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



Weekly Bulletin

January 28 2024

Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

أحد الأبرار والصدّيقين

Book of Wisdom: 5:1,3-6,8,15-16

Epistle: Hebrews 12:18-24

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Sunday of the 'Righteous and Just' reminds us of our call to holiness. God invites every Christian to lead a holy life. In this week, we recall all the people who have led a holy life and are now enjoying everlasting glory with God in the heavenly kingdom. We are reminded that the saints in heaven participate in the glory of the resurrection of our Lord and we can as well. The Righteous and the Just are all the saints who are in heaven and they are our models. They could be our parents, relatives, and friends. Some saints have been pronounced saints officially by the Church after their death. Christian love requires us to see Christ in everyone, no matter who they are. Each of us must find how to live God's love in our own life. The Gospel is preparing us for Great Lent, drawing our focus on death, judgement, and the final destiny of our soul and of humankind. Great Lent is a preparation for the second coming of the Saviour. We are being reminded to take heed of how we live now, because each moment counts towards our judgement and we will be asked about it. We need to examine ourselves in this lead up to Great Lent and look for those things causing us to fall short of God's love, so that we can make a genuine change. We are being reminded that each day and each hour counts. There is also a wider dimension to this Gospel which is the "Judgement of Nations". As well as asking us to consider our individual responsibility, we must also consider our collective responsibility to humankind.

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

لقد فعلها الصديقون والأبرار وأدركوا أنه: هو الله العالم بطبيعة الإنسان الضعيفة، فجعل قوة من ضعف كل من تبعه ومشى في طريقه وقلبه متوقد بحب من إختياره مسكنًا له، وخطاه تأخذه بثبات نحو من أحبه بتواضع وأمانة، مرتاحًا إلى رفقة الروح الذي يعلمه ويعدّه بصبرٍ وطول أناة، تاركًا وراءه كل رغبة من العالم ليستنير بالكلمة إلى أن يدرك طريقة الإقامة معه في جوهره فيعيش شراكة "فرح الحب" النورانية ليضحى سراجًا منيرًا لكل من يلتقيه وهو لا يدري فطوبى لأولئك الذين جلت يد الخالق أعماقهم بذهب الحب الخالص، وأفواههم حُرقت لتتطق شفاههم ببخور الحق ورائحة البرارة، أما أيديهم الممسكة بشباك الفضائل فامتلات من خيرات ما أعطوا ومن النفوس العطشى، المتفجرة إلى معنى هذا الحب الحقيقي وصاحبه، المختلفة الأشكال والألوان الذي بهم يُسرّ جدًا، ويزين من حملها إليه، بكل الصدق والبر، بجميل الحُلل الببيضاء وأكاليل المجد والقداسة "حتى أن الملك نفسه يكون مفتونًا بجمالها".

Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

The Reign of God and Crossing Boundaries

Mark, in his Gospel, describes Jesus coming into a synagogue (sacred space) on a Sabbath day (a sacred time). While teaching in this place, he encounters a man with an unclean spirit. In Israel such a person was ritually unclean and thus to be avoided. A person was deemed to be holy to the degree they kept away from the unholy, the unclean. Sometimes this was certain foods, certain action or on occasion, certain people. The man possessed of an unclean spirit was one of these last. Jesus knows of this demand for avoidance. He does not allow himself to be bound. Rather he crosses the boundary for the sake of the Kingdom, for the sake of the Reign of God. Jesus recognizes that, far from being limited by the ritual purity law his mission is to cross over to bring life to those in need. In doing so, he brings the Reign, its liberation and its healing to the man with the unclean spirit. The result of this encounter of the man with the unclean spirit is healing. Jesus expels the unclean spirit and restores the unfortunate person to wholeness and freedom from the bonds of the unclean spirit. By crossing the boundaries that limited others, Jesus was able to make present the active Reign of God. To enter the Reign of God means crossing such boundaries. It often means taking actions and holding positions that others shy from. Ultimately, it means reaching out to bring others the wholeness and the liberation for which we all long.

