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Saint Charbel's Parish
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Weekly Bulletin

December 03, 2023

أحد زيارة العذراء لأليصابات

Sunday of the Visitation: Mary to Elizabeth

Book of Samuel II: 6: 9-15, 17-18b

Epistle: Eph 1: 1-14

Gospel: St Luke 1: 39-45

On the Sunday of the Visitation, we hear what is perhaps the most joyful Gospel of the year. Two simple women, together with the children in their wombs', join together to rejoice about what they know is the greatest news of all. Mary recognizes when she sings the "magnificat" that Christ has come for the lowly and the hungry. Christ is for everyone and he is here in the present. What a wonderful gift of joy that is. So this Sunday and every Sunday, you have the opportunity to have Christ visit you, and like Mary and Elizabeth, you can rejoice with others and receive the living Christ into your womb.

Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit. Luke presents her as a spokesperson for God. This is why Luke notes that she "cried out with a loud voice". The words of Elizabeth bear the divine imprint. Now, what Elizabeth says concerns Mary. She recognizes "the mother of her Lord". Elizabeth's prophecy culminates in her beatitude to Mary: "Blessed is she who believed in the fulfilment of the words spoken to her by the Lord". Mary is recognized as a "believer". She has full confidence. For Luke, it is faith that characterizes the Mother of the Lord. Elizabeth welcomes with joy the coming of the Lord in Mary and for both this welcome is made in joy, simplicity, humility and discretion. And we? Do we really know how to welcome the Lord who makes himself present in our hearts? Present in our lives? Do we know how to welcome the Lord who makes himself present in the hearts of others and in their lives?

Ministries of Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call the Church Office :(506) 444-6023

Confessions:

Available upon Request & 30 minutes prior to mass

Baptism:

Please call the Church Office, One month prior

Marriage:

Please call Church Office, Six months prior

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تفسير أيقونة " زيارة العذراء لآليصابات "

وجدنا لهذه الأيقونة مثلاً فريداً في التراث السرياني ألا وهو في الفاتيكانية السرياني 559، استوحيناها من حيث التأليف واعتمدنا على الأسلوب الربولاوي من ناحية التنفيذ. العذراء ونسيبتها تلتقيان ووراءهما منزلاهما، منزل العذراء حجاب معلق رمز لبثوليتها، وقرب منزل اليصابات جذع يابس يخرج منه غصن أخضر رمز للعاقرة العجوز التي أنجبت. هذا اللقاء هو لقاء وارتكاض الأجنة في ذات الوقت.

الأب عبدو بدوي



Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

Advent: Be Ready, Be Aware, Be Awake, Be Open

Here we are on the First Sunday of Advent/Christmas. It seemed to come so quickly. Like the first snow storm of the winter we seem never ready for it. I only just got the snow tires on. Again and again, we hear of the preparations and plans for Christmas. Mark's Gospel sets the tone for us with his clarion call to be prepared. Ready or not, Advent/Christmas is coming. The season leads us to encounters with a series of persons and experiences that are a significant part of our faith story, our scriptural heritage. We meet the Old Testament prophet, **Isaiah** as he seeks to console and reassure God's People, Israel in the midst of their worries, trials and threats. He offers them the image of their God as a loving parent. It is this God who gave and continues to sustain and shape their life. In hope, they are to see they are the work of God's hand. We cross paths with **John the Baptist** as he announces that a wondrous coming of God among us is about to happen. God whose hand has shaped us is about to step into the life of humanity again. God's voice will be heard bringing hope of a world renewed, building a reign of God for all. Finally, we encounter **Mary**. We discover the simple, loving and very human way in which God reaches out to touch our humanity, in the birth of a child. Like every other child this birth brings us one who is our hope, who seems so fragile yet who offers such promise. Mary is the human instrument of this wonder of Emmanuel, God-with-us. Each of us and every human being has been loved into life, shaped by a creator God who continues to love us (Is.63:16-17; 64:1-8). St. Paul recognized that Jesus through the mother-love of Mary was born for us, that we might know the loving gaze that God has for us all (1 Cor.1:3-9). How do we greet a God who is always with us, who provides us with the chance of unflinching hope and who allows us to be blessed by a love that is unconditional and can never be lost? How are we able to grasp the good news that God has come to live among us (Jn.1:14)? It is in Jesus the Christ we discover our call to reflect to one another, to our community of faith and to the whole of humanity the loving presence of God among us all. For both John the Baptist and then Jesus proclaim the challenge for a change of heart - "be aware", stay awake". The fullness of God's loving reign is coming. It is with this in mind that we enter our Advent/Christmas season. This year, our whole Catholic Christian community is called to experience an "advent", a transformation. It was set forth by Pope Francis in his opening address to the Synod on Synodality on October 9. He called our times "a season of grace", a season of blessing. In pointing this out, Francis recognized three promising opportunities that lie before us as a church. First, we have the opportunity to grow "structurally towards a synodal church" – a community in which the voices of all are heard and all contribute to its life with love. Second, as a synodal church we are called to become a "listening church". As a church that listens before all else, we are to listen to the Spirit as well as to one another.

