



# SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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June 23, 2024

## PARISH SCHEDULE

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

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**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



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# READINGS

## June 2024

|                |   |               |
|----------------|---|---------------|
| <b>June 23</b> | <b>6th Sunday of Pentecost</b>              |               |
|                | <b>Epistle</b>                              | <b>Gospel</b> |
|                | 1 Cor 12:12-13, 27-30                       | Mt 10:16-25   |
| <b>June 30</b> | <b>Celebration of Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b> |               |
|                | <b>Epistle</b>                              | <b>Gospel</b> |
|                | 2 Cor 11:21-30                              | Mt 16:13-20   |




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|  |          | <b>* LITURGY INTENTIONS *</b> |                    | <b>FROM</b> |
| <b>Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions</b>                             |          |                               |                    |             |
| June 23  | 11:00 AM | Remember Me In Your Kingdom   | By: The Priest     |             |
| June 30  | 11:00 AM | Faouzi Ibrahim Kallas         | By: Raymond Kallas |             |
| July 7   | 11:00 AM | Available                     |                    |             |

### HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024

|         |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| June 23 | St. Sharbel Dabke Group |
| June 30 | Raymond Kallas          |
| July 7  | Amale & Habib Lawandos  |



*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*

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| <b>PARISH OFFERING</b>   |                   |
| <b>June 16, 2024</b>   |                   |
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| Weekly offering  | \$1,480.00        |
| Donation   | \$200.00          |
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| <b>Total Income</b>  | <b>\$1,680.00</b> |

### Important Messages

**Daily Readings**

Monday: Gal 4:21-5:1; Lk 1:57-66  
 Tuesday: Acts 12:12-24; Mt 15:10-20  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:25-12; Mt 10:21-28  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Mt 16:1-4  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-39; Mt 16:5-12  
 Saturday: 2Cor 11:21-30; Mt 16:13-20

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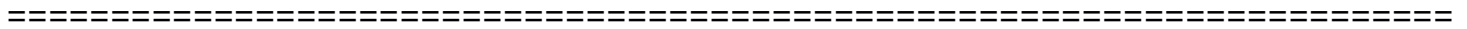
## **THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

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.

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## **Upcoming Second Collection**

June 30: Holy Father's Collection

September 8: Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024**

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| June 29: | Sts. Peter & Paul           |
| July 4:  | 4th of July Celebration     |
| July 20: | St. Elias the Prophet       |
| July 21: | St. Sharbel Celebration     |
| July 23: | Actual feast of St. Sharbel |

## Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Qurbono P. 425; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Mark p. 835

### The Commissioning of the Apostles Matthew (10:16-25)

We celebrate this Sunday the event of the commissioning of the twelve apostles, after Jesus had called them to be eye witnesses and close to him. He handed over to them the same authority he himself had received from the Father. He sent them well equipped with his love and encouragement, and committed them to the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in order to secure the success of their mission.

Jesus sent his apostles in an official fashion: "I am sending you." He warned them about persecution by the Jewish courts and the pagan kings and governors. At the same time he afforded them sustenance and help through the Holy Spirit whom he will send to them. They will not be facing persecution alone, but the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, will be by their side as the one who will defend, encourage, console and teach them.

We learned last week that Jesus commanded the apostles to go first and save the lost sheep of Israel, who actually live in Galilee, and not to go to the Gentiles territories nor enter any Samaritan city. Yet in the same chapter, St. Matthew shows Jesus foretelling persecution and trial that will go far beyond Galilee and the local territories. This may seem contradictory. But Matthew collected the commands of Jesus before and after. **Before**, as the "Jesus of Galilee" he sent them on their first expedition. And **After** his resurrection He commissioned them as "the Risen Jesus."

The Jewish thought had a dual look at life which divided time into two ages: (a) the present age which was bad; and (b) the age to come, which would be the golden age of God. In between there was the Day of the Lord, which would be a time of desolation, chaos, fear, destruction, abomination and judgment. This terrible period would turn children against parents and fathers would hand their children over to death, etcetera...! It would split the dearest bonds on earth and the world will be destroyed. The Jews were very familiar with these trying times, and so were Jesus and the Apostles, because these terrors and divisions were recorded in their Books. See the Books of Ezra, Baruch and Enoch.

To fully understand the meaning of an open relationship, a direct answer, or an honest opinion, in the long run Christianity is the answer. The world offers us sweet talks and impressive promises for success, advancement and fulfillment of ambitions. Mishaps and pitfalls are never mentioned. That is where the disaster lies. There is nothing hidden, closed, foiled or deceiving about Jesus and his mission. When he called the apostles he prepared them for hardship, persecution and death. Although that was a bold and tough approach, honesty paid off in the end. This is what is so impressive and unique about Christianity. Jesus is saying to all of us that if we want to be true Christians we must be prepared for the worst because persecution and hardships in life are imminent. It is not the beginning but the end that counts. It is not this world we seek, but the next. This is why Christianity is always at odd with the contemporary world.

"No pupil outranks his teacher, no slave his master" teaches us that in no way we can be in a better disposition than our Lord and God. It is clear from the last few verses of today's gospel that we should not expect to have an easy ride. There will be many bumps along the way and we must accept them. If he suffered and sacrificed, if he was mocked and smitten, we are not better or higher than him, and therefore, we must undergo the same. If we are called to fame and recognition, if we are invited to share in his glory, we are also invited to undergo the same hardship he endured. This is heroism at its best, this is true Christianity.