All of this is the basis of Catholic Social Teaching. This teaching developed in the Catholic community over the past two hundred years, beginning in the late 19th century when the Industrial Revolution began to impact our world. The event produced massive changes in world economies, social structures and political life. There was a need to read the Gospel in a way that relates to these changes. Out of this new reading came Catholic Social Teaching. The Church began to reflect on the basic elements of economic and social structures in the light of Jesus' message and mission. The teaching that comes out of this ongoing reflection continues today and its fundamentals affect the manner in which we view our own global society and its economic, social and political realities. A number of basic principles form the foundation of Catholic Social Teaching. Such teaching calls for respect for the dignity of the human person, all persons. It is further founded on the priority of the common good in all decision making, political, economic and social. From this foundation flows the Church's call and advocacy for justice, peace and global respect in our world. Our Canadian Church expresses this in many ways, globally through The Canadian Organization for Development and Peace and its programs of aid and advocacy for justice, peace and the respect for equality of all.

The Reign of God knows no boundaries – it respects, heals and reconciles all of Creation.

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 28 Mass Intentions



تأمل

Sunday, January 28, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM
Sunday of the Righteous and the Just
Mass in Memory of the late Antonios and Bernadette Gerges and their children Georges and Youssef Gerges, requested by the family.

Monday 29/01 No Mass

Tuesday 30/01, No Mass

Wednesday 31/01, No Mass

Thursday 01/02, No Mass

Friday 02/021, Mass 6:30 PM – Eucharistic Adoration after mass
Presentation of Christ to the Temple
Blessing of Candles

Sunday, February 04, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM
Sunday of the Faithful Departed
(we will celebrate presentation of the lord – blessing of babies)
For the Parishioners of Saint Charbel

• من الخوف إلى المحبة... هذا ما نتأمل به في هذا الأحد لنوحد عبادتنا لله مع رحمتنا للإنسان...
• إذا أردنا أن نختصر الرسالة، وهي فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين، بجملة واحدة، يمكننا عندها القول: القديس لا يخاف من الله!
• إنجيل اليوم يقول لنا إن الله هو ملكٌ يجلس على عرش مجده، ولكنه أيضاً يكشف لنا بأنه يحتاج أيضاً إلى الآخرين. فإلهنا إلهٌ فقير، لأنه يجوع ويعطش ويمرض ويُبذ ويُرفض.
• البرارة فعلٌ يبدأ في الحياة اليومية ويتسَخ في كل ما يمكن أن نخدم به الإنسان الذي هو صورة الله ومثاله!



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 21

Collection : \$ 1410.00



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.

Condolences

We regret to announce the passing of Monzer Issa Chaer, 51, of Syria, passed away on Sunday January 21, 2024. He is the brother of Amin Chaer of Fredericton. A Memorial Mass will take place at St Charbel's Maronite Catholic Church on Sunday January 28, 2024, at 11:30 AM. Requested by his brother Amin and the family.

Condolences will be in the church hall after Mass

Our sincere condolences to Amin Chaer and Family, siblings, and relatives, May God rest his soul in peace and grant consolation to his family and relatives.

Miscellaneous



Dear parishioners, as you know, February 2nd is the feast of the presentation of the Lord in the Temple. On Sunday Feb. 4th I would like to bless all babies 2 years old and younger during mass at 11:30 am.

Parents who would like to have their baby/babies blessed, please contact Maria David at (506) 897 1091 or m.david146434@gmail.com by Feb 1st to collect all information needed:

a) child name, b) date of birth, c) full name of parents, d) picture of the child, So, we can have enough time to create a slide for each child.

Thank you and God bless.



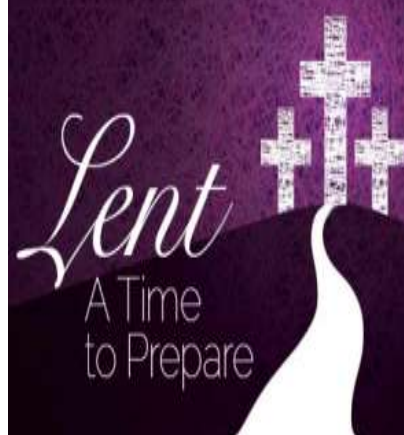
Reflection on the Presentation of Christ to the Temple February 2nd



This feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfillment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord. Simeon, upon seeing the Messiah, gave thanks to the Lord, Singing: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled. It has been revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.



- Presentation of Christ to the Temple Feb 2nd
- Saint Maron, February 9
- Youth Party, Feb 10
- Ash Monday Feb 12
- Saint Valentine Feb 14



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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

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

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