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Weekly Bulletin

February 18, 2024

Second Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of The Lepers

الأحد الثاني من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء الأبرص

Book of Kings II: 6:1-3, 9-14

Epistle: Rm 6:12-23

Gospel: St Mk. 1:35-45

Lent every year is our desert experience, a time to rediscover our connection with our loving parent God. In the desert of Lent we step back and look at where we are in our journey, our personal Camino. We have been baptized into Christ. What does this really mean for us? How does being a member of this community of Christians affect who we are and how we see others? Each Sunday in Lent we remember one miracle Jesus performed. The Gospel of the Leper has parallels in all the synoptic Gospels'. However, these are more than just miracles, they are also life lessons. This is not the first time we see leprosy in the Scriptures. Man and woman were created in the image and likeness of God. Leprosy deforms the body's integrity and its beauty. The human being is disfigured in his dignity. He is declared impure by the Law and he who touches a leper will also be impure. But Christ the Saviour, the Master of the Law, moved with compassion, touched this leper to heal him, in order to prove that he could not contract defilement; He who came to deliver others. The leper gives us excellent advice on how to pray. He does not question the will of the Lord. He does well to affirm the power that belongs to the Lord, as well as his unwavering faith. For, in order to obtain grace, pure and true faith is required just as much as the implementation of the power and goodness of the Creator. If the impurity of leprosy is contagious, the love of Christ is much more so. Let us prove it through our lives. Jesus did not run from the leper.

No matter how unclean we are, if we approach Christ with humility, he will make us clean.

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

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10:00AM-2:00PM



« قَدْ سَنَيْتُ، فَأَطْهَرُ ! »

هذا الأحد يذكّرنا بأعجوبة شفاء الأبرص، وهي الأولى في الإنجيل بحسب متى. فيها عبّر يسوع عن عظم محبته للإنسان المنبوذ بعيداً عن ذويه ومجتمعه، لأنّ حنان الله اللامتناهي جعله يحنو على الضعيف، ويعطف على البشرية المريضة، ويداويها برفق، ويكسر القيود التي كانت تفصل الإنسان عن أخيه الإنسان. الرسالة (روم 12/6-18): بالمعمودية يموت المؤمن عن الخطيئة، لكنّه يبقى معرّضاً للخطيئة. فعليه أن يلتزم بالإيمان التزاماً جدّياً، ويموت حقاً عن حياة الخطيئة، ليحيا حقاً حياة النعمة في المسيح، مائتاً وقائماً من الموت حقاً. لقد حرّنا المسيح من عبودية الخطيئة والشريعة ورسومها المادّية، فعلينا أن نخدمه بطاعة الإيمان والبرّ والقداسة بحريّة أبناء الله. الإنجيل (مر 1/35-45): إنّ البرص، في نظر اليهود، أشنع مرض، وأقسى عقاب يعاقب به الله الإنسان الخاطئ. فقد كان الأبرص يُمنع من مخالطة شعب الله، ويُبعد عن الجماعة المقدّسة. أتى الأبرص إلى يسوع متوسّلاً بثقة تامّة، غير عابئ بما تنصّ عنه التوراة، فمدّ يسوع يده ولمسه وقال له: قد سنّنتُ فاطهر! فطهر بدون إسراف في الكلام، ولا إكثار في الحركات، بل ببساطة القادر ورأفة المخلص. قبل شفاء الأبرص، كان يسوع قبل طلوع الفجر يصلّي، مخصّصاً وقتاً طويلاً للصلاة والتأمّل، ولعلاقته بالأب السماويّ، أمّا الناس فكان همهم الأوّل أن يحصلوا على الشفاء من يسوع!

Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

Lent: Ashes and Conversion

Here we are – Lent again. Our season began with our experience of Ash Wednesday. The ashes we used came from fire. Whatever their source, these ashes came from a burning process, a way of transformation. They represent the change that is brought about, when we let the finger God touch our lives and open ourselves to God's plan for all life. The season is one of discovery and conversion, and one we share with the community in which we live and believe. In our tradition, Lent is a time of penance and giving up – but also a time of idealism and promise. It is about setting aside those elements of our lives which impede the goodness of God's dream for us. Lent is about turning away from the temptations, the "stuff" that is hurtful, wasteful and dehumanizing in our lives and in our world. It calls us to let go of some aspects of our lives which get in the way of being the person and the world that God intends us to be. More specifically we might say that it is about giving up – many things, many habits and many behaviors which do not nurture and bring life to others or to ourselves. Lent is also about becoming. It is about turning around to be the person and the world of God's plan for us. It is about turning away from self-centeredness and selfishness, turning towards God and to those many "others" who are part of our lives. It is about using our time and our energy in life-giving ways – that we may become the person that God has intended and called us to be. The season reminds us of the goodness that lies within each and every one of us. It proclaims to us and to our world the message of promise and hope that reveals God's love for all creation. On this First Sunday of the Lenten season, we hear Luke's account of Jesus' own discovery of God's dream. Having been baptised by John and filled with the Holy Spirit, he embarks on the mission he has been given by the Father. The first step for Jesus is to go out into the desert, "the wilderness". There he is tempted to reject the mission. His resistance to the temptations is a sign of his interior conversion and his willingness to accept the call he has been given (Luke:1-13). The story in Luke tells the story of Jesus acceptance of mission. It is also our own story. We are called to mission by our faith. Like Jesus we are challenged to live and proclaim the goodness of God's reign in our own lives, in the midst of our world. Doing so, demands that we undergo transformation. This is a continual and constant process of conversion. Only with transformation of our own humanity can we transform our world into God's dream. Conversion is about more than leaving behind what we have been. It is about becoming someone renewed. It is changing ourselves bit by bit so that we may be life-giving to our world and to others. In other words, how can you and I be the face of God's love where we are?

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 February 18 Mass Intentions



تأمل

Sunday, February 18, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM
2nd Week of Lent: Healing of the Leper
For the Parishioners of Saint Charbel

Monday 19/02 No Mass

Tuesday 20/02 , No Mass

Wednesday 21/02 , No Mass

Thursday 22/02 , No Mass

Friday 23/02 Mass: 11:30 am
Station of the Cross 6:30 pm

Saturday 24/02 , No Mass

Sunday, February 25, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM
Sunday 3rd week of Lent
Healing of the Hemorrhaging woman
For the Parishioners of Saint Charbel

• تضع أمامنا أمانة الكنيسة المقدسة في الأحد الثاني من زمن الصوم، تأملاتٍ تدعونا إلى العودة إلى الرب يسوع كي يشفيانا ويحررنا من كل ما يكبلنا.
• إن رسالة اليوم ترفع من قيمة الجسد في معرض الكلام عن النعمة والشريعة!
• نتأمل في الخطيئة التي تجعلنا ننغلق على ذواتنا، مثل الأبرص في عزلته، تجعلنا نتفوق على فقرنا وعزلتنا، على جراحننا وخطيئتنا، على تعاستنا وعلى ياسنا ولا ينقذنا من موتها سوى لجوؤنا إلى الله لننال الخلاص لنفوسنا قبل أجسادنا.
• فلنسأل الرب في هذا الأحد أن يمنحنا القوة لنضع كل ما يتعبنا بين يدي الرب ليشفيانا وليحررنا، آمين.



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. To select a week plz see Msgr. Azzi or Houda Dable

Offertory February 11

Collection : \$ 1142.00
Candles : \$ 342.00
Manakish: \$ 1525.00



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.

Announcements

Saint Charbel Parish Committees

Pastoral Council:

Richard Nakhle (Chairperson), Zmorrod Gerges, Georgette George, Gisele Akouri, Francois Tawil, Charles Youssef, Elianne Abi Shaker, Ramez Moussa, Charlotte Saade, Jimmy Al alam, Marwan Soffee.

Administrative Council:

George Youssef (Coordinator), Rabih El-Alam, Pierre Kreidi, Rabih Nakhle, Elias El-Ghawi

Youth Council:

Joey George (Coordinator)

Religious Education:

Esperance Kreidi (Coordinator)

Lebanese Festival:

Reema Youssef (Coordinator)

**The general meeting for parishioners will be postponed for ulterior date.
Will be announced.**

MAAMOUL FOR SALE



We will be having MAAMOUL FOR SALE, we have 4 varieties: **Dates, Walnuts, Pistachio and Mix for \$40 each Kg.** To order, Plz contact Samantha Gerges at 506- 261 6252. Deadline March 14.



CANDLES FOR PALM SUNDAY

To Reserve your Palm Sunday Candles, Plz contact Msgr Pierre Azzi or Houda Dable



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

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Thank You

THANK YOU, On behalf of all Parishioners, thank you to all supporters, sponsors, volunteers and organizers of the **Valentines Day Party on Saturday Feb 10 & MANOUCHE Event on ASH Monday!**. Big Thank you and appreciation, a Job well done, thank you for your effort and hard work and generosity. God Bless. it was an enjoyable time. **THANK YOU**