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Weekly Bulletin

October 8, 2023

الأحد الرابع بعد عيد الصليب: مثل العبد الأمين الحكيم

Fourth Sunday after the Cross

Book of Genesis: 41:38-44

Epistle: I Th 5: 1-11

Gospel: St Mt 24: 45-51

One day, Dominique Savio was asked what he would do if he were to die that day.

Without hesitation, he replied, "I would continue to play". He could continue to play because he was already living every moment of his life doing God's will.

So he had nothing to change. He did not know when God would call him, but he was ready to go at the first call because he had always answered "present" to God.

And indeed, God would not be long in calling him in his full youth. If I were asked the same question today, what would my answer be? What would I do? I would look for a priest to confess, I would go to mass, I would reconcile with my family, friends?

Or would I quietly continue my normal life which is nothing but the fulfillment of God's will?

O Holy Cross of Jesus, be my light! O Holy Cross, fill my soul with good thoughts. O Holy Cross, ward off from me all things that are evil. O Holy Cross, ward off from me all things that are evil. O Holy Cross, ward off from me all dangers;

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

في الصلاة عن راحة نفس المنتقلين نقول: "لتسترح نفسه بسلام"، فندخل في أسئلة جمة: ما المطلوب لتتال النفس السلام؟ هي أمنية أم رجاء؟ هي حتمية أم نتيجة لما أثمرت به حياته أم لعقمها؟ وتنساب الأفكار الأكثر عمقا حين تصل في بحثها عن طبيعة الحياة التي علينا أن نسلوها قبل الدخول في النفق الأخير حين نقرأ أنجيل النهايات خاصة في متى 24 لحظة سماع البوق المؤذن حيث لا يعد من شيء ينفع ثقل الخوف: ما أتعس النفس التي تسمح للخوف من المجهول بأن يتملكها. خوف قاتل، يُمسك بتفكير الإنسان من جانبيه فيرغمه على إدارة ظهره للمستقبل كي يبقيه رهينة الماضي المملوء ضعفاً وعثرات شؤماً، حقداً ومصالح تدفن الحب في الحياء والصدق في الكذب والدهاء المبطن من أجل التستر على الحقيقة؛ صراعات بين دول، بين الجار وجاره، بين الأخ وأخيه، لا بل بين الإنسان وما تبقى من ذات واعية فيه، تدخر بعضاً من الإيمان الموروث علّه ينفع في الخروج من هذا الخوف ودوامه القلق وعدم الاستقرار، باحثاً عن معنى، ولو شاحباً، يحثه على الاستدارة من جديد إلى الأمام وعيش حياته على أمل فرج ما يفتح أمامه نافذة على النور

Our Sacred Stories by Father John Jennings

Synod: A Time of Grace, Building Church Together

This past week, on October 4 the "Synod on Synodality" opened in Rome. Two years ago (October 2021) Pope Francis launched the preparation for this event. As he did so, he set the course for a journey by our whole church community – a global community, lay and clerical, women and men, from every corner of the world. This past week, our community of faith around the world set out on our synodal journey. Building on the foundation provided by the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), Pope Francis recalled the experience of that council. In his opening address for the current synod on October 9, 2021, he indicated some of the hopes and dreams, and his confidence in this great journey for our global church: *I am certain the Spirit will guide us and give us the grace to move forward together, to listen to one another and to embark on a discernment of the times in which we are living, in solidarity with the struggles and aspirations of all humanity.* The journey we are now experiencing is one that we must make together, confident that the Spirit will be our guide. The word "synod" comes from the Greek word meaning "to travel together". Pope Francis noted three terms which should characterize our synodal journey as we "travel together" – *communion, participation and mission.* These were words that marked Vatican II and now it is time to recall them and reassert our commitment to them as Church. Back in 2021, as he ended his address which began the synod process, Pope Francis referred to it as "a season of grace". He indicated three hopes that we might have as church. Firstly, *that of moving not occasionally but structurally towards a synodal Church, an open square where all can feel at home and participate.* Secondly, *that we might become a listening Church, to break out of our routine and pause from our pastoral concerns in order to stop and listen.* Thirdly, *[the synod] offers us the opportunity to become a Church of closeness.* Francis refers to this as God's own "style" – filled with compassion and love. One might say that the synod experience for our global church offers all of us the opportunity to recognize our sacred space, for all peoples. Such a space, is not so much a physical space, but an occasion of the heart, a space of life-giving and love for all. In the Old Testament, Israel discovered this in their journey through the desert. It was there they came to see themselves as the "People of God". The journey was an occasion of the heart for them. We need our sacred spaces and, whether we realize it or not, we all have our *sacred spaces.* We are reminded of how important such spaces are by the image we see in the readings of this weekend. The image is of the **vineyard.** We hear of it in the first reading from the prophet Isaiah (5:1-7). The vineyard is the subject of a love song. We hear of it again, in the psalm response: "The vineyard of the Lord in the house of Israel." Finally, in Matthew's Gospel (21:33-43), we hear Jesus telling a story, a parable about the harvest in the vineyard. For Isaiah, for the psalm and for Matthew, the vineyard is the place of God among us, it is the Reign of God growing in the midst of our world.

