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Weekly Bulletin

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الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب

Sixth Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Cross

Epistle: Gh 6:1-10

Gospel: St Mt 25: 14-30

The gifts we receive from God include skills, abilities, family connections, social positions, education, experiences, and more. A rich man delegates the management of his wealth to his servants, much as investors in today's markets do. He gives five talents (a large unit of money) to the first servant, two talents to the second, and one talent to the third. Two of the servants earn 100 percent returns by trading with the funds, but the third servant hides the money in the ground and earns nothing. The rich man returns, rewards the two who made money, but severely punishes the servant who did nothing. The meaning of the parable extends far beyond financial investments. God has given each person a wide variety of gifts, and he expects us to employ those gifts in his service. It is not acceptable merely to put those gifts on a closet shelf and ignore them. Like the three servants, we do not have gifts of the same degree. The return God expects of us is commensurate with the gifts we have been given. The servant who received one talent was not condemned for failing to reach the five-talent goal; he was condemned because he did nothing with what he was given. The point of the parable is that we are to use whatever we have been given for God's purposes. The severe consequences to the unproductive servant, far beyond anything triggered by mere business mediocrity, tell us that we are to invest our lives, not waste them. The implication of the parable is that we are to use whatever talents we've been given to the best of our ability for God's glory, and when we have done that, we are on an equal playing field with other faithful, trustworthy servants of God.

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 روحي

رَبِّي وإلهي... الجهل، الخوف، الكسل، عدم تحمّل المسؤولية، اللامبالاة، وعدم الثقة بالنفس والقدرات الذاتية جميعها أمورٌ تُعيقنا عن استثمار ما لدينا من نعم حتى وإن أدركنا ماهية النعم التي لدينا، التي أعطيتنا أنتَ إياها لنستثمرها. أنتَ إلهٌ يعمل وأيضاً يُوزع الخيرات ليعمل الجميع مجداً لك ولهم، وتود من المؤمنين بك أن يعملوا دون أن يُعطوا أهمية للأمور التي تُعيق مسيرتهم نحو تحقيق الربح. ربِّي وإلهي " ...ما المطلوب مني؟"، سؤالٌ يجهل الإجابة عليه الكثير من المسيحيين، والأغلبية يعيش يومه دون تفكير بتصرفاته سواءً كانت مرضيةً لديك وبحسب كلامك أو لا، الأغلبية يعتقد بأن ما يقوم به هو الصحيح ولا داعي لسماح نصيحة من أشخاص آخرون أو قولهم له "أنتَ غلطان، أصلح من تصرفاتك!!" سؤالٌ لو سألني إياه أحدهم قبل سنوات لقلت أن أجمع الأموال وأتمتع بها وأصرفها على لذاتي وأحاول العيش مع عائلتي بسعادة دون أن أكثرث لأمرٍ آخر، ولكن اليوم اختلفت الإجابة. اليوم تحوّلت من عبدٍ غير أمين لم يفهم ما معنى أن يعرفك لعبدٍ يفرح إن عرف العالم أجمع بسيدته الكريم المحب الحنون ويعمل جهده على تحقيق ذلك. أنا لا أدين أحد لأنني سبق ودفنتُ الوزنة التي أعطيتني إياها ولكنك

Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

Encountering God in our World

Does God really care? Does God actually enter our human life? Our history? Sometimes this is hard to recognize. Evidence to the contrary may be drawn from the wars and political upsets around the globe, the inequalities and injustices that mark so much of the world's peoples. Even within our own personal and communal lives there are so many instances where facing health, economic, and relational issues leave many of us wondering about our faith in God's presence among us and whether in fact, God does care. Our Jewish ancestors in the Old Testament as well as our Islamic cousins hold the view of Christians that God indeed does care and does speak to us and enter into our story. We can recognize this encounter with God time and again in the stories of our faith, our scriptures. Many years ago I was fortunate enough to have a very capable and wise scripture professor. He noted a principle that helps us to recognize the manner in which God speaks to us. He stated the principle in this way: *If God speaks to humanity, God speaks in human language. If God did not use human language, humanity could not hear God.* We hold in faith that God does care and that God does touch our human story. How then, does God speak in human terms? God speaks or acts in human history by way of created instruments. Just as we know an artist or an author through the works of the artist or the author, so too we come to recognize or hear God through the works of God that are all around us. We sense God in the marvels and wonders of nature and of humanity. Just think of the sense of wonder that comes from looking at the heavens on a clear starry night. Or recall a moment when you were able to gaze on a newborn child. These are wonders of God the Creator, the giver of life. They are ways in which we encounter God-with-us. The readings of this Sunday help us to see further how God speaks to us in human terms. In our scriptures, both the Old and New Testament we hear of God using human instruments to enter our human story. In the first reading this Sunday, the prophet Isaiah, himself an instrument of God speaks of the Persian King, Cyrus. As Isaiah describes it, Cyrus, a pagan king becomes the instrument by which God saves the People of Israel from exile and returns them to their land. Cyrus is the means by which God intervenes in the history of God's People. In Matthew's Gospel, we hear one of the stories of Jesus' discussing with the Pharisees. They try to trap him into denying his Judaism or into speaking against Roman authority. Jesus response to them is to do neither. As we hear this story, however, we are drawn into a recognition that faith and our relationship with God is lived out in the midst of the secular world. Jesus points out to the Pharisees that they are to give to God what belongs to God and to the emperor what belongs to him. We live in a complex world of the secular and the spiritual. Neither denies or excludes the other. The story of Christian faith is founded on what we refer to as the Incarnation. That is, one of the foundations of our faith is that God enters our human condition in the person of Jesus Christ, God and human.

Divine Liturgy Time

جدول توقيت الذبيحة

Sunday: 11:00 AM (English & Arabic)
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
See schedule below (English & Arabic)
Monday & Tuesday: (No Mass)



الأحد: 11:00 ظ (عربي و إنجليزي)
الأربعاء، الخميس، الجمعة والسبت
(عربي و إنجليزي)
الأثنين والثلاثاء (لا قداس)

Sunday October 22 Mass Intentions



تأمل

Sunday, October 22, 2023. Mass 11:00 AM,
Sixth after Holy Cross feast:
Monthly Commemoration of Saint Charbel.
For Saint Charbel's Parishioners, youth, and kids.
Prayer for the peace in Middle East.

Monday 23/10 No Mass
Tuesday 24/10, No Mass

Wednesday 25/10, No Mass
Thursday 26/10, No Mass
Friday 27/10, No Mass

Saturday 28/10, No Mass
(During this week there's a spiritual and organization retreat
For all Maronite priests with bishop Tabet in Montreal)

Sunday, October 29, 2023. Mass 11:00 AM
Seventh after Holy Cross feast: Jesus the King feast
For Saint Charbel's Parishioners, youth, and kids.

هذه الفترة من السنة الطقسية تتميز بنصوص عن ملكوت الله من خلال أمثال واقعية وجميلة جداً ويشرح فيها يسوع الملكوت مستنداً على أمثلة نعيشها كل يوم. رسالة هذا الأحد تشكّل تعليماً متكاملًا في التضامن الإجتماعي والروحي داخل جماعة المؤمنين وحتى في أية جماعة كانت، في مثل الوزنات دعوة واضحة إلى العمل، لا بل تحريض قوي إلى استثمار المواهب إلى قلب الواقع نحو الأفضل وتحقيق المزيد من الخلق والإبداع لخير الإنسان. نسأل الله قوته كي نحافظ على الأمانة ونستثمرها في صنع الخير مع جميع من نحيا معهم ومن أجلهم



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 October 15

Collection: \$1,121.00



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



Lighting of the Church Ceremony & School Backpack Blessings



if you are aware of any sick person and would like to receive a visit from the priest, please contact the church office or Msgr Pierre cell 902 880 8797



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

SAVE THE DATES!

- St John-Paul II October 22
- Feast of All Saints November 1st
- Faithful Departed – All Souls Day Nov 2nd
- Remembrance Day November 11
- Lebanese Day November 22

On October 28, we celebrate the feast day of St. Jude Thaddeus, the patron saint of lost causes, desperate situations, hospitals and Armenia. In time for this occasion, let us reflect upon his life and legacy and look for lessons that we can apply in our walk of faith. As one of the twelve apostles of Jesus, St. Jude Thaddeus preached the good news of Jesus throughout Galilee, Samaria and Judea. In 37 A.D., he traveled to Mesopotamia which is known today as Iraq. There he became a leader of the Church of the East, a church that St. Thomas founded. St. Jude Thaddeus also journeyed across Libya, Turkey, Persia and Mesopotamia with St. Simon. Together they preached the good news and led many people to Christianity. He is often credited as having helped start the Armenian Church and other congregations outside the Roman Empire..

Feast of Saint Jude October 28

