



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

October-November 2024

October 27	Sunday of Christ the King	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Rom 12:9-21	Mt 25:31-46
November 1	All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Heb 12:18-24	Mt 5:1-12



* LITURGY INTENTIONS *

FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

Oct. 27	11:00 AM	Remember Me In Your Kingdom	By: The Priest
Nov. 1	6:30 PM	All Parishioners	
Nov. 3	11:00 AM	Available	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024

Oct. 27	Yolla & Imad Harb
Nov. 3	Monica & Nadim Gebrael
Nov. 10	Laure & Zena Chemali



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

PARISH OFFERING

October 20, 2024



Weekly offering	\$1,739.00
Donation	\$400.00
Second Collection	\$197.00
Total Income	\$2,336.00

Thank You for your generosity and
your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: 1 Cor 10:1-13; Mt 13:44-46

Tuesday: 1 Cor 10:14-24; Mt 13:47-53

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:1-11; Mt 18:23-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 12:12-27; Mt 22:15-22

Friday: Heb 12:18-24; Mt 5:1-12

Saturday: 1 Cor 14:1-26; Mt 21:33-46



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

November 3: Maronite Patriarchal Charities

December 25: Pastor's Collection

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

November 2:	Volunteers Appreciation Dinner
December 7:	MYO One Day Retreat
December 8:	Ste Barbara Trunk or Treat
December 14:	Christmas Dinner
December 22:	Children Christmas Party

Sunday of Christ the King

Qurbono P. 606; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. John p. 815

Matthew (25:31-46)

The last Sunday of the Season of the Cross and the last of the Liturgical year, puts us face to face with God. Before him and before all appears our honesty and faithfulness to the one and only commandment with which he left us: "Love one another as I have loved you!" Today's Gospel summarizes all that a faithful must do toward the neighbor, just as if these deeds are done to Jesus himself.

As the liturgical year concludes through the Sermon on the Last Things, the intensity of the gospel reaches its peak and. The hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned remind us of the Sermon on the Mount whereby these needy are those blessed ones whom the gospel is talking about. But here, the ones who will care for them and treat them according to the heart and love of Jesus are those blessed ones, who are invited to the kingdom, with Jesus the son of man, the king, the shepherd and the supreme judge. The gospel draws our attention that this King and Supreme Judge is himself that hungry, that thirsty, that stranger, that naked, that sick and that imprisoned person we encounter in our daily life. Everything we do in serving those needy, without knowing, we are serving Jesus himself, because he is in each and every one of them! Thus, our negligence to serve, is in itself, a grave sin, just as committing any grave sin or a crime deserving punishment! The person who does not live the reality of caring for the needs of his fellow human beings, is still living the reality of sin, and has not yet reached the world of charity! From this premise, it cannot be said that the judgment of God is harsh, but rather, the hearts of people are.

Today's Gospel is clear about the fact that God does not reward us or judge us on the knowledge we have acquired, the fame we have reached or the fortune we have amassed, but on the love and the help we give our neighbor. Nowhere else in the Gospel do we find such a vivid command to remind us of our responsibilities toward our fellow-men. Here, we are faced with the real truth, which is any help we give to a needy person, is given to Jesus himself, and any assistance we refrain from providing, is withheld from Jesus himself.

There are three types of people when it comes to giving:

(a) Those who give freely and unconditionally: They just give for the sake of giving and of being good. They do not put any restriction on their gifts. They, by nature, love to give. They do not think that they are helping God. They help because they could not stop themselves. Their generosity is natural and instinctive and express the action of their loving hearts.

(b) Those who give for recognition: They love to give if they are being recognized and praised publicly. This is self-serving and is not considered true giving. They would say: had we known it was you Lord, we would gladly have helped.

(c) Those who give conditionally: They have a sense of control and superiority. They feel they are much better than others. If I give you this, then you do as I say. If I give you that, then you do it my way.

Giving and anticipating something in return, is considered trading or loaning. Ulterior motives and conditions ruin the true spirit of giving. It is the unconditional giving which wins the heart of God. When we help people in the simplest way, without any calculation and without looking for recognition, we will experience the unfathomable joy of helping our Lord Jesus himself. Let us ponder the immeasurable love of God for us: To the simplest folks, with the simplest help to the people we meet every day, God has awarded his magnificent and eternal glory. Happy are we if are able to care for the needy we encounter in our daily lives. Sainthood, making it to heaven and winning eternal life, does not require heroic acts, but as simple as being helpful, kind and generous to the people around us in whose faces Jesus lives.