



# SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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May 28, 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 - June / 2023

<b>May 28</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Acts 2:1-21	Jn 14:15-20
<b>June 4</b>	<b>Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Rom 11:25-36	Mt 28:16-20



**\* LITURGY INTENTIONS \* FROM**



## Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

May 28	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest
June 4	11:00 AM	Josephine Tohme Aoun	By: Bassam & Micheline Aoun
June 11	11:00 AM	Available	

## HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

May 28	Youth Choir Picnic
June 4	Micheline Aoun
June 11	Jacques Akl-Matar



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

### PARISH OFFERING

May 21, 2023



Weekly offering	\$1,438.00
Donation	\$350.00
Coffee Hour	\$129.00
Second Collection	\$79.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,996.00</b>

*Thank You for your generosity and your support*

### Important Messages

#### Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 2:22-28; Jn 3:5-8  
 Tuesday: Acts 2:29-39; Jn 4:21-24  
 Wednesday: Acts 2:40-47; Jn 7:37-39  
 Thursday: Acts 3:1-10; Jn 14:1-7  
 Friday: Acts 3:11-21; Jn 14:8-14  
 Saturday: Acts 3:22-4:4; Jn 14:27-31



## **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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## **Upcoming Second Collection**

- June 25: Holy Father’s Collection (Peter’s Pence)
- Sept. 10: Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary
- Oct. 22: World Mission Sunday

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

- May 27: “Evening with Our Lady” after 5:00 PM Liturgy
- May 28: Pentecost Sunday
- May 28: Picnic organized by the Youth Choir at 1:00 PM
- June 8: Thursday of the Body of Christ
- June 12: Finance Committee Meeting

## **Pentecost Sunday**

**Qurbano P. 406; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Mark p. 835**

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke defined the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples on the Fiftieth day after Jesus' resurrection (Acts 2:1). He also specified the Ascension on the Fortieth after the resurrection (Acts 1:3). The event of the Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost is a single historical and theological event. However, Church liturgical celebration separated them. The "Fortieth" day symbolizes a complete period of time through which a great salvific event is accomplished. The "Fiftieth" day refers to the fullness of time, meaning: The Seven Weeks. That is why it is called in the Torah the "Feast of Weeks" or the "Feast of Pentecost" referring to the "Feast of Gathering" and commemorating, on the day of the Gathering at the foot of Mount Sinai, the handing on of the Law to Moses and the seal of the covenant between God and his people. St. Luke applied this tradition to the new Christian community. On the Fiftieth day when the Israelites exited Egypt, God gave them the Law in Sinai. On the Fiftieth day of the Resurrection, and before he goes back to the Father, Jesus gave his Apostles the Holy Spirit, the Law of the New Covenant.

Pentecost is at the same time the beginning of a new liturgical season stretching about eighteen weeks, from Pentecost Sunday until September 14, the Exaltation of the Cross. It is the Season of the Holy Spirit who perfects in us the work of the Father and the Son. It is the Season of the Church who lives, with all her children every day in the Holy Spirit, the mystery of Christ the living redeemer, until the end of time, and grows in Faith, Hope and Love.

The Season of Pentecost is organized into three different periods: (a) The first four Sundays cover the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and to the Church. In a salvific historical event, the Church receives the Holy Spirit. She is born anew through a special bond at the feast of Pentecost. (b) The fifth to the tenth Sunday cover the presence of the Holy Spirit in the mission of the Apostles and of the Church, their witness in the Church, and the Divine Wisdom speaking through them. This is closely connected with the feast of Saints Peter and Paul and the feast of the Twelve Apostles. (c) The eleventh to the eighteenth Sunday cover the presence of the Holy Spirit in the heart of every baptized faithful. It is seen in the fruits of the evangelic mission to the Jews and to all nations through preaching, listening and accepting the Word. It is also seen in our prayer life, in the love of the neighbor and in the everlasting love of God. All of these are closely connected with both feasts, the Transfiguration and the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven and her maternal role in the Church.

In today's Gospel, during the last supper, Jesus promised his disciples that he will ask the Father to send them the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, to remain with them and to dwell within each one of them so that they will be able to see him alive, not physically, but through faith and through the power of the Holy Spirit.