Divine Liturgy Time

جدول توقيت الذبيحة

Sunday: 11:30 AM (English & Arabic)
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
See schedule below (English & Arabic)
Monday & Tuesday: (No Mass)



الأحد: 11:30 ظ (عربي و إنجليزي)
الأربعاء، الخميس، الجمعة والسبت
(عربي و إنجليزي)
الأثنين والثلاثاء (لا قداس)

Sunday December 03 Mass Intentions



تأمل

Sunday, December 03, 2023. Mass 11:30 AM
Sunday of the Visitation to Elizabeth
For Saint Charbel's Parishioners, youth, and kids.

Youth Council meeting
General meeting for young adults
Sunday Dec 3 at 6pm (church hall)

Monday & Tuesday 4-5/12, No Masses

Wednesday 06/12, Mass 6:30 PM
For the Late Nazih Saba

Thursday 07/12, Mass 11:30 AM
For the Late Nazih Saba

Friday 08/12, 6:30 PM
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
For the Late Nazih Saba

Saturday 09/12, Mass 11:30 AM
For the Late Nazih Saba

Sunday, December 10, 2023. Mass 11:30 AM
Sunday of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist
For Saint Charbel's Parishioners, youth, and kids.

• في هذا الأحد، نتأمل في دورنا كحاملين للمسيح إلى حيث تدعونا رسالتنا وشهادتنا.
• في رسالة هذا الأحد، نتأمل في دعوتنا لنكون قديسين وفي الخيار المطروح أمامنا لقبول هذه الدعوة وبالتالي العمل على أن نكون "لا عيب فينا" أو لرفضها وعندها نخاطر ببنوتنا، معرّضين إياها للتشوه ...
• أمّا في الإنجيل، فنأمل في لوحة رائعة حيث أليصابات، المرأة العجوز، عرفت بالروح القدس أن ابن مريم العذراء هو المسيح المنتظر، المسيح الرب.
• لنسرع لنلاقي بعضنا بعضاً. فالله قد لا قانا بابنه الوحيد فتجسد من أجلنا.



Saint Charbel oil LAMP

Saint Charbel Oil Lamp light for a week is Available in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Suggested donation \$10.00. See Msgr. Azzi to select a week.

Offertory November 26

Collection: \$ 765.00
Lebanese Party: (NET: \$4310.00)



Donations to St. Charbel's Parish Use-E-Transfer: to BMO Direct Deposit Via Email: fredericton.stcharbel@gmail.com
Thank you in Advance, God Bless.

Miscellaneous



Feast of The Immaculate Conception Dec 8

The Eastern Churches have always celebrated the original purity of Mary, in a feast of "the Conception of the Holy Mother of God" or, more precisely, the feast of the conception of Mary in the womb of St Anne. It was the Pope Pius IX whom defined it as a dogma of faith. This dogma means that Mary, mother of Jesus Christ, was conceived free from original sin. Pope Pius IX's releases the « Ineffabilis Deus » declared on December 8, 1854: « We declare, pronounce and define that the doctrine, which holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary was, at the first moment of her conception by a special grace and favour of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, The Saviour of the human race, preserved intact from all stain of original sin, is a revealed doctrine of God, and that thus it must be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful».



THANK YOU, On behalf of all Parishioners, thank you to all supporters, sponsors, volunteers and organizers of the last week Party. Big Thank you and appreciation, a Job well done, thank you very much for your labor of love, the time, effort and hard work. Thank you for all the restaurants and donors, always supportive of the church activities. Thank you to the singer and the organist, it was an enjoyable time. This event was great success. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL**

Job offers at St Charbel's parish – Fredericton NB

We are looking for a person can work in the church a full-time job
Job Title: Pastoral animator;

Requirement:

- Have a university degree of theology or Catholic religious science, or equivalent
- Have a knowledge of the liturgy of the Maronite catholic church,
- Language requested: English, Lebanese, and the Syriac language.
- Can provide Maronite-catholic religious education, also spiritual guidance and moral support to parishioners.
- Conduct outreach activities and facilitate community involvement among members and within the city, by planning and managing a different pastoral activity.
- Have a good knowledge of the Microsoft office and admin office work
- Have some major skills like: Leadership, Problem solver, Motivator, Creativity, Multi-tasks, good listener, Team work ...

P.s. hourly schedule will be discussed upon interview. (wages per hour)

For more information and to submit a CV, plz contact church office:506 444 6023 and /or fredericton.stcharbel@gmail.com

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**SAVE
THE DATES!**

- Santa Barbara December 4
- Feast of The Immaculate Conception Dec 8
- Christmas Novena December 15
- Christmas Concert and Santa Visit Dec 17



Feast of Santa Barbara Dec 04

**CHRISTMAS
& CONCERT**

Saint Charbel's Junior Choir will present Christmas Concert which will be held on Sunday December 17 right after 11:30 AM Mass. Open invitation to all.