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



**Monthly Bulletin** 

**July 2024** 

## Feast of Saint Charbel عید مار شربل

Book of

Epistle: Romans 8:28-29 Gospel: St Math 13:36-43

Being Saints for Our World and Times, Saints are a valued part of our Catholic Church tradition. They can be found in our Creed where we proclaim our belief in the "communion of saints". To express this belief is to assert that we live in fellowship with those who have died and gone before us. Their good continues to touch us all in our personal and in our community lives. In fact, our Creed calls us to something even bigger, more surprising. We are to be a community of saints. Being a saint is living the Spirit in the midst of our world and what is going on around us. Being a saint is responding with love and compassion to the challenges of our world today. In every age, there are challenges that call for a Spirit of loving compassion and a willingness to life-giving action. The saint in us and among us arises in the responses to these challenges, in every age and place. The "communion of saints" is not limited to those who have died and gone before us. Their good is not just an outreach from the past. They are the models for our present and the hope for our future. And saints are all around us. In the midst of our world and our own times, we sow the seeds of the reign of God on the "good soil" and the bad. With the Spirit of Jesus, we are called to sow everywhere, in all times and circumstances. The saint does not turn their back on the world, but walks amid the world to reflecting the Spirit of Jesus to all. Then we are becoming saints for one another, and the reign of God is building among us. Who are my own saints, today

#### **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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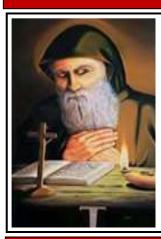






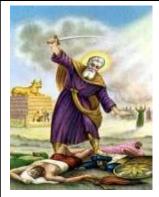


## عید مار شربل Feast of Saint Charbel



Mar Charbel was born On May 8, 1928 in a mountain village of Biqa'kafra, North Lebanon, to a poor Maronite family. Charbel "grew in age and wisdom before God and men." At 23 years old he entered the monastery of Our Lady of Mayfouk (north of Byblos) where he became a novice. After two years of novitiate, in 1853, he was sent to St Maron monastery where he pronounced the monastic vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. His ordination to the priesthood took place in 1859, after which he was sent back to St. Maron Monastery. His teachers provided him with a good education and nurtured within him a deep love for monastic life. In 1875 Charbel granted permission to live as a hermit on the hill nearby the monastery at St. Peter and Paul Hermitage. His 23 years of solitary life were lived in a spirit of total abandonment to God. On December 16, 1898 while reciting the "Father of Truth" prayer at the Holy Liturgy Charbel suffered a stroke. He died on Christmas Eve at the age of 70. On October 9, 1977 during the World Synod of Bishops, Pope Paul VI canonized Blessed Charbel among the ranks of the saints.

## Feast of Mar Elias (Prophet Elijah) July 20



Mar Elias (Syriac Elia, English Elijah) is widely venerated by the Maronites and many Maronite Churches carry his name. For Christians, his story is found in the Old Testament in 1 and 2 Kings. He was a prophet who lived in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of Ahab in the 9th century BC. He defended the worship of the Jewish God over that of the Canaanite deity Baal. God performed miracles through Elijah, including raising the dead, bringing fire down from the sky and allowing him to ascend into Heaven through a whirlwind. His story is also known in the Jewish and Muslim traditions. Mar Elias is an important figure in early Syriac writing, including in Aphrahat, Ephrem and Jacob of Serugh. We often ignore the Old Testament scriptures, but they are essential to our understanding of the New Testament.

### Feast of Mar Nohra July 22



Mar Nohra is an early Christian saint and is particularly venerated by the Maronites. He was born in Persia in the third century. After the death of his parents he worked to spread Christianity and convince pagans to convert. He stood up against idolatry. He traveled to the shores of Lebanon, including Tyre, Byblos, Batroun and Tripoli to preach the Gospel. There he encouraged Christians who were being persecuted to stay faithful. While in Lebanon, the governor ordered him to worship statues. He refused, declaring he was Christian. The Governor ordered his head be cut off and he suffered martyrdom at Batroun in Lebanon. It is good to remember that our ancestors were persecuted for the faith that we so freely practice in many countries in the world today. We are reminded to pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Mar Nohra's name is Aramaic in origin, meaning "Master of Light". For this reason he is the special patron of those who suffer from diseases of the eyes.

Sunday: 11:30 AM (English & Arabic)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
See schedule below (English & AArabic)

Monday & Tuesday: (No Mass)



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# Saint Charbel's Week from July 15 to July 22 Mass Intentions



Wednesday 17/07 , Mass 6:30 PM

**Thursday 18/07, Mass 11:30 AM** 

#### Three days Celebration of Saint Charbel:

Friday 19/07 , St Charbel Mass at 7:00 PM
Mass in memory of Youssef and Watfa El-Khoury requested by the family

Saturday 20/07, St Charbel Mass at 7:00 PM
Feast of The Prophet Elijah – Mar Elias
Ending of Religious Education program Ceremony

Sunday, July 21, 2024. St Charbel Mass 1:00 PM Feast of Saint Charbel

For the Parishioners of Saint Charbel

# Saint Charbel's Masses in PEI & Miramichi



- Charlottetown, PEI, Tuesday July 23 at 6:30 pm; at Holy Redeemer Church 3 Pond Street.
- Miramichi, NB, Sunday July 28 at 6:30 pm; at St Michael Archangel Basilica,
  - 10 Howard Street.
  - P.S. All are welcome. But plz confirm your presence with Msgr Pierre Azzi



#### 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**

Collection: Candles: \$ 176.50 Mass July 7: \$ 1675.00 Mass July 14: \$ 930.00 Religious Service: \$ 1595.00 Religious articles: \$ 160.00



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**

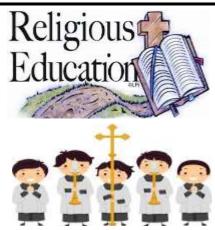




WELCOME to all the visitors from near and far to the Parish of Saint Charbel, Thank you for taking the time and coming to join us celebrating the Feast of our church patron saint: Saint Charbel. We wish you ALL, visitors and parishioners Happy Saint Charbel's celebrations. Ziarra we Salla Ma'aboulline, and safe return.

# Thank You!

Thank you IN ADVANCE to all the parishioners, volunteers, organizers, sponsors, working on the preparation of Saint Charbel's Feast. May God protect this parish and all persons named after St Charbel and Mar Elias...God Bless you all.



The ending of religious education school year will be celebrated during the Feast of Saint Charbel celebration, this coming weekend on Saturday July 20 at 7:00 PM, followed by outdoor gathering around bonfire with Hotdog and corn. Altar Servers are invited to the celebration. Hope to see you all.

# Thank you from the family of the late Anthony David

On behalf of Tamen David and family, we wish to extend our sincere and heartfelt thank you to all who visited, called, sent food, and attended the funeral mass at the passing of our father, Anthony David.

Thank you, Msgr Pierre Azzi, for your guidance and prayers during This difficult time.

We pray that God may keep each of you and your families safe and in good health always.