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Saint Charbel's Parish *Maronite Catholic Church - Established 1983*



Weekly Bulletin

February 4, 2024

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

أحد الموتى المؤمنين

Book of Ezekiel: 37:1-10

Epistle: 1Th 5:1-11

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The Gospel for the week is the rich man and Lazarus and we are being reminded and warned that one day we will be one of the faithful departed. The comparative fates of Lazarus and the rich man present us with a choice about where we are headed. This Gospel is perfectly positioned in the Maronite liturgical season to remind us that if we have lost our way, Great Lent is the time when we can commit and repent. So this is the rich man reduced to begging for the help of the poor, who once suffered from hunger; the roles are changed, and everyone can see now who was real rich man, who was the real poor man. In the theatres, when the evening comes, and the actors withdraw and leave their costume, those whom we had seen appear on the stage as generals and predators, show themselves to all as they are in all their misery. It is thus that when death comes, and the spectacle of life comes to an end, all the masks of poverty and wealth fall, and it is exclusively according to the works that are judged who are the true rich, who are the true poor, and those who are worthy of glory or reproach. If the rich man suffers from such cruel torments, it is not because he was rich, but because he was ruthless. The message is simple: look around you and be attentive to the needs of others.

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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Icon of the Faithful Departed



The amazing Maronite icon for the “Sunday of the Faithful Departed” perfectly encapsulates the Maronite view of death. Looking at the icon we see the departed person in a boat, and as we hear in the hymn, the boat is representative of Mary who assists us as we journey through the dangerous seas of fire to heaven. The scene at the top of the icon is a depiction of what is contained in Revelations 20-22. In the icon we can see that the departed is travelling to be judged according to their deeds. The anchor in the icon is one of the earliest Christian symbols and represents hope. In Hebrews 6:19 we hear: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”

Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

Being a Disciple of Jesus in the Midst of Life

Busyness – it is truly the character of our lives. The little piece of Mark’s Gospel that we hear this Sunday (Mk. 1:29-39) expresses this as part of the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus has just left the Synagogue where he had been speaking and had healed a person. Now he goes to the house of two of his disciples, Simon and Andrew. Immediately they tell him that Simon’s mother-in-law was ill. He goes directly to her and heals her. Shortly after that, when Sabbath was over at sunset, they brought a host of others in need of healing. We can imagine the crowd around the door. Jesus healed many again. Early the next morning Jesus went apart to pray. His disciples soon were chasing after him. They reported that everyone was looking for him. Jesus proposed that they moved on to other places and there he continued to proclaim the message of God’s Reign. As elsewhere, he also healed those in need. All these many instances of reaching out in care and healing people have a meaning attached to them. Jesus not only preaches the nearness of the Reign of God. He also reveals that reign is truly present among us and around us. God’s dream is that all creation be saved from death, evil and sin, that it be restored to wholeness. Each healing represents this movement to wholeness, each in its own way. This is the ministry of Jesus. The disciples with Jesus are following a call to do as he does. Their lives are a call to listen, to watch, to imitate and to undertake the same mission. Their mission will be busy. It will be filled with demands and will also have moments of prayer and restoration. The mission will not always be following their own plan. Often, like Jesus, they will be responding to the occasions that come to them – at the time unexpectedly and often in unplanned ways. In the midst of our own busyness, God’s Reign enters our lives and calls us to respond. It will not always be convenient. It will not be when we plan to receive it. It will challenge us and it will fulfill us. It is an invitation to be part of God’s Dream, to help build the Reign as Jesus did. To do so, we work with the busy schedules that we all have. They do not stand in the way. Rather, this is the life in which we are to be disciples. Like Jesus, our busyness will be the place where we work.

Q/ What are the busy things that we must work with to pray, to care, to serve as disciples?

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 4 Mass Intentions



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Sunday, February 04, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM
Sunday of the Faithful Departed
Blessing of Candles

Monday 05/02 No Mass

Tuesday 06/02 , No Mass

Wednesday 07/02 , Mass 6:30 PM
In Memory of Monzer Chaer

Thursday 08/02 , Mass 11:30 AM
In Memory of Monzer Chaer

Friday 09/02 , Mass 6:30 PM
Feast of Saint Maron

Saturday 10/02 , Mass 7:00 PM
Celebration of the Feast of Saint Maron

Sunday, February 11, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM
Miracle of Cana Wedding in Galilee
For the Parishioners of Saint Charbel

Monday 12/02 Mass 7:00 pm
Ash Monday – blessing of Ashes

• في أحد الموتى المؤمنين، تضعنا الكنيسة أمام عدة تساؤلات لا بدّ من أن يطرحها كلّ مؤمن على نفسه محاولاً قراءة إيمانه على ضوءها.
• رسالة هذا الأحد تحثنا على الرّجاء الذي يستند إليه الإنسان في مسيرته الإستعدادية للحياة الأبدية من خلال عيش المحبة التي تترجم الإيمان وتغذي الرّجاء طبعاً!
• مع القديس لوقا، نتأمل في مرض العصر الذي هو اللامبالاة، من خلال مثل الغني ولعازار.
• كل يوم هو عطية، هو هدية لكي نعيش اللقاء مع المسيح، فلنطلب ونصلي لكي نعيش بحضورته، 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. See Msgr. Azzi to select a week.

Offertory January 28

Collection : \$ 1215.00



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



ST CHARBEL'S YOUTH RAFFLE

Enter for a chance to win our Gift Card Basket with a grand prize worth over ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. With Gift Cards to some of your favourite restaurants such as Jack's Pizza, Rustico, Diplomat, Boston Pizza, Byblos and many more. Winners will be contacted via phone on Feb 10th.

GRAND PRIZE

\$1000 worth of Gift Cards

Tickets are:

- \$5 for 1 Entry
- \$10 for 3 Entries
- \$50 for 25 Entries
- \$100 for 75 Entries

Enter to win

To enter simply send us an e-transfer at the email below and add your name and phone number in the description.

For more information feel free to send us an email at: stcharbelfrederictonyouth@gmail.com



ST. CHARBEL'S YOUTH PRESENTS

10TH FEB 2024

VALENTINE'S DAY Party

MEZZA, DRINKS, & MUSIC

TICKETS \$20

DOORS OPEN AT 8PM, AFTER MASS AT 7PM

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
SAMANTHA GERGES: (506) 261-6252
JOEY GEORGES: (506) 447-7977

Valentine's Party Fundraiser organized by the Youth Council: join us to support our youth to attend the Maronite Youth Convention in Ottawa on May 17-20, 2024. Party will be held on Saturday February 10 after 7:00 PM Mass. Raffle tickets are available, for details and contact information please consult the attached adds. All proceeds will go to cover the attendance of our youth at the convention.



ASH MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2024



The Maronite Lenten season begins with the "Entrance into Great lent" on Cana Sunday. The Maronite Church adopted Ash Monday considering that Great Lent Starts on Sunday, which is why it is Ash Monday. The distribution of Ashes will be during the **7:00 PM MASS on Monday February 12.**



Maronite Youth Convention
MAY 17-20, 2024

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for our delicious and authentic Lebanese food: MANOUCHE! Zaatar or Cheese Manouche or Half-Half, hot off the Sajj. They will be available on Monday February 12 (Ash Monday) after 7:00 PM Mass. Take-out orders can be placed during the week of Feb 4-11 by contacting Georgette George at 506-478-4466. Ahlan Wa Shalan - All are Welcome.

