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الأحد الأول بعد الدنح: إعتلان سرّ المسيح ليوحنا المعمدان

Jesus reveals himself to John

Book of Isaiah: 40: 6-11

Epistle: 2 Co 10:1-11

Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

It is therefore in order to give us an example of humility, and to commit ourselves to receiving baptism which blots out sins and gives us salvation, that the Lord deigned to be baptized from the hands of his servant. This passage from the Scriptures reveals the Holy Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit manifested himself in the visible form of a dove when he descended on Our Lord after his baptism. It's a symbol of simplicity. The form of the dove teaches those who have been sanctified by the Holy Spirit to flee all duplicity, not to do his deeds with coldness. The dove knows not to tear, while the ravens give kisses, but at the same time they tear. The ravens feed on bodies that have been put to death, which the dove does not do, which feeds only on the fruits of the earth. Do not be afraid of division, recognize in the dove the symbol of the unity of Christian brothers and sisters in order to live a true peace.

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 "الدينح المجيد"

أيقونة الإشراف هذه، عناصرها موجودة في معظم أيقونات الدينح 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 لتتشف الجمر المعلقة والتي يرمز 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

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Why do we do this?

Recently I had the honour of gathering at the parish church with several families and welcoming into the Christian community a new member. Ferguson "Fergus" is a little over 4 years of age. Surrounded by family and friends as well as by members of the parish community, Fergus seemed to both tolerate and often enjoy the attention paid to him. Certainly, his parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins were in a happy space. Fergus's baptism was something for everyone to celebrate. Over the years, in a variety of communities I would estimate I have celebrated the baptisms of 1500 or more new Christians. Some of those we welcomed were adults, most have been children, many infants. Each time it is both a thrill and a joy to welcome these new Christians into the community. Often, we have done this in the setting of a Sunday Eucharist where the whole community welcomes their newest member. Always the welcome is a gift of the whole community. For Fergus, his baptism was a beginning of his life as a disciple of Jesus. Like the disciples we hear of in the Gospels, or the crowd that surrounded John the Baptist and Jesus at the River Jordan (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22), Fergus was beginning a journey of faith that would be life-long. As he began this journey, the Spirit was poured out upon him as it was upon Jesus. With the Spirit, like Jesus and the disciples who have gone before us, Fergus has been acknowledged as a beloved of God. Baptism is part of our sacramental tradition. This tradition acknowledges the wonder of all created reality. This created universe, including our humanity is an expression of God's overwhelming love. We do not easily grasp this. As well, all of the sacraments, including baptism, are part of life journey in a community of faith. Neither Fergus nor any of us make this journey alone. The baptism of Fergus was a beginning of a communal journey. Many were involved. First of all parents, grandparents and others of his family gathered around him. This family want to share many things with him. Among the gifts they want to share is the faith tradition they have. They wish their child to be surrounded by the same loving faith community that they themselves have had. They want their child to be part of their own journey. Our faith community wants the same for him. We want him to join us on our own journey, to be part of us. And so we welcome him and express our commitment to share our faith, our love and our support for him in the years to come. We also speak for the whole of the Catholic community of faith. We are a family of faith to which we have now gathered a newly welcomed member. If we look for it, we will find it. We are a communal faith. Our Christian Scriptures are gifts for this community. Whether gospels or letters or prophetic proclamations, they are for communities of faith. Paul writing to the community in Ephesus is clear about our communal character: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all." (Ephesians 4:4-5) Baptism, like all of our sacramental tradition, is about relationships – with God.

Divine Liturgy Time

جدول توقيت الذبيحة

Sunday: 11:30 AM (English & Arabic)
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
See schedule below (English & Arabic)



الأحد: 11:30 ظ (عربي و إنجليزي)
الأربعاء، الخميس، الجمعة والسبت
(عربي و إنجليزي)

Sunday January 07 Mass Intentions



تأمل

Sunday, January 07, 2023 Mass 11:30 AM
1st Sunday after Epiphany
Blessing of Holy Water
Mass in Memory of Youssef and Watfa El-Khoury,
Requested by their children.

Monday 08/01 No Mass

Tuesday 09/01, Mass 11:30 AM

For the late Nazih Saba

Wednesday 10/01, Mass 6:30 PM

For the late Nazih Saba

Thursday 11/01, Mass 11:30 AM

For the late Nazih Saba.

Friday 12/01, NO Mass

Saturday 13/01, NO Mass

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 – Fredericton.

• في الأحد الأوّل من زمن الدنح، نتأمل
معاً كيف للمسيحي الذي التقى بالمسيح
أن يسلك ويتصرّف.
• نتعمّق برسالة مار بولس التي تحمل
اليوم الكثير من التشجيع لا سيّما للمؤمن
"الخائف" أو "المتردّد"! فالرسول يؤكّد
بأنّ "أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسديّة" لأنّها
لا تنبع من قدراتنا الذاتيّة.
• أما الإنجيل وهو من إنجيل يوحنا
فيدعونا إلى تحويل زمن الدنح إلى زمن
لقاء شخصي مع المسيح لكي نشهد له
على مثال يوحنا المعمدان، فتغدو
شهادتنا، صوت صارخ في عالم بحاجة
إلى شهود لكي ينيروا درب كل إنسان.



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 December 24 /25 - 2023

Collection Sunday Dec 24: \$ 845 .00
Christmas masses: \$ 2015.00



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Thank you in Advance, God Bless.

إعلان سرّ المسيح ليوحنا المعمدان "

• إنه عيد الدنح الذي يُعتبر، لاهوتياً، من أهمّ الأعياد للشرقيين وكلمة دنح هي كلمة سريانية وتعني: إعلان أو ظهور، أي أنّ الكنيسة تحتفل بإعلان الله الثالث خلال المعمودية يسوع في نهر الاردن على يد يوحنا المعمدان.



• نعم هذا إيماننا كمسيحيين فبيسوع المسيح عرفنا الأب بالروح القدس، إله يعطي ذاته لأنه إله محبة، علنا نتعلم أن نعطي من ذواتنا للذين نلتقي بهم، علّ حياتنا تصبح صوتاً ينادي في برية هذا العالم أنّ المسيح حيّ.

ربّي وإلهي ... عيد الدنح هو عيدٌ ليس كأبي عيد، هو عيدٌ كشفت فيه عن ذاتك فكان الظهور الإلهي لتقول لنا "تعالوا إليّ وتعمّدوا في خيمتي مُغتسلين بمائي الحي المُنقى وناري الأكلة التي تحوّل أثامكم لرمادٍ متطاير لتصبحوا أبنائي الأحباء الذين أرضى عنهم لطاعة كلمتي. أنا إفتديتكم ولم أترككم دون أن أشير لكم على المُخلص الذي أرسلته لكم لفداءكم، لألبسكم ثوب البر فتفرحون معي حيثما أكون". ما حدث بيوم المعمودية الرّب يسوع كان لي فتحاً لباب الملكوت لأدخل وأملأ قلبي فرحاً دون إستحقاق، فلك الشكر على الدوام، آمين.

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



THANK YOU to all supporters, sponsors, volunteers, and organizers of the New Year's Eve Party. Happy New year 2024 to All.

**SAVE
THE DATES!**

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



Family Prayers Sunday Mass

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024

Happy New Year to All and Peace to the whole World.