



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 11

4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Epistle

Gospel

Heb 13:18-25

Jn 21:1-14

May 18

5th Sunday of the Resurrection

Epistle

Gospel

Eph 2:1-10

Jn 21:15-19



*** LITURGY INTENTIONS ***
FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

May 11

11:00 AM

All Mothers

By: The Priest

May 18

11:00 AM

Available

May 25

11:00 AM

Remember Me In Your Kingdom

By: The Priest

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024

May 11

Mothers' Day Pancake Breakfast

May 18

St. Sharbel Dabke Groups

May 25

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

May 4, 2025



Weekly offering

\$1,112.00

Second Collection

\$51.00

Donation

\$500.00

Total Income

\$1,663.00

*Thank You for your generosity and
your support*

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-10; Lk 5:1-11

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-12; Lk 8:22-25

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:13-20; Jn 6:1-15

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:1-13; Jn 6:16-21

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-12; Jn 6:22-27

Saturday: 1 Thes 5:12-28; Mt 14:22-33



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 1: Catholic Communications Campaign
- June 29: Holy Father's Collection (Peter's Pence)

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

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| 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 |

Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

Qurbono P. 315; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. John p. 815

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CHRIST IS RISEN

Jesus Appears to the Apostles on the Lake (John 21:1-14)

This Sunday reminds us of the appearance of Jesus to seven of his disciples on the Lake of Tiberias. They are: Peter, Thomas, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, John the beloved disciple, and two others unnamed. It is a miraculous catch through the power of the word of the living and risen Jesus. It symbolizes the catching of men by the Apostles. The Church Fathers refers to the fishing net as the Church.

They worked hard all night long but caught nothing. This is a clear sign that their mission now is no longer to catch fish, but to catch people for salvation. The living and risen Jesus who is present among them is the one who is behind this miraculous catch. They recognized him from the abundance of fish they caught and from the fact that their net was not torn! The Beloved Disciple "John" was the first to recognize him. He was the one who cried out to alert Peter "It is the Lord." Peter put on some cloths and jumped into the water since he was stripped. They also recognized him through the number of fish, one hundred fifty-three to be exact. This number is symbolic and consists of the following: $9 \times 17 = 153$, the number 9 or 3×3 refers to the divine and miraculous work of the Lord Jesus. The number 17 or $10 + 7$ refers to the concept of totality and wholeness. Number 7 symbolizes fullness and perfection. Number 10 refers to the Church who is called to gather all nations and to grant them the fullness of God's grace and to offer them salvation. The final sign in which the disciples recognized the risen Lord was when, "Jesus took the bread gave it to them," which is a clear sign referring to the Eucharist. The bread, becoming the Eucharist, is the true and distinguished reason through which the believer comes to meet the risen and the living Lord.

The Scriptural readings for the rest of the week follow this Sunday's theme. The gospels talk about Jesus and his disciples as they cross the lake of Tiberias from one side to the other. The text from Saint Luke (5: 1-11) is very close to this Sunday's gospel; and Luke (8:22-25) details the raging sea and the calming of the storm. The text from Saint John (6:1-15) mentions how the crowd followed Jesus as he left Capernaum, crossing the Sea of Galilee to the place where the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves took place! John (6:16-21) discusses how the disciples went by themselves from there back to Capernaum and the sudden appearance of Jesus. And John (6:22-27) talks about how the crowd crossed from Tiberias to the same place and then to Capernaum, looking for Jesus. The text from Saint Matthew (14:22-33) tells us how the disciples cross by themselves from a deserted place to the Lake of Gennesaret and how, at the end of the night, about three in the morning, Jesus caught up with them, walking on the water, while the boat was being tossed by the waves which were raised by strong head winds. When he got into the boat the storm subsided, the sea was calm, and the disciples believed in him and said: "Beyond doubt you are the Son of God." This is a convincing evidence for them and for the world, that He is Risen; that he is alive; that he wants them to accomplish his mission, which is to save all people and bring them back to God the Father.

Lord Jesus, you died and were buried like all mortals. By your resurrection you conquered evil and trampled upon death. You gave us life and opened for us the gates of Heaven. As we stumble along the journey of life, grant us peace and hope so that we may remain in the assembly of believers and inherit Eternal Life. Amen.