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Saint Charbel's Parish
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Weekly Bulletin

November 26, 2023

أحد بشارة العذراء مريم

Sunday of the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary

Book of Samuel II: 7: 8-10, 11b-12, 13b-17

Epistle: Ga 3:15-22

Gospel: Lc 1:26-38

Mary is a simple girl; all humble, deeply believing. The visit of the angel does not surprise her too much; but she draws no pride from it. On the contrary, she says herself to be the handmaid of the Lord and accepts that God's will be done in her, knowing well that it will affect her whole life and not for a single moment! She believes, she lives her faith in obedience.

She was to be the mother of God! Through Mary's yes, through her faith and obedience, the history of our salvation begins concretely!

If Mary had not said yes, what would have happened? The «Most Holy Virgin» also had her freedom of reply! She chose to say "Yes", to obey God, to surrender herself totally to him.

Let us contemplate Mary in her simplicity, in her faith, in the offering she makes of herself. And let us ask the Lord for the grace to know, like Mary, to say yes to his call in our daily life.

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 والدة الله "

هذه الأيقونة هي من وحي ثلاثة مراجع، مخطوط ربولا، المكتبة البريطانية السرياني ١٧١٧ والفاتيكانية السرياني ٥٥٥؛ زكريا الشيخ أيقونة البشارة هي من أقدم المواضيع الأيقونوغرافية في الفن المسيحي. أيقونتنا هذه مستوحاة من مخطوط ربولا والبريطاني السرياني 1717 والفاتيكانية السرياني 555. العذراء واقفة أمام الهيكل وحجابه الرامز إلى بتوليتها، لأنها هي هيكل الله واستطاب السكن فيها دون المساس بتوليتها. إنها تمسك خيطا تسحبه من سلة، لأنها حسب التقليد، كانت من بين العذارى المختارات لنسج حجاب الهيكل. يداها في علامة القبول والخضوع. قريبا نبع ماء وجرّة، رمز لها لقد أعطتنا ماء الحياة وحفظته لنا. هناك تقليد آخر سرياني يصور لنا البشارة، قرب عين ماء. الملك جبرائيل يحمل عصاة المرسلين بيسراه ويعلن البشارة باليمنى. الروح القدس يظهر بشكل حمامة، وهذا تقليد لاحق في الأيقونوغرافيا المسيحية



Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

The Kingdom Near Us, With Us & Among Us:

Beginnings and endings are important. The first looks to the future, our goals, our aims our hopes and dreams. The second is about our arrivals, our fulfillment, our completions and results. In between, there is all the effort, the work, the challenges and struggles, the attempts and the failures, the twists and turns of the journey. Life is just such a journey, in fact, a host of journeys. What we may sometimes not be aware of in the picture is the way in which the Spirit journeys with us, from beginning to end. Today we are at a time in our history that is filled with uncertainty. Perhaps this is always true of the human journey. But at the moment it seems more sharply defined. Two elements seem especially significant for us. The first element is a political one. War and division threaten millions of people around the world, even to the level of war. Most especially, we see this in both Ukraine and in the Middle East. The issues involved are complex and the impact on people around the world even beyond those directly involved is immense. A second uncertainty is not a violent one, but it is for many, disturbing. The prospect of significant changes taking place within our Christian community or church causes confusion and anxiety for some. This is what we can experience as our Catholic community faces many issues and questions. In attempting to address these challenges, we find ourselves wrestling with how to handle the road ahead. For our church, the manner of doing this now, is by way of a synod that involves all of us who are part of the baptized People of God – lay people and clergy. The Synod on Synodality involves all of us, whether we want to be or not. In the midst of our human journey, we need to know we are not alone. We journey with the Spirit of God among us, and in company with the whole human community. With this accompaniment comes hope and with hope, a measure of peace and certainly a sense of support from God and from those with whom we are journeying. Our sacred stories in the Scriptures present us with the good news of the Kingdom of God, hopeful news, signs of God's love and constant presence among us. Matthew's Gospel begins with telling the story of the beginning – God has come among us, taking on our humanity in Jesus, an expression of God's love (Matt 1:18-23). This is the Incarnation. Jesus begins his mission with the great challenge to all humanity: He announced: "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven has come near." (Matt 4:17). This was the message we heard ten months ago, in January. We were called to recognize we are not alone in our life journey. "Emmanuel", God is with us. This is the core message of Jesus, the Christ. His work among the poor and the suffering, the sick and the sinner was to heal and renew. This is Good News, the Gospel. What is also Good News is that Jesus shared not only his message, but also shared his mission. The Reign of God has begun among us. We are Jesus present here and now. Like Jesus, in word and in action and gifted with his Spirit, we are to make God's Kingdom present and alive in our world. Our faith is relational.

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 26 Mass Intentions



Sunday, November 26, 2023. Mass 11:30 AM
Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary
For Saint Charbel's Parishioners, youth, and kids.

Monday 27/11 No Mass

Tuesday 28/11, No Mass

Wednesday 29/11, Mass 6:30 PM
For the Late Avdok Al-Jirdi

Thursday 30/11, Mass 11:30 AM
For the Late Avdok Al-Jirdi.

Friday 01/12, Mass 6:30 PM
For the Late Avdok Al-Jirdi.

Saturday 02/12, Mass 11:30 AM
For the Late Avdok Al-Jirdi.

Sunday, December 03, 2023. Mass 11:30 AM
Sunday of the Visitation to Elizabeth
For Saint Charbel's Parishioners, youth, and kids.

تأمل

• في قراءات هذا الأحد، نتأمل في مفهوم أساسي: هل نحن من أبناء الشريعة أم من أبناء الوعد؟

• من خلال رسالة اليوم، يُشدّد القديس بولس على أهمية التحرر من حمل الشريعة لنعيش حرية الوعد من خلال إيماننا بالمسيح يسوع.

• أمّا من خلال الإنجيل فنتأمل في بشارة مريم العذراء، هذا الحدث التاريخي الذي من خلاله تحققت نبوءات الأنبياء، وإرتوت إنتظارات الآباء، وتحقق وعد الله للبشرية.

• لقد حقق الله وعوده الخلاصية بالمسيح يسوع فهل نحن أمناء أيضاً لعهدنا بالبرّ لله في حياتنا مع النَّاس؟! من بكّ يليق كلّ مجدٍ وإكرام، الآن وكلّ أوانٍ وإلى دهر الداهرين،



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 19

Sunday Mass and St Charbel Mass

Collection: \$3551.00



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



Lebanese Flag raised on Wednesday Nov 22



Commemoration of St Charbel Nov 22



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!**

- Santa Barbara December 4
- Feast of The Immaculate Conception Dec 8
- Christmas Novena December 15
- Christmas Concert and Santa Visit Dec 17

**CHURCH
SURVEY**

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

**CHRISTMAS
& CONCERT**

Saint Charbel's Junior Choir will present Christmas Concert which will be held on Sunday December 17 right after 12 PM Mass. Open invitation to all.