



SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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November 12, 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 Adoration: 6:30 PM



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READINGS

November/2023



November 12	Renewal of the Church	
	Epistle	
	Heb 9:11-15	Jn 10:22-42
November 19	Announcement to Zechariah	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Rom 4:13-25	Lk 1:1-25

*** LITURGY INTENTIONS * FROM**



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions


Nov.12	11:00 AM	Available	
Nov. 19	11:00 AM	Available	
Nov. 26	11:00 AM	Khalil Youssef Farah:40-Day Memorial Dalila Saab Lawandos	By: The Priest By: Habib Lawandos

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

November 12	Denise & George Harb
November 19	Rita & John Jajo
November 26	Jocelyne Farah & Amale Gebrael Lawandos



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



PARISH OFFERING
November 5, 2023

Weekly offering	\$922.00
Coffee Hour	\$47.00
Second Collection	\$72.00
Total Income	\$1,041.00

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Heb 8:1-6; Jn 10:1-6
 Tuesday: Heb 8:7-13; Jn 10:7-10
 Wednesday: Heb 9:15-23; Jn 10:11-16
 Thursday: Heb 9:24-28; Jn 10:17-21
 Friday: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
 Saturday: Heb 3:1-6; Mk 1:12-28

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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 by clicking on Donate
- Direct Deposit to First Citizens Bank : Routing #: 053100300, Acc # 000861430571

Upcoming Second Collection

December 25: Pastor's Collection

January 28: United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2023

Dec. 3: Ste. Barbara: Trunk or Treat & Costume Competition

Dec. 8: The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Dec.10: Children Christmas Party with Santa

Dec. 16: 23rd Annual Christmas Dinner and Reverse Drawing Raffle

Dec.25: The Glorious Birth of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Sunday of the Renewal of the Church

Qurbano P. 7; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. James p. 794

Renewal of the Church (John 10:22-42)

The history of the Renewal of the Church dates back to the early Christian centuries. It is compared to the Feast of the Dedication (Hanukkah) of the Temple of Jerusalem after it had been desecrated by Emperor Antiochus Epiphanius for three and a half years (I Kings 4:36-59). Thus, the Church is purified and renewed constantly through Christ, who is her new Temple.

Christ reveals his new complete mystery: He is the Son of God. He proclaimed it before the Jewish authority in Jerusalem at the occasion of the Dedication feast during which worship in the Temple was renewed. He is the awaited one who was promised by the prophets and who was consecrated by God to lead his people to salvation. He is the Son of God, which means he comes from the heart of God—more sacred than what was promised and awaited! This faith in Jesus Christ and in the Son of God is the complete apostolic Christian Faith, as it was proclaimed by his first Apostles: Peter, John and Matthew along with all the apostles and the Church, who today renew this same faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds the Jews that he is doing the work of the Father. Then he reverts to the figure of the shepherd and the sheep. The pasturage to which he leads his sheep is eternal life. He is the good and true shepherd to whom the sheep have been given by the Father. Since the Father's omnipotence is the true guarantee of the gift, thus, it is not possible for Jesus to loose any of the sheep and no one can snatch them from him. By saying "The Father and I are one" Jesus triggered the anger of the Jews, because to them, Father and Son have one will, mind and action. Therefore, they have accused of blasphemy because he had said: "I am the Son of God."

According to their own principles, the Jews could not ignore the scriptural argument that is proposed to them. "The one whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world." The occasion of the feast which commemorates the renewal of worship suggested the word Dedication used in the scriptural lesson. Here, Jesus is proposing himself as the replacement of the Old Temple. He is known for whom he is because he does the work of the Father. Jesus is challenging the Jews on two grounds by saying to them: (a) do not believe in me if I do not perform my Father's works; and (b) but if I perform them, even though you put no faith in me, put faith in these works." The Jews must credit their senses and acknowledge that what Jesus does is of divine origin. Their true acknowledgment of what Jesus does must lead them to acknowledge of what he is, one with the Father: "So that you may come to know and realize that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." This silenced his opponent but did not stop them from hating him and seeking his downfall.

Jesus is the new Temple, as he dedicates himself through the work of his Father. His Mystical Body, the Church, He renews for the life of the world. The Church on earth, the dwelling place of God, is renewed year after year. By inaugurating the Liturgical Year every November, we renew the physical structure of the Church. Through communion, we become the dwelling place of God, every time we receive him in the Eucharist. Thus, we are members of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. Saint Paul said in his First Letter to the Corinthians: "You are the body of Christ. Every one of you is a member in it." As we renew the Church every year we also must renew ourselves. Saint Paul teaches: "Your bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit." Therefore, let us renew our commitment to God and try to build one another, because by doing so we are building, his Church—his kingdom on earth.