



### 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

# December 2024



<b>December 22</b>	<b>Genealogy Sunday</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Rom 1:1-12	Mt 1:1-17
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Glorious Birth of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Heb 1:1-12	Lk 2:1-20



## \* LITURGY INTENTIONS \*

FROM

**Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions**

Dec. 22	11:00 AM	Available	
Dec. 25	Midnight & 11 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest
Dec. 29	11:00 AM	Remember Me In Your Kingdom	By: The Priest

## HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024

Dec. 22	Marie, Nagy, & Andy Guorgui
Dec. 25	Yule Log (Buche de Noel)
Dec. 29	Widdad Jabbour



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

## PARISH OFFERING

December 15, 2024



<i>Weekly offering</i>	<b>\$1,121.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,121.00</b>

*Thank You for your generosity and your support*

## Important Messages

### Daily Readings

Monday: Heb 11:1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
 Tuesday: Heb 11:7-10; Jn 8:12-20  
 Wednesday: Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20  
 Thursday: Eph 13:3-14; Lk 1:46-55  
 Friday: 2 Cor 11:1-9; Mt 23:29-24:2  
 Saturday: Rev 21:9-10,21-27; Mt 2:1-12



## 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.

## 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](http://www.saintshatbelchurch.org) by clicking on Donate
- Direct Deposit to First Citizens Bank : Routing #: 053100300, Acc # 000861430571

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## Upcoming Second Collection

December 25: Pastor's Collection

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

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|-----------------|--|
| December 16-24: | Christmas Novena                               |
| December 22:    | Children Christmas Party                       |
| December 25:    | Christmas Midnight Liturgy                     |
| December 25:    | Christmas Day 11:00 AM Liturgy                 |
| January 1:      | Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| January 1:      | New Year's Day                                 |

# Genealogy Sunday

Qurbono P. 66; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. James p. 794

## Genealogy Sunday (Matthew 1:1-17)

Through righteous Joseph, the lineage of Jesus was linked to Abraham when Joseph adopted him according to the Law. With regards to Abraham, Jesus is the Son of the great promise, and with regards to King David, Jesus is the son and the heir of his royal throne. However, through the Virgin Mary, Jesus is related to the entire human family. He is the Son of God who also became the Son of Man.

Genealogy has a great importance in the establishment of the people of the Torah which was based on the Twelve Tribes due to their civic and religious rights and obligations. That is why Matthew began the Gospel with the Genealogy of Jesus in preparation for his birth. Jesus is the Son of King David and the heir of his throne. He is the Son of Abraham, the Son of the Promise, and through him all peoples will be blessed. Whereas Luke includes all of humanity in the Genealogy of Jesus tracing it back to Adam. Matthew mentions four foreign women: Tamar the Canaanite, Rahab of Jericho, Ruth of Moab, and Bethshabeh the Hittite. Some of them were sinners because God wanted them to be included among his chosen people in order to show that the Genealogy of Jesus is not limited to the Jewish people alone, and that the mission of Jesus was not strictly meant for the Jews. Matthew divided the genealogy into three parts and assigned to each one fourteen generations. Some names were ignored others were added, so as to have the number (14 or 7 x 2), three times. This, in fact, refers to the six weeks, in the Apocalyptic literature, which points out to the coming of Jesus in the fullness of time, during the seventh and final week. Thus, marking the end of the history of mankind. Finally, Matthew emphasizes the virginity of Mary, because from her, not from Joseph, Jesus was born, who “will be called the Messiah.”

## What Truly is Christmas...?

More than two thousand years ago a little baby was born in a manger; an event that changed the world. This boy-child, Jesus, is the promised Messiah who stepped down from Heaven to be born as a babe, lived a sinless life and willingly gave His life as the Perfect Lamb of God to pay a sin debt that He did not owe. As foretold in the Scriptures, He did this for you; He did this for me; He did this for the whole world. When we believe this simple truth, Jesus' payment for sin is awarded to us and we are promised eternal life.

“Christmas is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.” May you have: “The gladness of Christmas which is hope; The spirit of Christmas which is peace; The heart of Christmas which is love.”

