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



Weekly Bulletin

March 10, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: The Healing of the Paralytic

الأحد الخامس من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء المفلج

Book of Isaiah 35:1-6, 8, 9b -10

Epistle: 1 Timothy 5:24-25

Gospel: St Marc 2: 1-12

Lent every year is our desert experience, a time to rediscover our connection with our loving parent God. In the desert of Lent we step back and look at where we are in our journey. *"Stand up and take your mat and walk"* It was this man's misery that he needed to be so carried, and shows the suffering state of human life; it was kind of those who so carried him, and teaches the compassion that should be in men, toward their fellow-creatures in distress. True faith and strong faith may work in various ways; but it shall be accepted and approved by Jesus Christ. Sin is the cause of all our pains and sicknesses. The way to remove the effect is to take away the cause. Pardon of sin strikes at the root of all diseases. Christ proved his power to forgive sin, by showing his power to cure the man sick of the palsy. And his curing disease was a figure of his pardoning sin, for sin is the disease of the soul; when it is pardoned, it is healed. When we see what Christ does in healing souls, we must own that we never saw the like. Most men think themselves whole; they feel no need of a physician, therefore despise or neglect Christ and his gospel. But the convinced, humbled sinner, who despairs of all help, excepting from the Savior, will show his faith by applying to him without delay. Do you know the healing power of forgiveness? Jesus' treatment of sinners upset the religious teachers of the day. The scribes regarded this as blasphemy because they understood that only God had authority to forgive sins and to unbind a man from his burden of guilt. Jesus claimed an authority which only God could rightfully give.

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 من وحي الإنجيل

"يا ابني مغفورة لك خطاياك" ما هذه التعزية التي لا مثيل لها أن يأتي ربّ المجد إليّ كأبٍ ليحطم جدران سجنني المؤبد الذي حاكته لي خطيئتي فخلعتني! لم ولن يسألني قط عنها، لم ولن يفصح أمرني أمام الناس وهو يعرفني ويعرف قيامي وجلوسي، حافظاً كرامتي ومعيداً لي اعتباري المفقود. يلدني من الحشا مجدداً كطفلٍ صغير لا يعرف بعد الكلمات فيسبقني ويدعوني: "يا ابني" وبكلّ الحبّ ينقّيني ويطهرني ليعدني إلى المسيرة الجديدة. ثمّ يحنو عليّ ليرجع معي إلى بشريّتي إلى واقعي كراشدٍ ويعيد لي حركتي حين يأمرني بأن أترك سجن سريري وأقف طالباً منّي أن أرجع إلى بيتي. إلى ذاتي، إلى حياتي بين الناس بكلّ ثقة وشجاعة. كيف لي أن أنسى حضوره في حياتي؟ كيف لي أن أتغاضى عن وجوده في لحظات شللي وعجز جسدي ونفسي وروحي عن الحركة والكلام والتسبيح؟ فهل لي أن أنسى من وضعني من جديد على طريق الحرية الجديد؟ بيتي سيكون هو بيته، بيت الإنسان الواقف المستعدّ بكلّ كيانه. سوف ينشد له كلّ ما فيّ لطالما حييت لأنّ منه وفيه وإليه الحياة.

Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

Christian Faith: A Human & Divine Encounter

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world (John 9:5). How does Christian faith and an awareness of God enter our lives? There is no single, simple response to this question. But in most cases, it involves others, family, friends, even sometimes, persons we just happen to meet in a community in which we find ourselves. Even when we enter a community of faith as small children, it will be a life-long process of growth as we meet others who present us with a living faith that engages us. Pope Francis, as he began his papacy in 2013 issued an encyclical letter entitled "The Joy of the Gospel" (*Evangelii Gaudium*). It emphasized the mission that has been bestowed on every Christian from their very baptism. As he put it: *I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation (EV 27).* This vision a Christian community of disciples as sharers of the Good News is one of the motivating elements of the current gatherings underway in the Catholic community. *The Synod on Synodality*, unusual or unfamiliar as the phrase may sound, is really about opening the vision of Church in which all members are active sharers of the faith for the sake of others. Our faith is always a communal faith. We hold Christian faith so that it might be given away to others and that all might gain new life through this Good News. On this 4th Sunday of Lent there are two options for the Gospel reading. One of them is directed to those just entering our community as newly baptized, but it also speaks to all of us who may have been baptized years ago. It is the story of person who has an initial encounter with faith and Jesus (John 9:1-41). It relates the gradual and progressive way in which a blind man slowly arrives at sight and light and faith through the encounter. This is an evangelization story. In many ways it expresses how the faith of any one of us has been planted and nurtured through encounters with others and their faith. As John relates, Jesus encounters a man who has been blind from birth. He reaches out to the man and heals his blindness, restoring his sight. This is a wondrous act, a miracle. Suddenly, a person who could not see regains sight. But there is a bigger wonder, a greater miracle that is found in this story. The blind man gained his physical sight, but then gradually he came to a new kind of sight as well. He came to see with spiritual vision. The spiritual sight gained by the blind man in John's Gospel was very gradual and involved many others, including his neighbours, some Pharisees, as well as another encounter with Jesus, in which the man expresses his faith that Jesus is the *Son of Man*, the active presence of God among us.

