

Saint Charbel's Parish
Maronite Catholic Church - Established 1983



Weekly Bulletin

February 25, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent: The Hemorrhaging Woman

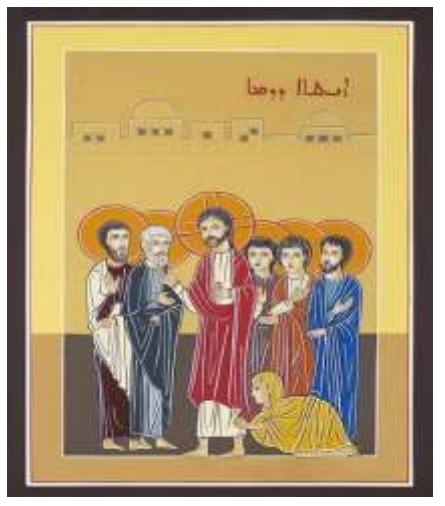
الأحد الثالث من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء النازفة

Book of Numbers 15:37-41

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 7:4-11

Gospel: St Luke 8:40-56

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. 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 Word for Luke is the preached word of Jesus. As Jesus walks the crowd squeezes in against him, seeking to draw near to him. One person in the crowd is particularly intent on getting to Jesus. This woman has been hemorrhaging for years, which means she has been in a perpetual state of uncleanness according to the law. She has been shut out from religious life, a social outcast. In despair over her loneliness and condition, she hopes that an underground approach, a surreptitious touching of Jesus, will change her fate. This is why she came up behind him, Contact with his garment, either the edge or the tassels hanging from it, may bring her instant healing. Her solution works, but it brings her more than she bargained for. Trembling, she comes forward to give her public testimony of how she has been healed. Despite the embarrassment of her past condition and the timidity of her approach to Jesus, she declares what Jesus has done for her. In response Jesus issues a simple commendation: "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace." He makes her faith an example, timid as it was. The one with faith does not need to fear approaching Jesus and his authority. He is accessible and available. Both the woman's faith and her testimony are commended in Jesus' response.



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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



::: تأمل من وحي الإنجيل :::

في إنجيل هذا الأحد نلاحظ أن كثيرون ساروا وراء المسيح وواحدة نالت الشفاء وذلك لأنها تقدمت بإيمان بنفسٍ واثقة، لقد إقتربت منه في الخفاء بإنسحاقٍ لتتلامس مع الرب الشافي. وبحسب شريعة العهد القديم فنازفة الدم هي نجسة تُنجس من يتلامس معها، لكن السيد القدوس لا ينتجس من بل بتلامسه معنا يُشفينا ويُقدسنا. والسيد أعلن ما فعلته هذه المرأة ليعلن إيمانها فنتشبه بها وحتى لا ينخسها ضميرها لأنها نالت العطية خلسة، ولأن المسيح أعجب بإيمانها. هذه المرأة ترمز إلى عجز العالم عن شفائنا من أمراضنا، فقط المسيح يمنحنا الشفاء والسلام. كما تُعلمنا هذه المرأة كيفية الإقتراب من الرب بدون "ضجة إعلامية" أمام الناس، وهذا يتوافق مع قول الرب أيضًا أنه علينا أن نصلي في مخدعنا. لقد لمستته بإيمان، وهذه اللمسة تُخرج قوة شافية من الرب يسوع، أمام هذا المنظر الذي سحَب قلوب الكل فاض عليها الرب بهبات محبته، إذ قال لها: "تقي يا ابنة، إيمانك قد شفاك، إذهبي بسلام". هي آمنت وهو زاد إيمانها أكثر فأكثر بقوله لها: "تقي"، فالإيمان هو عطية الله لمن يسأله، والنمو في الإيمان هو هبة لمن يُمارس الإيمان. يهبنا الله الإيمان إن سألناه، ويُزيد إيماننا إن عملنا في ما أعطانا إياه. كما أعلن عطية البنوة لها، هذه العطية التي تفوق كل عطية أو موهبة. هي آمنت ونالت، فمجدته بإيمانها، وبمجدتها أيضًا هو بقوله: "إيمانك قد شفاك".

Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

Going to the Mountain – Visions & Dreams

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. There he was transfigured before them.... Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent we listen to the story of the *transfiguration*. This year we hear the account as told by the Gospel writer Mark. *Transfiguration* is not a common word for us, but it does describe something that is quite often part of our experience. *Transfiguration* expresses change, transformation. It describes someone showing a different side or image of themselves. On that "high mountain apart, by themselves" this is what Mark describes happened for those three disciples. They had a vision of who Jesus is. But *Transfiguration* also involves self-discovery. The experience shows the disciples beginning to see who they are. It reveals a transformation in their own lives. Accepting this change is more than taking on something new. It also involves a letting go of who they have been and accepting that their lives have in fact changed. New vision will always have this result and this challenge. This is a story of vision. Peter and James and John have a vision. They glimpse Jesus in radiant light, expressing the presence of God in their midst. He is accompanied by the prophets Elijah and by Moses who led God's People into covenant with God and brought them from slavery to liberation. These were the twin pillars of the faith of Israel in God – the law and the prophets. The vision of Peter, James and John now brought them to see this faith fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus is the power of God revealed in human flesh. What Mark presents as happening to these disciples on that mountain acknowledges the faith of Christians down through the ages. Jesus reveals the Spirit of God showered upon humanity. It is a vision of God's dream for us, what we can be. This Sunday which focuses on the *transfiguration* is sometimes referred to as the "day of dreams." As the Gospel writer anticipates the resurrection, God's dream for creation and for all humanity is revealed in Jesus, the risen one. It is a dream of life and of light, of healing and reconciliation, of liberation and renewal. It is a dream of transformation, shown in the *transfiguration* that the disciples experienced on the mountain. The *transfiguration* is not only about Jesus. The vision is also about the disciples and their mission. And, it is about us and the way of life we are called to imitate. It is about our own transformation and becoming. Whether we realize it or not, following in the steps of Jesus and blessed with the Spirit, we are meant to transform and transfigure all creation. In our own time and world, our mission is to transform our relationships, our Church, our community and our world. This is quite a vision and it has all kinds of risks and challenges for us, as it had for Jesus. But what a dream, what a vision for our world! It is our glory and salvation.

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 25 Mass Intentions



تأمل

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

Monday 26/02 No Mass

Tuesday 27/02: Mass 11:30am

In Memory of Monzer Chaer

Wednesday 28/02 , Mass at 6:30 PM

In Memory of Monzer Chaer

Thursday 29/02 , Mass at 11:30 AM

In Memory of Monzer Chaer

Friday 01/03 , Mass at 11:30 AM

Station of the Cross at 6:30 PM

Saturday 02/03 , No Mass

In Memory of Monzer Chaer

Sunday, Mars 03, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM

Sunday 4th week of Lent

Parable of the Prodigal Son

• نُقَدِّمُ لَنَا أَمْنَا الْكَنِيسَةِ فِي الْأَحَدِ الثَّلَاثِ مِنْ
زَمَنِ الصُّومِ تَأْمَلًا فِي تَعْزِيَةِ اللَّهِ لَنَا وَفِي شَفَائِهِ
لِقُلُوبِنَا.
• رِسَالَةُ الْيَوْمِ تَوْضِحُ لَنَا أَيْضًا أَنَّ اللَّهَ "يُعْزِّي
الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ" وَلَوْ عَانُوا مِنَ الْحُزَنِ الَّذِي
يَتَحَوَّلُ بِالنِّسْبَةِ إِلَيْهِمْ إِلَى بَرَكَةٍ لِأَنَّ "الْحُزْنَ
الْمُرْضِيَّ لِلَّهِ يَصْنَعُ ثَوْبَةً لِلْخَلَاصِ لَا نَدَمَ
عَلَيْهَا!"
• أَمَا فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ فَنَجِدُ أَنْفُسَنَا مَعَ الْمَنْزُوفَةِ،
وَمَعَ يَأْنِيرِسَ وَإِبْنَتِهِ. إِنَّهَا لَوْحَةٌ شَفَاءٍ وَلَوْحَةٌ
إِحْيَاءٍ. وَفِي كِلْتَيْهِمَا، نَجِدُ يَسُوعَ الْمَخْلُصَ،
وَنَجِدُ أَنْفُسَنَا مَعْنِيَيْنِ مَبَاشِرَةً بِمَا يَحْدُثُ، تَارَةً
مِنْ خِلَالِ الْمَنْزُوفَةِ، وَتَارَةً مِنْ خِلَالِ يَأْنِيرِسَ
وَإِبْنَتِهِ، وَفِي أَوْقَاتٍ أُخْرَى مِنْ خِلَالِ بَطْرُسَ
وَالْتَّلَامِيذِ.
• لِنَعُدْ إِلَى اللَّهِ فَيَلْمَسُ أَفْكَارَنَا وَعُقُولَنَا وَقُلُوبَنَا
وَيَشْفِينَا مِنْ نَزْفِنَا الرَّوْحِيِّ!

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. **Plz Contact Hoda Dable or Msgr. Azzi**

Offertory February 18

Collection : \$ 805.00



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Thank you in Advance, God Bless.

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Reema Youssef (Coordinator)

WELCOME

On behalf of Saint Charbel Parish we extend our warmest welcome to Monsignor Elie Zouein.



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



SAVE THE DATE

Maronite Youth Convention
MAY 17-20, 2024



**Lent Seasons :
Fasting, Prayers,
Charity.**



زمن الصوم : صيام،
صلاة، صدقة.

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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