



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

May 2025

May 4

3rd Sunday of the Resurrection (Our Lady of Lebanon)

Epistle

Gospel

2 Tim 2:8-13

Lk 24:13-35

May 11

4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Epistle

Gospel

Heb 13:18-25

Jn 21:1-14



* LITURGY INTENTIONS *
FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

May 4

11:00 AM

First Communicants Intentions

By: The Priest

May 11

11:00 AM

All Mothers

By: The Priest

May 18

11:00 AM

Available

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024

May 4

First Communion

May 11

Mothers' Day Brunch

May 18

Available



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

PARISH OFFERING

April 27, 2025



Weekly offering

\$1,121.00

Second Collection

\$89.00

Total Income

\$1,210.00

Thank You for your generosity and
your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: 1 Pet 2:18-25; Lk 24:44-49

Tuesday: 1 Pet 3:1-12; Jn 6:28-33

Wednesday: 1 Pet 3:13-22; Jn 6:34-40

Thursday: 1 Pet 4:1-11; Jn 6:41-47

Friday: 1 Pet 4:12-19; Jn 6:48-59

Saturday: 1 Pet 5:1-14; Jn 6:60-71



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

- May 4: National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon
June 1: Catholic Communications Campaign
June 29: Holy Father's Collection (Peter's Pence)

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

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| May 4: | Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon: First Holy Communion |
| May 11: | Mother's Day |
| May 29: | Ascension of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| June 8: | Pentecost |
| June 15: | Father's Day |
| June 19: | Thursday of the Body of Christ |

Third Sunday of the Resurrection (Our Lady of Lebanon)

Qurbono P. 386; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Peter p. 774

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CHRIST IS RISEN

On the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)

In this Gospel, Jesus appears to the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. The story of these two disciples is that of every Christian believer. The Living Lord, who rose from the dead, leads us on the journey of life. We walk along with him and yet we do not realize it. But, just like the Emmaus disciples, we say: "Were not our hearts burning inside as he talked to us on the road...!" The Lord explains to us the meaning of life. He ties our history to the mystery of his life, death and resurrection. He is also our nourishment. He confirms our faith. He opens our eyes, minds and thoughts so as to know him and to witness to his ministry.

Saint Luke narrates this story in two divergent parts: **The FIRST** in a negative form whereby the two disciples leave Jerusalem. They did not recognize Jesus on the road; they did not understand the event of his death, nor did they believe that he rose from the dead, in spite of the testimony of the women and some of the brethren.

The SECOND in a positive form whereby Jesus explains to his two disciples what the Sacred Scriptures said about him, he broke bread before them as he did at the Supper of the Mysteries (the Last Supper), he gave it to them, they recognized him, then they returned to Jerusalem to tell the rest of the disciples.

The Readings for the rest of the week emphasize the explanation of the Scripture. It details how the risen Jesus explained to his disciples confirming that through his death and resurrection he fulfilled what the scriptural books such as Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms, wrote about him. He further explained that the testimony of his followers and disciples to his resurrection will be added to that of the scriptural passages, beginning in Jerusalem and branching out to all nations, proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins.

Further, the Readings of the week are from Saint John the Evangelist who chose them and arranged them chronologically to point out Jesus' discourse regarding the "Bread of Life." They are explained in two fold: The first is about the Bread which is the "Word" (John 6:35-47) and the second is about the Bread which is the "Eucharist" (John 6:48-59).

Through the power of our human intellect we are able to comprehend the words of Jesus that he is the Bread of Life, the Bread which is the "Word" and the Bread of the "Eucharist." But it is the Holy Spirit who will grant us to understand them because the Holy Spirit is the source of our life and our communion in the life of the Son and in the life of the Father!

O risen Jesus, through your Holy Spirit confirm our faith and empower us to be added to the generations of disciples who proclaimed your resurrection to the world. Open our eyes, as you did to the Emmaus disciples, to recognize your presence in the Eucharist as well as in each other. Accept our repentance and forgive our shortcomings. Amen.