



SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

WEEKLY BULLETIN #2023-268
March 17, 2024

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

600 Mount Vernon Church Road
Raleigh, NC 27614

Tel: (919)917-7597

Email: abouna@saintsharbelchurch.org

website: www.saintsharbelchurch.org

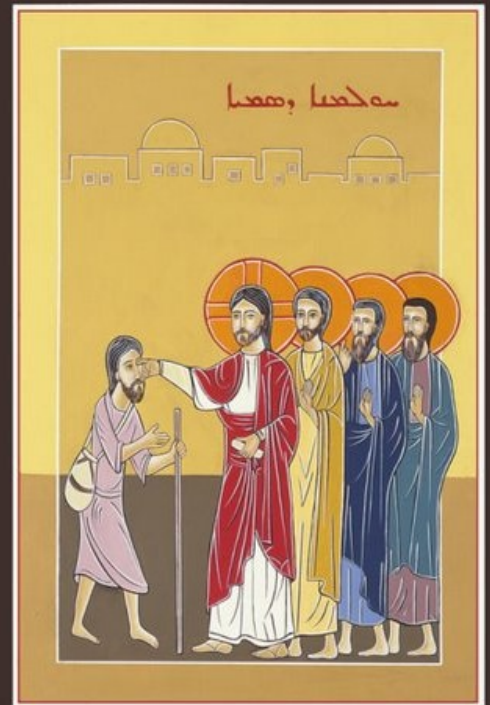
Pastor: Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday Liturgy: 6:30 PM

Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration: 6:30 PM



Donate Now PayPal



Donate Now PayPal



Please remember your Church by maintaining your donation through our Online Service by visiting our Website and clicking on the following link:

<http://saintsharbelchurch.org/donate/>

Your weekly donation will maintain our mission in her journey and keep our doors open.



Support St Sharbel Mission by shopping at AmazonSmile.

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to St Sharbel Mission. Support us every time you shop.

READINGS

March 2024

March 17	Healing of the Blind Man	
	Epistle	Gospel
	2 Cor 10:1-7	Mk 10:46-52
March 24	Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Phil 1:1-13	Jn 12:12-22



*** LITURGY INTENTIONS * FROM**

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

March 17	11:00 AM	Remember Me In Your Kingdom	By: The Priest
March 24	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest
March 31	12:00 AM 11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

March 17	Maryam & Awfeed Isho
March 24	Palm Sunday Luncheon
March 31	Easter Egg Hunt



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

PARISH OFFERING	
March 3, 2024	
<i>Weekly offering</i>	<i>\$1,045.00</i>
<i>Bishop's Appeal</i>	<i>\$139.00</i>
Total Income	\$1,184.00



Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Rom 15:25-33; Jn 7:32-36
 Tuesday: Eph 3:1-13; Mt 1:18-25
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 4:1-9; Lk 11:37-48
 Thursday: Tit 2:1-8; Lk 18:31-34
 Friday: 2 Thes 3:6-18; Lk 4:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 2:17-3:5; Jn 11:55-12:11

Thank You for your generosity and your support



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

February 12-March 28: Eparchial Charities Appeal

March 28: Holy Land Collection

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2023

- | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| March 19: | St. Joseph, The Chaste Spouse of Mary |
| March 24: | Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday) |
| March 25: | Annunciation to the Virgin Mary |

Every Friday during Lent: Stations & Benediction of the Cross at 6:30 PM

Sixth Sunday of Lent: Healing of the Blind Man

Qurbono P. 246; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles p. 754

Healing of the Blind Man (Mark 10:46-52)

The Healing of the Blind of Jericho is the conclusion of the miracles of Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels. This Sunday is the peak of all the Sundays of Lent in which we learn that Jesus is the One sent by God as the savior of mankind. He is the Light, the Way and the Life, without him we will remain like the blind man, begging for the cheap and perishable penny on the side of the road. We walk with him on the road and reach him wherever he is—in the abode of light and in the new life!

The One who said in the beginning: “Let there be light, is the same One who touched the eyes of the blind and said: “See the Light! and the blind man began to see! Then he said: “I am the Light of the World, I came so that those who do not see may see. He who follows me does not walk in darkness!” This last Sunday of Lent begins by granting light to the blind, and concludes with giving life to the dead Lazarus. The Light and the Life are two gifts closely connected to the coming of the savior to our land. These gifts were historically accomplished by the coming of Jesus into the world.

When the disciples and the crowd rebuked Bartimaeus, Jesus heard his cry for help and ordered the man to come close. Everyone realized that no force on earth was going to stop Bartimaeus from shaking off his world of darkness and coming face to face with Jesus. He was utterly determined to meet Christ whom he longed to see for the cure of his misfortune. He had a desperate desire to get rid of his blindness. His response to Jesus was prompt and eager to the point where he immediately cast off his cloak, basically all he owned, to run to Jesus. Many a man hears the call of Jesus but says in effect, “wait until I have done this,” or “wait until I have finished that.” Whereas Bartimaeus, realized that certain chances happen only once in a lifetime. More often than not we might not have the faith to believe that such a good thing might happen for us, and we fail to act on it at the moment. We soon learn that the chance is gone, maybe never to come back. Although Bartimaeus was physically blind, his mind was as sharp as anyone’s can be. He instinctively knew that this is that chance in life to recover his long lost eyesight, and he went to get it.

Self-examination is embarrassing, and very few of us wish to face it. Unfortunately, all of us have this spiritual deficit. Instead of finding an immediate remedy for it, we wait for some extraordinary intervention to help us out of our problem. Little that we know that our chances in that are similar to winning the lottery. Waiting for some miracle to come our way is not the right approach. Bartimaeus, the blind of Jericho, provides us with a powerful message. On the one hand, we must be vigilant at all times, and realize that procrastinating and waiting for something to happen without any action on our part can be disastrous. On the other hand, we must have the desperate urge and the determination to make a move, to act immediately upon the opportunity that comes our way, and we must possess the solid faith of Bartimaeus. It is with such components that we may arrive to positive results and to make good things happen for ourselves.

Like the blind man let us be grateful to God especially after we have been touched by His grace. Even though God is God, in so many ways He has shown us that a little appreciation and gratitude on our part will go a long way with Him. Bartimaeus’ gratitude is quite distinct. Having received his sight, he followed Jesus. He did not selfishly go on his way when his need was satisfied. He began with the need, went on to gratitude, and finished with loyalty. And that is a perfect summary of the stages of discipleship.