Amen.