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Weekly Bulletin

May 5, 2024

**Six Sunday of Easter**

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة : ظهور يسوع للرسول في العلية

**Book of Deuteronomy 31: 1-3, 6-9**

**Epistle: Romans 10: 1-13**

**Gospel: St Luke 24: 36-48**

«Peace be with you!» Jesus comes and gives peace! Jesus is indeed risen, as proof, he shows us his wounds: «See my hands and my feet, it is indeed me» (Luke 24,39). What his disciples experienced was not a nightmare but reality. Christ really died and now He is truly risen.

The Risen One gives us Peace, true Peace, as he did yesterday, today and even tomorrow, for He is the only one who could and still can change everything in a wounded, discouraged, frightened heart.

The only one who gives a peace and joy that surpasses everything. The only one that gives an eternal future and an unwavering hope. The only one who has the key to opening all the fortresses in which men are imprisoned. He has the key to eternal Life, the key to Heaven... Amen

## 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

منذ تلك الليلة التي أسلم فيها يسوع، ليلة خميس الأسرار، ونحن نحفل يومياً بالسرّ المرسوم بيديه المقدّستين، السرّ الأكثر روعةً على الإطلاق، حيث "الله الخالق يعلن ذاته الله-الإفخارستيا"، ذروة وهب الحبّ اللامحدود. سرٌّ غير وجه الأرض وأدخل الإنسان في مسيرة حياةٍ خلاصيةٍ جديدة تُعلن به (أنّ الإنسان لم يولد للموت بل للحياة. وهكذا، وقبل أن يصعد إلى أبيه، يترأى لتلاميذه عدّة مرّات بكلّ لطفٍ وهدوءٍ ليسمح لهم أن يعرفوه برؤيتهم جروحاً يديه ورجليه، ثمّ مرّةً جديدة يفتح بصائرهم على الكتب والأنبياء وكيف أنّها تكلمت عنه. لكن الحالة النفسية في موقفٍ كهذا يجعل منطقتهم عاجزاً عن الربط والتفسير رغم أن القلب منهم يضطرم فرحاً لما يرونه ويسمعونه، أمّا، الربّ والمعلّم، وليجعلهم واثقين بأن ما قاله تلك الليلة عند رسم السرّ الإفخارستي حيث ينكشف نوره يجب أن يستمرّ ("إصنعوا هذا لذكري") وذلك بنقل إيمانهم وتعليم يسوع من جيلٍ إلى جيلٍ وفي مقمّتها سرّ الإفخارستيا. ومنذ ذلك اليوم وحتى مجيئه الثاني ستستمر بشرى الخلاص من خلال عمل الروح القدس في المؤمنين، فيفتح بصيرتنا على ضرورة ما كان لنصبح على ما نحن عليه اليوم، أبناءً لله، مخلصين بيسوع المسيح ابنه المفتدي البشرية مرّة واحدة بموته على الصليب

## Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

### Jesus Risen: Present with Us – A Source of Hope

Stained glass windows are common in churches. They can be moving images. Sometimes they even serve as instruments of teaching. Frequently they present images drawn from the Scriptures, stories of God's relationship with God's People. Most often these images are drawn from past eras. They speak in a language of another time. Not far from Canada's Wonderland northwest of Toronto is the church of St. David. It is a relatively new building. Like many of our churches it has some stained glass. One of these is quite striking. Its center point is as one would expect the good news of God's presence among us. What is unusual is how this is expressed. The images used to show the message are contemporary. The Sky Dome, the CN Tower, a baseball player, a hockey player, a soccer player, scenes of Toronto life are used to express the message of Jesus. There is a recognition, that Jesus is among us, now, in the midst of our many relationships. During the season of Easter, we often read from the Book of the Act of the Apostles. The stories we find there tell us of our early ancestors in the faith, the first Christians. In Acts 4:7-12 we hear the story of Peter and other disciples who have been arrested after they cured a person in the name of Jesus. Standing before the authorities, the disciples testified that what they had done was act in the name of Jesus the Christ. The healing was to be seen as the outreach of God's love. In the First Letter of John, we discover such outreach comes from the depths of our relationship with our loving God. The Letter state: *See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are* 1 John 3:1). We often see ourselves living in the midst of world that does not express this. War and hatred, inequality and injustice, suffering and pain is evident in our world. The spiritual writer, Richard Rohr describes our life as Christian disciples as a "liminal space", a kind of border land where we are leaving one state and moving on to a new one. Living in our world and seeking to build the Kingdom we often live between two worlds. We are ever "on the way" to the new. In the "liminal space" we are to be a people of hope. Like all such challenges, we will pass through it to a new reality. But in the process of this passage, we will be changed. The world will be different from what we have been used to be. In the current "liminal space" we cannot know exactly all that is involved in this new reality. The Easter experience of the disciples was just such a passage through a "liminal space". They remembered Jesus as he walked with them. Now they came to realize that like the shepherd with his flock, he continues to be with them, even though in different new way (cf.(John 10:11-18).

