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Weekly Bulletin

March 17, 2024

6th Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Healing of the Blind

الأحد السادس من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء الأعمى

Book of Isaiah 42:6-8, 16-18

Epistle: 2 Co 10:1-7

Gospel: St Marc 10: 46-52

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. "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Bartimaeus at the edge of the road, the excluded by society, he, the blind, he "sees" the true personality of Jesus, the Son of David, the Messiah. Bartimaeus the blind man, the beggar, addresses a prayer to God, he begs for the mercy of God. Are we aware of being beggars before God, beggars of love and mercy?

"Many reprimanded him to silence him ..." Jesus had just announced his Passion, his death and his Resurrection (Mk 10,32-34). This is not the moment to openly cry that Jesus is the Son of David (the Messiah). The disciples and the crowd are afraid for Him, they are afraid for them ... At times, we are like these disciples, we are afraid to openly announce the Good News because we only rest on our own strength, we stop on passion and death ... Let us always trust in the Resurrection of the Lord who gives us courage and strength to proclaim the Good News of Salvation, loudly and loudly, openly, publicly and at all times.

At the call of Bartimaeus, "Jesus stops". Jesus takes the time to listen to the little one, pay attention to the call of the poor; Jesus is interested in us, worries about us and does everything to save us.

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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تأمل من وحي الإنجيل

إذ كان الرب يسوع خارجاً إلى أريحا، منطلقاً إلى اورشليم ليدخل إلى الآلام ويحمل الصليب عنا إلتقى بأعمى، يذكر لنا القديس مرقس أن اسمه برطيما. وكان هذا الأعمى جالساً على الطريق يستعطي، حيث سيلتقي برب الحياة ليأخذ منه النعمة التي هو بحاجة إليها فيكون له، بسبب إيمانه. ولهذا العمل الإلهي أهميته الخاصة، فمن جهة أنه تم في الطريق حيث كان يسوع سائراً نحو الصليب، وكأنه أراد أن يعلن لنا أن غاية آلامه هي تفتيح عيني البشرية الداخليتين، أي بصيرتها القلبية، لتعطين أمجاد ملكوته النابع من صلبه وقيامته. ولنتأمل قليلاً، لقد كان هذا الأعمى مُهملاً على جانب الحياة، وكانت الجموع تحيط بيسوع وتزحمه، وعندما أراد الأعمى أن يلتقي به إيمانياً لم يجد من الجموع إلا المقاومة، وأمام هذه المقاومة زاد إصراره وصرخ أكثر فأكثر، من حرارة إيمانه الذي لا يُغلب.

Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

Our Faith: In God and in Us

Our world is a fractured one in so many areas. The people of Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, Yemen and many other parts of our world are facing lives disrupted by war and conflict today. In fact, the United Nations reports that conflict is on the rise in the last few years. We long for peace and an end to conflict.

This longing for peace is one of the central dreams of our faith. Repeatedly, Jesus calls upon his disciples to live together in peace. He passes on to them the gift of the Spirit that they may grow more and more to be like him and that they may have peace among them. As John describes Jesus preparing his disciples for his coming death and resurrection, he reassures them with these words: *The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace* (Jn.16:32). Peace lies at the center of our Christian faith and discipleship. In Canada, the 5th Sunday of Lent has long focused on our pursuit of peace in our world. The *Canadian Organization for Development and Peace*, partners with *Caritas International*. It is our faith community's way of working to build peace around the Globe. Through assisting in local communities it promotes their economic and social development. The development of strong local communities is seen as a way to promote global peace from the ground up. Such an approach builds a real faith that expresses the bond between God and all creation, one that rests in the heart of every human being. On this Sunday, we hear the call to recognize this bond and to stand in solidarity with all of humanity holding the same dream for peace among us all and development that supports all. What we believe, our faith, expresses who we are. It is, in so many ways, written on our hearts. This is what we hear in the words of the prophet Jeremiah (Jer.31:31-34): *I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people*. God loves us, all of us, all the time. God believes in us, trusts us. Can we believe in one another? A few years ago, on Solidarity Sunday, we received a creed, expressing this universal faith relationship with God and with all peoples. It came from a Christian community in Indonesia. Their creed is our creed. Their way of living faith, trust and love is our way as well.

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 17 Mass Intentions



Sunday, Mars 17, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM
Sunday 6th week of Lent (St Patrick Feast)
The Healing of the Blind Man
For the Parishioners of Saint Charbel

Monday 18/03 No Mass

Tuesday 19/03 , Mass at 6:30 PM

Feast of saint Joseph

Wednesday 20/03 , Mass at 6:30 PM

In Memory of Monzer Chaer

Thursday 21/03 , Mass at 11:30AM

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Friday 22/03 ,

Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM

Monthly remembrance of St Charbel Mass at 7:30

Confession period 6:30 -8pm (visitor priest)

Saturday 23/03 , Mass at 11:30 AM

Feast of Sainte Rafqa

Sunday, March 24, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM

Palm Sunday

تأمل

• في الأحد الأخير من زمن الصوم تقدّم لنا
أمنّا الكنيسة المقدسة آية شفاء الأعمى،
وفيها دروس في الجهاد الروحي والإيمان
الحيّ.
• مار بولس يدعونا اليوم إلى الخروج من
منطق الواجبات إلى منطق تأدية متطلبات
الرّسالة مهما كانت صعبة.
• في إنجيل اليوم، نتأمّل اليوم في مسيرتنا
الإيمانيّة على ضوء حدث شفاء برطيما
الأعمى!
• ما بين الفضيلة والإيمان والأعمال نتأمّل
في حياتنا كي نُبصر فيها حضور الله
بصورة أدقّ وأشمل.



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 Houda Dable or Msgr. Azzi to select a week.

Offertory March 10

Collection: \$ 2323.00



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.



Saint Rafqa was born in Himlaya, one of the villages of Northern Metn near Bikfaya, on June 29th, 1832. **Her feast is on Saturday March 23.** Saint Rafqa, our Patron and Sister, let peace reign in our country; sanctify our monasteries and churches; grant Your visitors and those who ask for Your intercession the graces that they need; cure sick people with Your blessed soil; comfort sad people; bless our children and young; raise our orphans; let our harvest be abundant; let our homes be full of blessings; let our work be prosperous; bless our workers; feed hungry people; accompany our emigrants to come back to their homeland.

**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.



Lent Seasons :
Fasting, Prayers,
Charity.



زمن الصوم : صيام،
صلاة، صدقة.

CANDLES FOR PALM SUNDAY

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




**SAVE THE
DATE**

Maronite Youth Convention
MAY 17-20, 2024

