



# SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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July 9, 2023

## PARISH SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM**

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**Pastor:** Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

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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

## July/2023

<b>July 9</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	2 Cor 3:1-6	Lk 10:1-7
<b>July 16</b>	<b>8th Sunday of Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Rom 8:1-11	Mt 12:14-21



		<b>* LITURGY INTENTIONS * FROM</b>	
<b>Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions</b>			

July 9	11:00 AM	Available	
July 16	11:00 AM	Karimeh Kfoury Ishak	By: Doumit Y Ishak
July 23	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest

# HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

July 9	Rita Jajo
July 16	Doumit Y Ishak
July 23	St Sharbel Luncheon



*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

### July 2, 2023



Weekly offering	\$1,187.00
Coffee Hour	\$122.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,309.00</b>

*Thank You for your generosity and your support*

## Important Messages

### Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 14:1-7; Lk 10:8-12  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:8-18; Lk 10:13-16  
 Wednesday: Acts 14:19-28; Lk 10:17-20  
 Thursday: Acts 15:1-12; Lk 10:25-28  
 Friday: Acts 15:13-21; Lk 10:29-37  
 Saturday: Acts 15:22-30; Lk 10:38-42



## 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
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## Upcoming Second Collection

- Sept. 10: Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary
- Oct. 22: World Mission Sunday
- Nov. 5: Maronite Patriarchal Charities

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2023

- July 23: Luncheon, Feast of St. Sharbel
- Aug. 6: Transfiguration of Our Lord
- Aug. 15: Assumption of the Virgin Mary (**Holy Day of Obligation**)
- Sept. 9-10: "Taste of Lebanon" Festival
- Dec. 16: 23rd Annual Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 16: Reverse Drawing Raffle

# Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

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

## The Commissioning of the Seventy-two Disciples (Luke 10:1-7)

This Sunday, we celebrate the calling and commissioning of the seventy-two disciples in addition to the twelve apostles. Number 72 represents the elders whom Moses appointed to assist him in the desert (Nm 11:16). It also points out to the number of pagan nations mentioned in the Torah, which means that the evangelical mission is not limited to the twelve, and that the preaching in Palestine is only the prelude to the preaching in the pagan world. The calling and commissioning of the seventy-two disciples is the very same that was given to the twelve apostles. Only St. Luke mentions the following command: “greet no one on the way” because time is short. Proclaiming the good news does not allow procrastination and waste of time. The concern of the apostles is to preach the word of God and not take a rest in this house or in that!

We are God’s elect and thus each of us receive a personal calling vocation. Different missions within the Church require different vocations. Each vocation has meaning only because of Christ and his relationship to those chosen for that particular task. From the outset of his ministry, Jesus called the apostles who have gracefully accepted his message. At a given moment, the Master called them, and they made an act of faith and instantly left all and followed him. As Christians we must give up all else in order to adhere to his call. The chosen apostles learned to know and to love Jesus and his mission with which they were to be so intimately associated. The four evangelists described the stages of this union and cooperation from the first call until the Galilean mission. The Apostles’ adherence and their new ministry was confirmed by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which established the Church and resulted in full union with him.

It is God who calls through Jesus, and this choice can be explained only in terms of love. “You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and have appointed you that you should go and bear fruit” (John 15:16). This choice is an extraordinary gift by God to those who are chosen: “You shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel” (Mt 19:28). Everything depends on God’s choice: What proportion is there between these men and the divine task entrusted to them? It is God who is at work. The apostles need feel neither vanity nor fear. It is enough if they cooperate and entrust all to him who is the Master of the work assigned. What is true of the twelve apostles is true also of the seventy-two disciples and of all those who received spiritual gifts in the service of the Church.

Whatever our role in the Church may be, we have been called as individuals and we have been given a mission to serve the Lord and his people. We must believe in the Father’s generous act and humbly give him praise. Our vocation requires that we must be closely united with him. To testify in the midst of an indifferent world to the existence of him who has loved us, is to prove the supernatural reality of his charity; and to do this is to be an apostle (John 17).

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, hard work, commitment, and 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 God’s kingdom. 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?