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Weekly Bulletin

January 14 2024

الأحد الثاني بعد الدنح: إعتلان سرّ المسيح للرسل

2nd Sunday after Epiphany: Testimony of the first disciples

Book of Jeremiah: 1: 4-10

Epistle: 2 Co 4:5-15

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

"Come and you'll see." Jesus uses the same words to call all his disciples. It is Christ who calls and it is up to man to answer. None of the disciples are alike. They come from all walks of life and all have different personalities and talents. Jesus chooses his disciples from among sinners, even the most hardened.

Christ looks beyond sin. He sees the potential of the person and raises him to the highest level by inviting him to be his disciple. He could have chosen men who were more holy or smarter. He read in their hearts and he saw their generous spirit eager to know and live the truth.

"And they stayed with him". The decision made freely to follow Christ is the greatest moment in the life of the disciple. The Christian who understands his purpose in life knows that true happiness is found by saying 'yes' to Christ. Yet it is never easy, because Christ asks for unconditional commitment and this implies three virtues:

Faith: total faith in Christ even when we do not understand everything.

Humility: to know that without Christ we can do nothing.

Sacrifice: to detach our heart from the world to love Christ without reserve.

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 "الدنح المجيد"

أيقونة الإشراف هذه، عناصرها موجودة في معظم أيقونات الدنح لدى كل التقاليد الإيقونوغرافية. العنصر الثالثي، الأب بظهور اليد (خيروفانيا)، رمز للخالق ولصوته الذي سمعناه ولم نره إلا بصورة الإبن المتجسد، المعتمد في الأردن على يد سابقه وصابغه. الروح بشكل حمامة تنحدر من الأعلى، فوق رأس الإبن. الملائكة هرعوا حاملين المناديل لتتشفيف الجمرمة المعتمدة والتي يُرمز لها بشعلة النار الطافية على المياه. إنها ميزة خاصة بتقليدنا السرياني الماروني، إذ أن جمع النار والماء هو صورة لجمع اللاهوت والناسوت، بشخص ابن الله المتأنس، بكمال ألوهيته وإنسانيته.



Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

They have no wine – God's Great Sign

In the Gospel of John (2:1-11) we hear the story of what John calls the first of Jesus' signs. It takes place at a wedding in Cana. The first part of John's Gospel, (chapters 1-12) is often referred to as the Book of Signs. Through the wonders and miracles that John describes in this section we are given a whole series of signs which show forth the action of God amongst on the part of Jesus. They express God's care and love through the touch of Jesus, divine and human. Cana presents Jesus in action for the first time. He is launching his mission to make the Reign of God present and active in the world. The Good News is announced in the great sign – Jesus himself, but also, for John in a series of signs that reveal the divine presence amongst us in a saving and life-giving way. Is it possible that perhaps such signs are ever present in our lives? To recognize such signs around us is important. The story begins with Mary at the wedding turning to her son and calling on him for help. She says something to Jesus that might seem a mere observation an expression of concern. Mary remarks: *They have no wine*. What a sensitive and caring appeal on Mary's part. In John's telling of the story, it is the Good News unfolding and it takes on much more significant meaning. *They have no wine* expresses something is missing. The couple, the wedding, lacks something. Mary, in the account, speaks for all humanity. In this first of Jesus' signs, she declares a fundamental reality of human existence – we lack. We are not, in the end, self-sufficient. Our fulfillment will only come when we allow God to act in our life and in our world. This sign at Cana becomes an expression of the God's great sign – God's touch of humanity in Jesus. At the wedding, Jesus' action fills the lack in the occasion. The story of Cana in this Gospel takes us to something deep within us. As much as we desire fulfillment, as much as we want to understand what life means for us, as much as we seek happiness and contentment – we cannot gain this on our own. *They have no wine* speaks to us of our human insufficiency. We have many lacks. The lack of peace and harmony in our world and in our own relationships, our inability to communicate fully with one another, our incapacity to respect and care abundantly for each other, these are all expressions of our human insufficiency. Our great human lack lies in our loss of union with God and with one another. The story at Cana is the first indication in the Gospel, that Jesus comes to fulfill God's dream for humanity and all creation. His presence, active among us bring the dream to life among us. In fact the image in the action of Jesus is beyond what Mary could ever have imagined. The abundance that Jesus brings in response to Mary's comment is revealed in the marvelous volume of wine that Jesus provides. What a sign of God's love poured out on all. This is God's reign among us. With this Reign comes the transformation of our world into a communion both with God and with one another. By ourselves we lack the means to be what God dreams for us. But then, it is not beyond God.

