



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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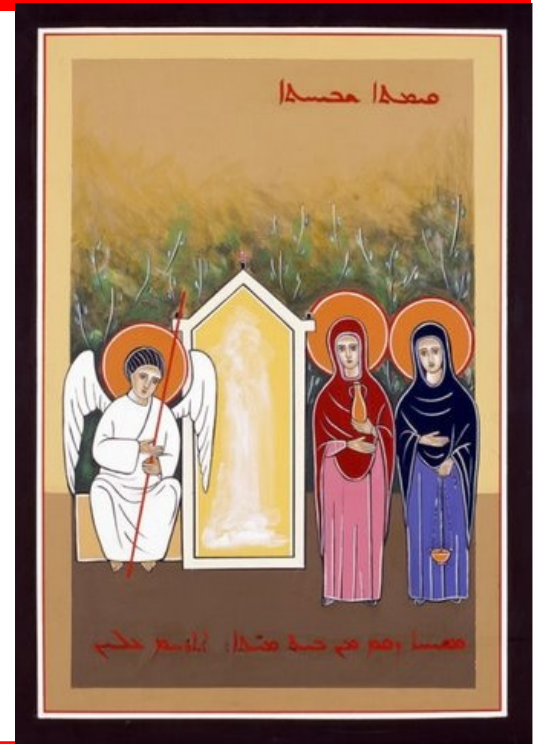
Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

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 25

6th Sunday of the Resurrection

Epistle

Gospel

Rom 10:1-13

Lk 24:36-48

May 29

Ascension of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Epistle

Gospel

Acts 1:1-14

Mk 16:15-20



* LITURGY INTENTIONS *

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

May 25

11:00 AM

Remember Me In Your Kingdom

By: The Priest

May 29

6:30 PM

All Parishioners

June 1

11:00 AM

Available

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2025

May 25

Available

June 1

Available

June 8

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 18, 2025



Weekly offering

\$1,176.00

Total Income

\$1,176.00

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your support*

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Phil 3:1-12; Jn 11:1-16

Tuesday: Phil 3:13-21; Jn 11:17-31

Wednesday: Phil 4:1-7; Jn 11:32-44

Thursday: Acts 1:1-14; Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Phil 4:8-14; Jn 3:12-15

Saturday: Phil 4:15-23; Jn 14:1-6



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
- Direct Deposit to First Citizens Bank : Routing #: 053100300, Acc # 000861430571

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 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 |
| July 3-6: | NAM Convention |

Sixth 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 in the Upper Room (Luke 24:36-48)

The appearance of Jesus to the Apostles in the upper Room is the conclusion of Saint Luke's Gospel. They have experienced first hand the physical presence of the risen Lord in his glorified body. Unlike his presence among them before Great Friday of the Crucifixion, his presence in the Upper Room is completely new. The evidence of the crucifixion in his risen body is the perfect sign of his triumph over death.

Death, in the physical sense as well as in the figurative sense such as suffering, fear, disasters, and failure... was not abrogated. However, Jesus entered death and infused in it resurrection and life. In the Gospel of Luke, the appearances of the risen Jesus are characterized by identifying the history of God's salvific plan and its complete fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Scripture, the life of Jesus on earth, his preaching and his death would remain obscure to his disciples as well as to all those who did not experience his resurrection. The apostles themselves would not understand anything about the resurrection on their own. The word of God in the Torah, the Prophets and the Psalms, and the Incarnate Word of God, through the preaching of Jesus, was among them for three years. This word was as good as a dead letter, for the apostles, until the risen Jesus opened their minds so that they are able to understand the Scriptures.

The Scripture readings for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are from John (11:1-44). God and Jesus are glorified in the sickness of Lazarus, because Jesus raised him from the dead. That became the reason for the death and the resurrection of Jesus and to include all the faithful in the glory of his resurrection. Jesus is the resurrection. The raising of Lazarus to life is only a simple picture hinting to the resurrection of the Lord. Lazarus was brought back to a normal life like his previous one, but Jesus rose to Eternal Life.

The reading of Ascension Thursday is from Mark (16:15-20). It is about the mission that has no bounds, which is meant for the whole world and for all nations. The mission is not to be hampered by any racial, national or political hurdles. The Gospel is the Good News, which is a gift from God to all peoples. All nations of the earth are called to take a positive stand and to clearly understand the Good News of the living Jesus, who rose from the dead, so as to enable them to bring this new life to others, accomplishing the mission of Jesus through the same miracles. The ascending Jesus who is sitting at God's right hand, will remain present in his church, with his apostles and with all the faithful who believe in him and who preach his word. Friday's reading is from John (3:12-15). It refers to the bronze serpent in Sinai symbolizing Christ crucified, risen from the tomb, and ascending to heaven. It gives life to everyone who looks at him with faith and repentance. This completes the feast of the Ascension. Saturday's reading is from John (14:1-6). It concentrates on Jesus' return to the Father to prepare a place for his disciples because he is the way, the truth and the life, which means that he is the way and the purpose. This concept also completes the feast of the Ascension.

Loving Lord, allow us to experience your resurrection, and like your Apostles, make us triumphant over sin and death.