# 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 May 5 Mass Intentions



### تأمل

**Sunday, May 05, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM**  
**Sixth Sunday of Resurrection**  
In memory of Soussan and Elias Youssef Requested by the family

**Monday 06/05 No Mass**  
**Tuesday 07/05 , No Mass**

**Wednesday 08/05, Mass at 6:30 PM**  
Rosary Prayer after Mass

**Thursday 09/05 , Mass at 11:30AM**  
**Ascension of The Lord**

**Friday 10/05 , Mass at 6:30 PM**  
Rosary Prayer after Mass

**Saturday 11/05 , Mass at 11:30 AM**

**Sunday, May 12, 2024. Mass 11:30 AM**  
**Seventh Sunday of Resurrection**

• في الأحد السادس من زمن الفصح، نتأمل في الإيمان وفي الأثر الذي يتركه في حياتنا.

• مع مار بولس نتأمل في العودة إلى حاضنة الكنيسة التي تساعدنا بتعاليمها على فهم كلمة الله التي هي "قَرِيْبَةٌ مِنَّا، في فَمِنَا وَقَلْبِنَا" فالكنيسة أم ومعلمة تقود بنيها إلى مَنْ هو الطريق والحق والحياة!

• مع لوقا البشير نتأمل في أن الشهادة هي رسالة لكل مسيحي وخصوصاً في هذه الظروف العصيبة.

• نصلي كي نكون أقوياء في إيماننا فنشعر كل يوم أكثر بحضور الرب في حياتنا.



### **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 April 28

Collection:  
Mass April 27: \$ 2270.00  
Mass April 28: \$ 745.00



Donations to St. Charbel's Parish Use-E-Transfer: to BMO Direct Deposit Via Email: [fredericton.stcharbel@gmail.com](mailto:fredericton.stcharbel@gmail.com)  
Thank you in Advance, God Bless.

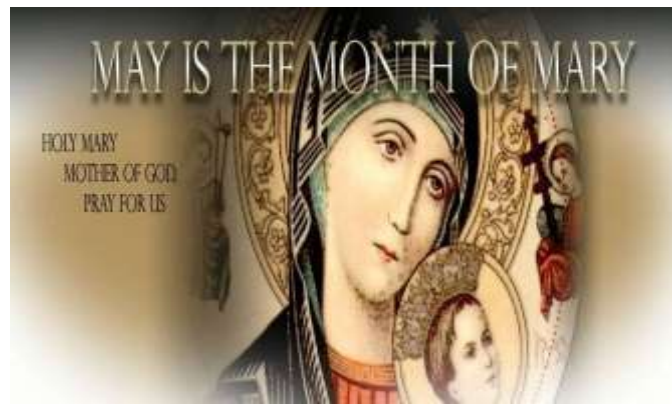
# Announcements



## Feast of The Ascension of the Lord Thursday May 9, 2024

Forty days after Easter we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. We learn in Acts 1:3 that this event occurred forty days after the Lord's Resurrection: Forty days is referred to many times in the scriptures. Jesus was brought to the temple forty days after his birth. He spent forty days in the desert. There are various views on the significance of forty days. However, this does explain why in the Maronite tradition we hold a memorial Mass for our faithful departed after 40 days. This is symbolic of the time that Jesus spent on earth after his death and resurrection and when he ascended.

The Ascension marks the end of the Risen Lord's time on Earth. In Acts 1:4 we learn that Jesus is leaving with a promise, the sending of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. On this feast we are reminded that Jesus has completed His mission on earth and gone forth to prepare the way for us. However, He has not left us completely, our next season in the Maronite church is Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descends and dwells with us and in us. Jesus may have completed his earthly mission, but He has not left us. At Pentecost we will come to understand that He has sent us the Holy Spirit to reside in us and comfort us. Jesus remains with us in the Eucharist, giving each of us the opportunity to be with him here on earth. We rejoice that Heaven and Earth have been joined, Jesus has brought the two together.



# Thank You!

**The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint Charbel Church** was a great gathering celebrated on April 27, 2024, by the parishioners and visitors from Halifax, PEI and other parts of NB and Maritimes. They came from near and far to join us celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church. Thank you to all the parishioners, volunteers, organizers, sponsors, thank you for your hard work and labor of love. Another success story. Saint Charbel Bless you all. **THANK YOU**, On behalf of the Parish of Saint Charbel.

# SAVE THE DATES!

- First Communion Celebration May 5
- Mother's Day: May 12, 2024
- Father's Day: June 16, 2019
- Victoria Weekend May 18-20
- Cultural Festival: June 22, 2024 at Exhibition Ground Fredericton.
- St Charbel's Feast: July 21, 2022



**Youth Fundraising:** On behalf of the Youth council of Fredericton, thank you for your support.