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Saint Charbel's Parish
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Weekly Bulletin

November 19, 2023

أحد بشارة زكريا (بداية زمن الميلاد)

Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah

Book of Genesis 17: 15-22

Epistle: Rm 4: 13-25

Gospel: Lc 1: 1-25

Zacharias means "Yah remembers". God remembers the plea of this couple. God remembers the plea of the people who "pray" and "wait" for "a savior". God is strong" is the meaning of Gabriel's name. Elizabeth means "My God is fullness". Unlike Zacharias, Elizabeth accepts wholeness without conditions. She is docile and discreetly tastes the joys of this impossible pregnancy for five months. Luke's text shows that Elizabeth was spiritually fruitful. Zechariah was silenced to prevent him from polluting her entourage with her objections. For her part, Elizabeth "shrouds herself in secrecy for five months". Luke emphasizes the symbolism of the number five which expresses "the marriage of the heavenly and earthly principle". How did Elizabeth foster this unconditional acceptance of God's plan for her life? How did Elizabeth develop this docility to God's unimaginable plans for her humble existence?

Elizabeth, is a permanent sanctuary of the Lord, she does not disturb and does not fear. She has given herself solid roots. She lets Providence work in her life.

Let us be like Elizabeth, and let us accept fullness even if it is realized differently from the normal order of things.

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 "بشارة زكريا"

هذه الأيقونة هي من وحي ثلاثة مراجع، مخطوط ربولا، المكتبة البريطانية السرياني ٧١٧٠ والفاتيكانية السرياني ٥٥٩؛ زكريا الشيخ يحمل مبخرته ويقترّب من مذبح الرب، رافعاً يسراه عجباً من بشرى الملاك جبرائيل له. القبة التي تعلو المذبح كما في غيرها من الأيقونات اللاحقة ترمز إلى قبة الهيكل، التي ترمز بدورها إلى قبة السماوات.



الأب عبدو بدوي

Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

Courage and Building the Kingdom of God

Throughout the month of October, our global Christian community has experienced a remarkable and crucial event. Following some two years of preliminary consultations in local dioceses and many parishes, representatives of the bishops and clergy as well as lay members, women and men of the community around the world came together for three weeks in Rome. Calling on the Spirit, on October 9, after a 5 day retreat, Pope Francis opened the first session of a Synod on Synodality. For the next three weeks, almost 400 representatives lay and clergy met in Rome. They listened to each other's experience of church and spent time in discerning conversation. Those at the synod were called upon to bring and share the many challenges and issues we face in our 21st century church. One might say that we have embarked on carving a course for our Catholic Church, one that is both open and broad. The Synod on Synodality, as unusual as it might seem, was something that had its roots deep in the history of our church. Such gatherings were common from the very beginning. We find it in the very early church. We see it in the Acts of the Apostles (ch.15), when the apostles determined that the community of Christians was open to both Jews and Gentiles. This mission to all humanity, is the focus of the Synod on Synodality. Ultimately, it is to build the Reign of God in the world. It is a mission based on justice and peace, compassion and love, not for some, but for all. Matthew in his Gospel (25:14-30) expresses the hope of the coming of the Lord with a parable. The story Jesus tells describes a master entrusting his resources (talents) to his servants. The focus of our attention is not on how much he entrusted to each, but rather what each one did with what was entrusted. What was it that the servants did with what was given them? As in all the parables, Jesus offers us a challenge. God has blessed each and every person with a share in God's life. We have a choice as we wait for the coming of the Lord and the final completion of God's reign. We can, like one of the servants bury the talent (God's gift of life) entrusted, out of fear or simple reluctance. Or, we can like the other servants take the risks involved and build on the talents entrusted. Given that the parable is about the Kingdom and using our gifts to share life-giving love with others, what do we do with the resources entrusted to us? The demand placed on us is that we share the blessedness entrusted to us. It is not for us alone. The Synod offers us a chance to discover how, as church we can share this mission deeply and broadly. At the end of the first three weeks in Rome, the representatives were sent home to their own dioceses around the world. With them they had a synthesis or summary of what arose at the Synod, the questions, the conversations, the issues, the questions and the hopes that were part of their reflection. More importantly, they have been charged with sharing their experience of synodality. It expresses an openness to differences and diversity. Through prayer, deep listening, reflection, and discernment the Spirit allowed them a sense of unity in the midst of diverse and different views and perspectives.