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 March 10 Mass Intentions



تأمل

Sunday, Mars 10, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM

Sunday 5th week of Lent

The Healing of the Paralytic

All the faithful departed of Moussa & Hanna Families,
requested by Jean Moussa and Family

Monday 11/03 No Mass

Tuesday 12/03 , Mass at 11:30 AM

In Memory of Monzer Chaer

Wednesday 13/03 , No Mass

Thursday 14/03 , No Mass

Friday 15/03 ,

Way of the Cross at 6:30 PM

Saturday 16/03 , Mass at 11:30 AM

In Memory of Monzer Chaer

Sunday, Mars 17, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM

(St Patrick day)

We will celebrate St Joseph's (Maech's 19)

For the Parishioners of Saint Charbel

في هذا الأحد من زمن الصوم نتأمل معاً
في تخلُّعنا الروحيّ وفي السبل الأيِّلة
للتغلُّب عليه.

• في رسالته الأولى إلى تلميذه

طيموتاوس، يحذّر مار بولس من التقوى
التي إنحرفت عن التعليم الصحيح.

• في هذا الأحد، أَحَدُ الْمُخَلَّعِ، نَرَى يَسُوعَ
يَشْفِي الْمُخَلَّعَ لَيْسَ لِإِيْمَانِهِ هُوَ!! وَلَكِنْ
لِإِيْمَانِ الْأَشْخَاصِ الْأَرْبَعَةِ الَّذِينَ حَمَلُوهُ
وَتَحَدُّوا الصُّعُوبَاتِ.

• مع المخلَّع، نحمل عاهاتنا الرّوحية إلى
الربّ كي يشفيها فنعاود السير في درب
الخلاص.



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 March 03

Collection: \$ 675.00



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

“A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH ON HIS FEAST DAY MARCH 19”

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence. O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness.



**SAVE
THE DATES!**

- ❖ St Joseph Feast March 19
- ❖ Feast of Saint Rafqa March 23
- ❖ Annunciation Feast March 25

- ❖ Palm Sunday March 24
- ❖ Good Friday March 29
- ❖ Easter March 31



MAAMOUL FOR SALE

We will be having MAAMOUL FOR SALE, we have 4 varieties: **Dates, Walnuts, Pistachio and Mix for \$40 each Kg.** To order, Plz contact Samantha Gerges at 506- 261 6252. Deadline March 14.



CANDLES FOR PALM SUNDAY

To Reserve your Palm Sunday Candles, Plz contact Msgr Pierre Azzi or Houada Dable



SAVE THE DATE

Maronite Youth Convention
MAY 17-20, 2024

**Lent Seasons:
Fasting, Prayers,
Charity.**



زمن الصوم: صيام،
صلاة، صدقة.

Job offers at St Charbel's parish – Fredericton NB

We are looking for a person can work in the church a full-time job

Job Title: Pastoral animator;

Requirement:

- Have a university degree of theology or Catholic religious science, or equivalent
- Have a knowledge of the liturgy of the Maronite catholic church,
- Language requested: English, Lebanese, and the Syriac language.
- Can provide Maronite-catholic religious education, also spiritual guidance and moral support to parishioners.
- Conduct outreach activities and facilitate community involvement among members and within the city, by planning and managing a different pastoral activity.
- Have a good knowledge of the Microsoft office and admin office work
- Have some major skills like: Leadership, Problem solver, Motivator, Creativity, Multi-tasks, good listener, Team work ...

P.s. hourly schedule will be discussed upon interview. (wages per hour).

For more information and to submit a CV, plz contact church office:506 444 6023 and /or

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