



SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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November 26, 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—December/2023

November 26	Announcement to the Virgin Mary	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Gal 3:15-22	Lk 1:26-38
December 3	Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Eph 1:1-14	Lk 1:39-45



		* LITURGY INTENTIONS *		FROM
		Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions		
Nov. 26	11:00 AM	Khalil Youssef Farah:40-Day Memorial Dalila Saab Lawandos	By: The Priest By: Habib Lawandos	
Dec.3	11:00 AM	Available		
Dec. 8	6:30 PM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR /2023

November 26	Jocelyne Farah & Amale Gebrael Lawandos
December 3	Joumana & Marie Najm
December 10	Nathalie & George Ishak



*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 19, 2023



Weekly offering	\$1,436.00
Donation	\$5,000.00
Total Income	\$6,436.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Gal 3:1-6; Lk 11:27-32
 Tuesday: Gal 3:7-14; Mt 11:25-30
 Wednesday: Gal 3:23-29; Mt 13:54-58
 Thursday: Gal 4:1-7; Mt 12:46-50
 Friday: Gal 4:8-12; Jn 6:40-44
 Saturday: Gal 4:13-20; Lk 10:21-24



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

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- 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)

Announcement to the Virgin Mary

Qurbono P. 27; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. James p. 794

(LUKE 1:26-38)

Mary, a young Jewish girl, was hand-picked by God to be the mother of his only-begotten Anointed Son. Having chosen a life of solitude and set out to serve the Temple, God interfered in her life and changed her plan. When the Angel Gabriel announced to her the conception through the Holy Spirit, she was troubled and she wondered as to how such a thing might happen when she knows no man and when she intended to live her life for God alone. God's messenger Gabriel explained to her that this is God's plan, and no man will father her child. It is the will of God that she might accept; and it is God's power that changes and does the impossible.

A non-married Jewish female, found with a child in her father's home, Mary realized the embarrassment the scandal and the tremendous disappointment, let alone the shame she would inflict upon her highly regarded family in the community. The unquestioned obedience of Mary and her heroic decision are awesome. So young she was to decipher the signs and to be involved in God's plan. How wise was she to be able to see through this whole ordeal. In spite of the great risk and danger which surrounded her, in spite of the fact that many people will stigmatize her, in spite of the fact that she is running the risk of being stoned to death, she disregarded what humanity thinks and chose what God wants. What a powerful and magnanimous lesson God gives us through the life of Mary, The Mother of God. Her example and simplicity know no bound.

It did not take Mary too long to comprehend God's Divine Plan and to learn that God's son is the long awaited hope of the prophets. Unlike Zechariah who wanted a sign from God's messenger that whatever was promised was to happen, Mary did not test the ability of the creator but thoroughly succumbed to his will and fully accepted the announcement with unquestioned obedience. The Angel's sign to Zechariah was to strike him mute until the birth of his newly promised son John is born, whereas the Angel's sign to Mary was the bearing of good news. Gabriel announced to Mary that her kinswoman Elizabeth is no longer barren, but is now expecting a son in her old age. Mary believed the Angel's good news and she was happy for her cousin's blessing. This sign was enough for Mary to realize that this Angel's business is *real* and it is coming from God. In all humility and total obedience, Mary's response came: "I am the servant of the Lord, let it be done to me as you say." Through her obedience, Mary transformed the face of the world as the Lord worked through her. Cooperating with God, doing his will and obeying His statues is a guarantee for us to earn Eternal Life. The Scriptures are full of stories and parables showing the destiny of the people who disobeyed God and the rewards of those who cooperated with him and obeyed His commands. God will work miracles through us if we obey Him and His Church.

Dear lord, like Mary we are amazed and do not understand. Help us that we may learn your ways and accept whatever you plan for our lives. Strengthen our faith in you so we may dare to abandon our own selfish will and to depend totally on your Divine Will. Help us earn more trust in the plan you have for us because we often falter and grow weary of the stormy winds of life. We love and adore the mystery of your Most Holy and Glorious Trinity, Father Son and Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.