



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-July/2023

June 25

Sts. Peter & Paul

Epistle

2 Cor 11:21-30

Gospel

Mt 16:13-20



July 2

6th Sunday of Pentecost

Epistle

1 Cor 12:12-13, 27-30

Gospel

Mt 10:16-25



TIME

* L I T U R G Y I N T E N T I O N S *

FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

June 25

11:00 AM

Remember Me In Your Kingdom

By: The Priest

July 2

11:00 AM

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By: Nada Nahas Taylor

July 9

11:00 AM

Available

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

June 25

Available

July 2

Available

July 9

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 18, 2023



Weekly offering	\$1,385.52
Donation	\$655.00
Coffee Hour	\$32.00
Total Income	\$2,072.52

Thank You for your generosity and
your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 9:19b-30; Mt 10:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 9:31-43; Mt 13:9-13

Wednesday: Acts 10:1-10; Mt 10:21-26

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:21-30; Mt 16:13-20

Friday: Acts 10:44-48; Mt 10:34-39

Saturday: Acts 11:19-30; Mt 10:40-11:1



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 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 |

Sts. Peter & Paul

Qurbono P. 562; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Peter p. 774

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

When Jesus asked the Apostles “who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They answered what was commonly known by the people—that he was one of the great prophets who rose from the dead. This belief is based on what appeared in Deuteronomy 18:18, that God promised to raise a prophet from among the people. Here are some references: There is one about John the Baptist in the Gospel of John, another about Elijah in the First Book of Kings and another about Jeremiah in the Book of Jeremiah. But Peter confessed and testified that Jesus is the Son of Living God, the long awaited Messiah.

The Rock upon which Jesus intended to build his church referred either to Jesus himself (his plan of salvation in dying for us on the Cross) or referred to Peter (the first leader in the church of Jerusalem), or to the confession of faith that Peter had made back then, and the profession of faith that all the faithful had offered and continue to after him. Peter mentioned that the faithful are the Church which is established on the base of the apostles and prophets, wherein Jesus Christ himself is the cornerstone. All the faithful are united in this church through Faith in Jesus Christ, the Savior. Jesus praised Peter because of his confession and his faith and said to him: *“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”* This shows that the faith of Peter is the foundation of the Messiah’s kingdom.

This claim has been the subject of dialogue throughout centuries. Some say that the keys of the Kingdom represent the authority to establish the laws of the Church (Mt.18:15-18). Others say they represent the authority to forgive sins (Jn.20:23). Still others say that the keys are an opportunity to bring people to the kingdom of heaven by introducing the mission of salvation through the Word of God (Acts, 15:7-9). None of us has the ability to decide whether to open or to shut the kingdom of heaven for others. However, God uses us to help others discover the way to come to him, for the gates of the kingdom are wide open to those who believe.

Jesus warned the Apostles from spreading the testimonial of Peter about him being the Messiah for two reasons. On the one hand, because up until that moment they have not as of yet comprehended the truths about his mission. On the other hand, because Jesus did not come to the world to be an army leader or a warrior, but a suffering servant. Before they can spread the news that he is the Messiah, it was necessary for them to come to a complete understanding of the mission of Jesus as Lord, and of their own mission as disciples. Jesus’ warning to the Apostles was a precautionary measure so as not to spread around this Messiah business and cause a revolution against the Romans. They needed a very long and arduous time to understand what he came to accomplish before his earthly mission was completed.

The weakness and denial of Peter, the defiance and persecution of Paul were transformed into strength, belief, obedience and enthusiasm. The same phenomenon affected apostles and disciples alike. They went into the entire world preaching the good news. God sends Jesus. Jesus calls and commissions. Apostles and disciples answer and cooperate. The Holy Spirit guides and empowers. The Church was born. Blending the character of the church with Love, obedience, perseverance, hard work, cooperation, commitment, heroism, charity, they turned the world upside down. The simple and tiny nucleus which started in Galilee, became the strong and powerful church which converted nations, tumbled empires and established God’s kingdom on earth. The kingdom of God is in our midst, we belong to it. Being the apostles and disciples of the twenty-first century, are we willing to continue the mission which started in Galilee over two thousand years ago?