



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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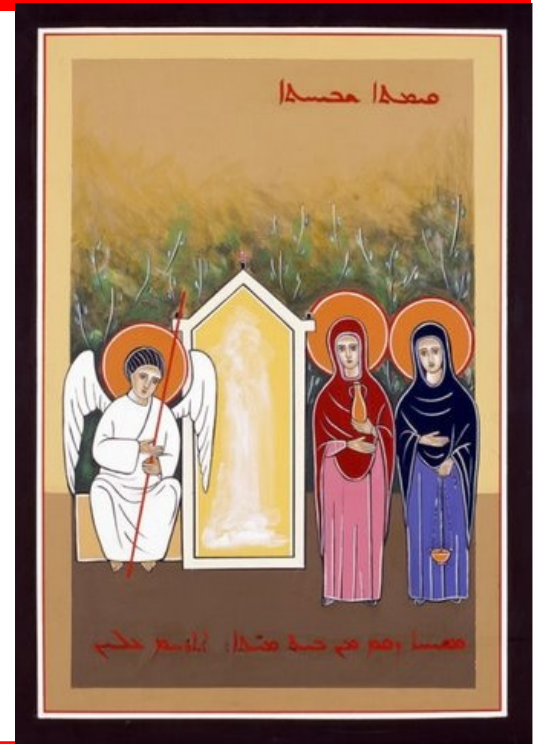
Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday Liturgy: 6:30 PM

Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration: 6:30 PM

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READINGS

June 2025

June 1

7th Sunday of the Resurrection

Epistle

Gospel

Eph 1:15-23

Jn 13:31-35

June 8

Pentecost Sunday

Epistle

Gospel

Acts 2:1-21

Jn 14:15-20



* LITURGY INTENTIONS *
FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

June 1

11:00 AM

Elias Bachous Lattouf

By: Betty Saleh

June 8

11:00 AM

All Parishioners

June 15

11:00 AM

All Parishioners

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2025

June 1

Available

June 8

Available

June 15

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 25, 2025



Weekly offering

\$1,244.00

Total Income

\$1,244.00

Thank You for your generosity and
your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Eph 4:1-13; Jn 12:20-25

Tuesday: Eph 4:17-24; Jn 12:26-30

Wednesday: Eph 4:25-32; Jn 12:31-36

Thursday: Eph 5:1-7; Jn 12:37-43

Friday: Eph 5:8-21; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Eph 6:10-24; Mt 5:43-48



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 - 2025

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| June 8: | Pentecost |
| June 15: | Father's Day |
| June 19: | Thursday of the Body of Christ |
| July 3-6: | NAM Convention |

Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

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

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CHRIST IS RISEN

Jesus' New Commandment (John 13:31-35)

During the last week of the Season of the resurrection, the Church emphasizes the most important message of the Gospel: *"I give you a new commandment: that you love one another... This is how all will know that you are my disciples."* His commandment is that we love each other as he loves us. Jesus lived this commandment in a new and a unique sense, i.e., in his life, death and resurrection. He made brotherly love between people as a part of his divine love for us. This brotherly love is the most sincere sign and the greatest proof of God's love for humanity. It is also new because Jesus perfected it when he commanded us to love our enemies; when he linked our love for the neighbor to be in the same measure of our love for God; and when he made our love for each other to be the sign of the new ages.

The very idea of Love as a commandment is interesting. In the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments have a setting in the covenant between God and Israel at Sinai; traditionally, they were stipulations that Israel had to observe if it was to be God's chosen people. In speaking of Love as the new commandment for those whom Jesus had chosen as His own and as a mark by which they could be distinguished from others, it is shown implicitly that the scene of the Last Supper is thought of in covenant terms. Since the disciples cannot follow Jesus as He leaves this life, they receive a command that, if obeyed, will keep the spirit of Jesus alive among them as they continue their life in this world. They ought to live this commandment of love and, pass it on to their disciples, i.e., the flock of Jesus. Christ came to the world to bring it love. He wanted this love to transform the world and make it a better place.

Yet, love is more than a commandment; it is a gift and like the other gifts of the Christian dispensation, it comes from the Father through Jesus to those who believe in Him. In John 15:9, we hear, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you." This emphasizes that Jesus is the source of the Christians' Love for one another. The love that Jesus had for His followers is not only affective but also effective: it brings about their salvation. It is expressed in His laying down His life, an act of Love that gives life to men. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood.

The newness of the commandment of Love is related to the theme of the new covenant at the Last Supper - the "New Commandment." This reflects the early Christian understanding that in Jesus and His followers was fulfilled the dream of Jeremiah: "Behold, the days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah." Further, the mark that distinguishes God's love expressed in the covenant from even the noblest forms of human love, is that it is spontaneous and unmotivated, directed to sinners and unworthy of love. Yet because the generosity of God's love could not be fully known until He had given His own Son, in another way the Christian concept of love stemming from Jesus is new." The same theme is found in John 17:23 where it is said that the world's attention will be caught by the love and union that exists between the Father, the Son and the Christian disciples. **Such a love challenged the world two thousand years ago and still challenges us today in the same Jesus. It is through Love that the First Christians were recognized, "Look how those Christians love one another."**