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 8 Mass Intentions



Sunday, October 08, 2023. Mass 11:00 AM,
Fourth after Holy Cross feast:
For Saint Charbel's Parishioners.

Monday 09/10 (Thanksgiving) No Mass
Tuesday 10/10, No Mass

Wednesday 11/10, Mass 7:00 PM
For the late Yaccoub Abi Gebrael

Thursday 12/10, Mass 11:30 AM
For the late Yaccoub Abi Gebrael

Friday 13/10, Mass 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM
For Saint Charbel's Parishioners.

Saturday 14/10, Mass 11:30 AM
For the late Yaccoub Abi Gebrael

Sunday, October 15, 2023. Mass 11:00 AM,
Fifth after Holy Cross feast:
Lighting of The Church Ceremony/School Bag Blessing
For Saint Charbel's Parishioners, youth, and kids.

تأمل

- في هذا الأحد من زمن الصليب، تضع لنا الكنيسة رسالةً وإنجيلاً يتكلمان عن الوقت والمسؤولية.
- تدعونا رسالة اليوم إلى عيش إيماننا بصدق وإلتزام لأننا نملك كل ما يلزم من تعليم كنسيّ موافق لفهمنا ويتبلور مع معطيات العلم والعصر.
- أكد القديس بولس في هذه الرسالة أن لا أحد يعرف الأزمنة والأوقات، بل أن يوم الرب يأتي على حين غفلة، كالسارق الذي يسطو دون سابق إنذار.
- الإنجيلي متى يدعونا إلى التأمل في مفهوم "الخادم الأمين"، أي الذي عرف كيف يحافظ على الأمانة داعياً إيانا كي نكون أمناء حتى في أصغر الأمور.
- نسأل الله أن يمنحنا القوة فنبقى أمناء بحكمة للرجاء المسيحاني!



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 1st

Collection: \$ 1096.00



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



On October 9, 1977, Saint Charbel canonized as a Saint in St Peter's Square in Rome by the Holy Father Paul VI. Saint Charbel Pray for us, protect Lebanon

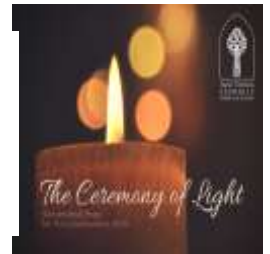


Thank you for all the w support that are getting from our parishioners, volunteers, sponsors and supporters. Thank you for your hard work, labor of love and generosity. May God bless you all.



Lighting of the Church Ceremony / School Bag Blessing

All kids and their parents are invited to participate in lighting of the church ceremony and school bags blessing which will be held on Sunday October 15 at 11:00 AM Mass. More details will follow.



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!

- Canonization of St Charbel October 9
- Thanksgiving Monday October 9
- 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

PARISH ACTIVITIES WILL BE RESUMING FOR 2022/2023:

The Classes of The Religious Education Program begin on Friday October 20 at 6:30-8 PM for the year 2023-2024. It is with great excitement that we welcome all students back. We have a terrific year planned! Our aim is simply to help the children grow in relationship with Jesus and His Church. Registration forms will be available after Mass on Sundays October 08 and October 15.

- Catechism (Grade 1 to Grade 8)
- Junior Choir (Grade 1 to Grade 12)
- First Communion (Grade 3 and up)



JUNIOR CHOIR