



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

June/2023

June 18

4th Sunday of Pentecost

Epistle

1 Cor 2:11-16

Gospel

Lk 10:21-24



June 25

Sts. Peter & Paul

Epistle

2 Cor 11:21-30

Gospel

Mt 16:13-20



TIME

* LITURGY INTENTIONS *

FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

June 18

11:00 AM

Michel Youssef Rezk

By: Patti Karam

June 25

11:00 AM

Available

July 2

11:00 AM

Available

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

June 18

Marie Ghanimeh

June 25

Available

July 2

Available



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

PARISH OFFERING

June 11, 2023



Weekly offering	\$1,098.00
Coffee Hour	\$22.00
Candle Intentions	\$37.00
Total Income	\$1,157.00

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your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 7:44-50; Mt 18:1-5

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Mt 18:6-10

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Mt 18:11-14

Thursday: Acts 8:9-13b; Mt 18:15-20

Friday: Acts 8:26-40; Mt 18:21-35

Saturday: Gal 4:21-5:1; Lk 1:57-66



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 by clicking on Donate
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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

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| June 18: | Father's Day Gathering at 6:30 PM |
| June 24: | Evening with Our Lady after 5:00 PM Liturgy |
| June 25: | Pastoral Council Meeting |
| July 3-6: | Clergy Retreat |
| July 6-9: | NAM 58th National Convention at Providence, RI |

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Qurbono P. 425; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. John p. 815

Jesus Rejoices in the Holy Spirit (Luke 10:21-24)

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit. In the presence of his disciples he offered a hymn of thanks and praise to God the Father who has revealed his mystery to them, who are the “small children” and not to the wise Pharisees! He invites us all to become his disciples because he is humble of heart, his yoke is easy, and burden light!

This particular passage is found in Luke and in Matthew. Jesus expresses his unique filial relation with God his Father in three ways: (a) God has handed over everything to Jesus, (b) the use of the word “Son” with the absolute reference to Jesus, and (c) the mutual knowledge between the Father and the Son. This shows the true authenticity and witnesses to the faith of the first Christian Community in the divinity of Jesus. It is explained as follows:

1. Jesus finds delight in his relation to the Spirit of God and to God himself, whom he acknowledges as Father. He extols the Father, who has seen fit to reveal eschatological secrets not to the wise of the world, but to the “small children” the chosen disciple. What they have seen and heard has been a revelation from the Father himself. They have been eyewitnesses of the Son’s unique revelation. In the old Covenant, prophets and kings longed to see God’s salvific plan at work. Now, however, the “small children” of this age have witness it. The wisdom of simplicity is here told. You do not need to be a scholar to be a good Christian. To be a good Christian should not mean that one must know all theories about the New Testament, or all doctrines of theology and Christology. **To be a good Christian does not mean knowing about Christ, but it means knowing Christ.** To know Christ does not require earthly or worldly wisdom but a simple touch of heavenly grace.

2. The unique relationship which exists between God and Jesus, “the Father and the Son.” This is what the Gospel of John (1:14) meant by “The Word became flesh,” John (10:30) “I and the Father are one” and John (14:9) Jesus said to Philip: “He who has seen me has seen the Father.” To the Greeks at the time there was a huge gap between what is tangible and what is intangible, between matter and spirit, between God and man. Thus, the concept of God as a Father, the way Christ introduced it, was then unknown. He explained further that “the words I speak are not spoken of myself, it is the Father who lives in me accomplishing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe because of the works I do.” This proves that if we want to know God, we must look at Jesus in whom we will find the mind, the words, and the deeds of God.

3. Jesus is the consummation of all history. He privately told his disciples that he is the one that prophets and kings wished to see but could not. He explained to them that he is the peak to which history was climbing. Jesus is the fulfillment because God’s plan of salvation has been proclaimed. This is why the disciples are blessed, for they saw and heard what kings and prophets of old could not experience. Revealing himself to them, Christ is revealing himself to us. We are truly blessed because he is happy with us hearing his word and being his disciples. This, in fact, is a direct link to what the Gospel of last week taught us.