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 January 14 Mass Intentions



تأمل

Sunday, January 14, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Mass in Memory of the late Msgr Joseph Salame,
Requested by the Parish of Saint Charbel

Monday 15/01 No Mass
Tuesday 16/01, Mass 11:30 AM
In memory of the late Nazih Saba

Wednesday 17/01, Mass 6:30 PM
Feast of St Anthony the Great.
عيد مار انطونيوس الكبير

Thursday 18/01, Mass 11:30 AM
In memory of the late Nazih Saba

Friday 19/01, Mass 6:30 PM
In memory of the late Nazih Saba

Saturday 20/01, Mass 11:30 AM
In memory of the late Nazih Saba

Sunday, January 21, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
For the Parishioners of Saint Charbel

• في الأحد الثاني من زمن الدنح، زمن إعتلان الله الثالث على نهر الاردن، نتأمل معاً في إعتلان سرّ المسيح للرسل الذين بدورهم سيحملون هذه البشارة إلى العالم أجمعين بكلّ ما تحمله هذه الرسالة من مخاطر وفرح في آن معاً.

• مع رسالة مار بولس، سنأمل كمّاً من الصعوبات التي قد يعاني منها كلّ إنسانٍ مسيحيّ لأنّه يحمل "هذا الكنز في أنية من حَرَف" ضعيفة وقابلة للكسر ولكن على ضوء التأكيد بأنّ "تلك القُدرة الفائقة هي من الله لا مِنّا".

• ومع الإنجيل، يخبرنا القديس يوحنا عن اللقاء الأول بين يسوع وتلاميذه. في الغد، أيّ في اليوم الذي يلي معمودية يسوع، أدرك يوحنا أنه أتمّ رسالته، وأن الوقت قد حان كي يصغر لينمو يسوع. وبينما هو واقف مع تلميذين له، أشار إلى المسيح وقال: "ها هو حمل الله!"



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 1

Collection : \$ 485.00



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.

Feast of Saint Anthony the Great - January 17



The Feast of St Anthony the Great is celebrated on 17 January. He lived in Egypt where at the time Christianity was flourishing. We learn about St Anthony from an account given by Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria. He was born around 251AD and lived a long life. “Anthony was born in a devout Christian family. His parents died leaving for him a little sister, which he took good care of. He heard one day the words of the Gospel (Mt. 19:21): ‘If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to (the) poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’ This word penetrated Anthony’s heart and changed his life.



Condolences

A Memorial Mass for the soul of the Late Msgr Joseph Salame will be held at Saint Charbel Church on Sunday January 14, 2023 at 11:30AM requested by the Parish of Saint Charbel- Fredericton. Msgr Salame was the Pastor of Saint Charbel -Mississauga, ON.

Our sincere condolences and sympathy to His Excellency Bishop Tabet, to the Priests of the Eparchy of Saint Maron and to his family and relatives.

May God Rest his Soul in Peace in the kingdom of God and grant consolation for his family, relatives, colleagues, and friends.

Miscellaneous



Saint Charbel Parish is seeking new members to its Parish Pastoral and Administrative Councils for the year 2024 starting in January. we encourage you to take an active role in helping build and vision our Parish into the future. Please contact in person Msgr Pierre Azzi.



The 2024 Offertory Envelopes are now available at the entrance of the church. Please advise the office of any change to your address. There are envelopes for the new users, please verify the number. Thank you for your kind generosity



- St Anthony The Great, January 17
- Saint Maron, February 9
- Saint Valentine Feb 14



Holy Water available for pick-up, was blessed January 6 & 7 during Epiphany' Masses.

WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024



SEMAINE de PRIERE pour L'UNITE DES CHRETIENS 2024

"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luce 10:27)
weekofprayer.ca

« Tu aimeras le Seigneur ton Dieu... et ton prochain comme toi-même » (Luc 10,27)
semainedepriere.ca



January 18 to January 25