



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: Eucharistic Adoration: 6:30 PM



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READINGS

July 2024

July 14

9th Sunday of Pentecost

Epistle

Gospel

2 Cor 5:20-6:10

Lk 4:14-21

July 21

Celebration of St. Sharbel

Epistle

Gospel

Rom 8:28-39

Mt 13:36-43



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FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

July 14

11:00 AM

Available

July 21

11:00 AM

All Parishioners

By: The Priest

July 28

11:00 AM

Remember Me In Your Kingdom

By: The Priest

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024

July 14

Amale & Habib Lawandos

July 21

Covered Dish

July 28

Rula Mouawad



To sponsor a coffee hour pls contact Gloria Salim-Brown: 919.345.3483, gsalim@aol.com.

Donation for coffee hour is appreciated

PARISH OFFERING

July 7, 2024



Weekly offering

\$460.00

Total Income

\$460.00

Thank You for your generosity and
your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 18:18-28; Lk 11:33-36

Tuesday: Acts 19:1-10; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Acts 19:11-22; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Acts 19:23-40; Lk 11:47-51

Friday: Acts 20:6-16; Lk 11:52-54

Saturday: Acts 20:17-35 Mt 23:1-12



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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- By Mail at: 600 Mount Vernon Church Rd., Raleigh NC 27614
- Via our website www.saintshatbelchurch.org by clicking on Donate
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Upcoming Second Collection

- September 8: Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary
- October 20: World Mission Sunday
- November 3: Maronite Patriarchal Charities

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

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| July 20: | St. Elias the Prophet |
| July 21: | St. Sharbel Celebration-Covered Dish |
| July 23: | Actual feast of St. Sharbel |
| Sept. 21-22: | Taste of Lebanon Festival |

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

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

The Plan of the Apostle (Luke 4:14-21)

The Apostolic Plan of Jesus is announced early in the third Gospel. Jesus started it in Galilee and continued it by going up to Jerusalem where he perfectly completed it through his death and resurrection. This mission plan encompasses all, Jews and gentiles alike. The Holy Spirit, which descended upon Jesus during his baptism, made him triumphant over all his temptations and confirmed him in perfect loyalty to his Father. This is the same Spirit that led him to preach the kingdom of God in all the synagogues of Galilee, starting in Nazareth, his hometown, where he grew up as a child.

This is the first teaching opportunity for Jesus in the synagogue of Nazareth. In the eyes of the evangelist Luke, this is a prelude for another teaching that will follow later in the Temple of Jerusalem before his passion, death and resurrection. The strategy of Jesus in the third Gospel was to preach the good news to his kinsmen first. Remaining firm in this apostolic strategy, he endured crucifixion and death at the hand of the local officials. He never backed off from his mission, nor did he ever think about fleeing from that responsibility. The text that he did read in the Synagogue from the prophet Isaiah was a summary of the complete plan for his apostolic mission. In order to accomplish this salvific plan, the main guarantee was the Holy Spirit, with which God had anointed him and sanctified him, sending him to proclaim the good news to humanity. The four evangelists summarize the entire public life of Jesus in two basic objectives: teaching and healing. Throughout his entire life, Jesus spent his days and nights working and caring for people. The utmost perfect type of teaching and the most powerful deeds he achieved were exemplified through his life, death and resurrection. He healed us from the poison of the deadly evil and granted us eternal life.

In last week's gospel, the prophesy of Isaiah spoke of the spirituality of the Apostle. In this week's gospel, the passage from the prophet Isaiah is a direct quote referring to the apostolic plan of the mission of Jesus. He began his apostolic mission in his own land, in his hometown where he grew up. This beginning in a familiar surrounding, would give him, at least at the start, a friendly audience who would listen and treasure his message, as the gospel said: "He was teaching in their synagogues, and all were loud in his praise." This period of his ministry has been labeled as the Galilean Springtime. To them, he has come like a breath of fresh air, bringing the very breath of God to humanity, who has been hungry for the word of life—the word of God. The opposition against Jesus has not yet crystallized. They have not, as of yet, realized the change which he will bring and the threat which he will strike at the reigning authorities of that time.

The Plan of the Apostle is Jesus' plan—save humanity and bring it back to the fold. That is to provide happiness and sustenance to the poor, help the blind recover their sight, set the captives free, uplift the downtrodden, heal the sick of their social, physical, spiritual and mental maladies, give hope to those in despair, console the sorrowing, uproot evil, afford peace to the troubled, transfer the kingdom of God, as it is in heaven, and establish it here on earth. In short, The plan of Jesus is "To announce a year of favor from the Lord" which means to bestow upon us the mercy of God and his abundant blessings. His plan is to save each and everyone of us and help us understand that God did not abandon us, but rather he wants our happiness, well being and success. He came for our sake. It is up to us to include ourselves in his plan of salvation that he came to accomplish.