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 November 19 Mass Intentions



Sunday, November 19, 2023. Mass 11:30 AM
Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah
Memorial Mass for the Late Nazih Abdallah Saba.

Monday 20/11 No Mass

Tuesday 21/11, No Mass

Wednesday 22/11, Mass 6:30 PM

Intention of Lebanon.

Monthly commemorative day of Saint Charbel

Thursday 23/11, Mass 11:30 AM

For the Late Avdok Al-Jirdi.

Friday 24/11, 6:30 PM

For the Late Avdok Al-Jirdi.

Saturday 25/11, Mass 11:30 AM

For the Late Avdok Al-Jirdi.

Sunday, November 26, 2023. Mass 11:30 AM

Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary

For Saint Charbel's Parishioners, youth, and kids.

Lebanese Heritage Month - November

The Gov of Canada dedicated the month of November as the Lebanese Heritage month. From this regard, Saint Charbel Parish of Fredericton invites you to a Lebanese Flag Raising Ceremony in presence of H.E. Consul of Lebanon in Halifax and the Maritimes Mr. Wadih Fares and his wife Cathy, **at the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick at 706 Queen Street, Fredericton on Wednesday November 22, 2023 at 2:00 PM.**

Wednesday Nov 22 is also the commemorative day of Saint Charbel, there will be a Mass at 6:30 PM at Saint Charbel Church for the intention of Lebanon in the presence of Mr. Wadih Fares and his wife Cathy. Reception will be at the church Hall after the Mass.

The parish of Saint Charbel is hosting a **Lebanese party night on Saturday November 25, 2023 at the Church Hall.** The performance is by star **Wissam Kamar** of Montreal. Doors will open at 8:00 PM. Tickets are available to purchase on Sunday Nov 19 after Mass. For more details, please contact Richard Nakhle at 506-260-4188 or Sandy Akouri at 506-999-1491.



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 November 12

Collection : \$ 1138.00



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.

Miscellaneous

Condolences

We regret to announce the passing of Nazih Abdallah Saba in Lebanon. He was the brother of Afif Saba Father of George and Elias Saba of Fredericton.

A Memorial Mass for his soul will be held at Saint Charbel Church – Fredericton on Sunday November 19, 2023 at 11:30AM requested by their nephews Georges and Elias – Afif Saba and Family.

May God Rest his Soul in Peace in the kingdom of God and grant consolation for his family and relatives. Condolences will be accepted at Church Hall after Mass on Sunday.



Tickets are available to purchase on Sunday Nov 19 after Mass

Charbel's Presents

LEBANESE NIGHT

PERFORMANCE BY
STAR **WISSAM KAMAR**
FROM MONTREAL



- 📅 November 25th, 2023
- 🕒 Doors Open at 8pm
- 📍 299 Argyle Street, Fredericton (Church Hall)
- 💰 \$60 for Adults; \$40 for Children Under 12 (Includes Dinner, music and lots of fun!)

For more information and to book your tickets, please contact:
Richard Nakhle: 506-260-4188
Sandy Akour: 506-999-1491

Hall Rental

For Saint Charbel's Church Hall inquiries, please contact Rabih Al-Alam 506 449 0598

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 fredericton.stcharbel@gmail.com

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SAVE THE DATES!

- Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple Nov 21
- Lebanese Independence Day November 22
- Lebanese Haffleh at the Church, November 25



Saint Charbel's Parish will be conducting a survey aimed for planning ahead and what parishioners think about a variety of pastoral subjects.



Wednesday November 22 at 2:00 PM:
Raising of the Flag Ceremony Will be held at the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the presence of the **Honorary Consul of Lebanon Mr. Wadih Fares**. Open invitation. Reception at Church Hall after the 6:30 PM Mass.