



SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Workers in the Vineyard



The First Reading states, 'God's ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts'. Just how vast is the difference between God's ways and our ways; between God's thoughts and our thoughts is illustrated in the Gospel. God's generosity utterly transcends human generosity.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard was aimed at the Pharisees. These legalistically minded men were critical of Jesus because he befriended sinners and outcasts. In the parable Jesus faces up to his critics, and shows them what God is like: God is generous and full of compassion for the poor and the outcast. In that respect the parable is similar to that of the prodigal son.

Liturgical Celebrations

Tuesday – Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions (feast)

This day honours the eight martyrs of North America – six Jesuit priests and two lay assistants – who died between 1642 and 1649. All came from Europe in response to a call for "missionaries to the Indians," and all showed great courage. These men were aware of the dangers involved and of the fate of captives. Some of them were captured and escaped, but returned, persisting in their efforts to preach the Gospel to the aboriginal peoples.

Wednesday – Saint Vincent de Paul (memorial)

St. Vincent is the founder of the Congregation of the Missions (Vincentians) and co-founder of the Daughters of Charity. Born in France in 1580, the son of a peasant farmer, Vincent attended university and was ordained at 20. Vincent devoted his life to acts of charity. He organized groups to provide food and clothing for all who were poor. He established a congregation to preach and to train clergy. He collected large sums of money for his many projects and his influence spread from France across Europe. He is a patron saint of charitable societies.

Friday – Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (feast)

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are three of the seven archangels who stand before God and are venerated in both Jewish and Christian traditions. Michael is considered the special protector of Israel and of the Church. Gabriel foretold the coming of the Messiah. Raphael is the one who brings prayers before God.

Saturday – St. Jerome (memorial)

Having experienced a vision of Christ, Jerome withdrew into the Syrian desert praying, fasting and learning Hebrew. Jerome's mastery of languages enabled him to translate Hebrew and Greek books of the Bible into Latin. This translation is called the Vulgate.

This Week

Monday, September 25

7:00pm Mass +Patricia (Pat) Battle

Tuesday, September 26

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
8:00am Mass
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands
6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)
7:00pm Mass +Mariano Rivero

Wednesday, September 27

8:00am Mass +Marciano Jimenez
9:15am Mass St. Augustine's School
6:45pm Prayer Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00pm Mass +Laura Roder
7:00pm Meeting CWL Executive
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, September 28

8:00am Mass
11:00am Funeral +Erica Johnson
7:00pm Mass

Friday, September 29

8:00am Mass
10:00am Meeting Moms & Tots
1:00pm Wedding
7:00pm Mass

Saturday, September 30

8:00am Mass
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
5:00pm Mass +Karol Drago Campa

Sunday, October 1

9:00am Mass
Baptism
11:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass +Joanne Zadra

World Tourism Day – September 27

A World Tourism Day was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization. The Church is concerned about tourism in the world remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace lives there, your peace will rest on that person."

OFFERTORY

September 10, 2017

We are grateful for these gifts:

ENVELOPES: \$6,777.81

LOOSE: \$886.29

WELCOME

Juno Claire Quain

daughter of Patrick Aidan Quain & Siobhan Whooley

REST IN PEACE

Erika Johnson

**Pope's Message**

.In the fourth sermon of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks to us, who have decided to support the community, to us, who value life together and dream of a project that includes everyone. The preceding text is that of

the good shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine sheep to go after the one that is lost. This fact pervades the entire text we have just heard: there is no one too lost to deserve our care, our closeness and our forgiveness. From this perspective, we can see that a fault or a sin committed by one person challenges us all, but involves, primarily, the victim of someone's sin. He or she is called to take the initiative so that whoever has caused the harm is not lost. To take the initiative: he or she who takes the initiative is always the most courageous person.

During these past few days I have heard many testimonies from those who have reached out to people who had harmed them; terrible wounds that I could see in their own bodies; irreparable losses that still bring tears. Yet they have reached out, have taken a first step on a different path to the one already travelled. For decades Colombia has yearned for peace but, as Jesus teaches, two sides approaching each other to dialogue is not enough; it has also been necessary to involve many more actors in this dialogue aimed at healing sins. The Lord tells us in the Gospel: "If your brother does not listen to you, take one or two others along with you" (Mt 18:16).

We have learned that these ways of making peace, of placing reason above revenge, of the delicate harmony between politics and law, cannot ignore the involvement of the people. Peace is not achieved by normative frameworks and institutional arrangements between well-intentioned political or economic groups. Jesus finds the solution to the harm inflicted through a personal encounter between the parties. It is always helpful, moreover, to incorporate into our peace processes the experience of those sectors that have often been overlooked, so that communities themselves can influence the development of collective memory. "The principal author, the historic subject of this process, is the people as a whole and their culture, and not a single class, minority, group or elite – the people as a whole and their culture –. We do not need plans drawn up by a few for the few, or an enlightened or outspoken minority which claims to speak for everyone. It is about agreeing to live together, a social and cultural pact" (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 239).

How much have we worked for an encounter, for peace? Jesus commands us to confront those types of behaviour, those ways of living that damage society and destroy the community. How many times have we

"normalized" – experienced as normal occurrences – the logic of violence and social exclusion, without prophetically raising our hands and voices! Alongside Saint Peter Claver were thousands of Christians, many of them consecrated... but only a handful started a counter-cultural movement of encounter. Saint Peter was able to restore the dignity and hope of hundreds of thousands of black people and slaves arriving in absolutely inhuman conditions, full of dread, with all their hopes lost. He did not have prestigious academic qualifications, and he even said of himself that he was "mediocre" in terms of intelligence, but he had the genius to live the Gospel to the full, to meet those whom others considered merely as waste material. Centuries later, the footsteps of this missionary and apostle of the Society of Jesus were followed by Saint María Bernarda Bütler, who dedicated her life to serving the poor and marginalized in this same city of Cartagena.

In the encounter between us we rediscover our rights, and we recreate our lives so that they re-emerge as authentically human. "The common home of all men and women must continue to rise on the foundations of a right understanding of universal fraternity and respect for the sacredness of every human life, of every man and every woman, the poor, the elderly, children, the infirm, the unborn, the unemployed, the abandoned, those considered disposable because they are only considered as part of a statistic. This common home of all men and women must also be built on the understanding of a certain sacredness of created nature" (Address to the United Nations, 25 September 2015).

Last week in the Parish...

St. Augustine's Retreat with Fr. Bonga T. Majola, OMI

**WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH**

St. Augustine's Oblate Parish is a Catholic community centered in Christ and the Eucharist that has a shared mission to – welcome and invite all to participate – celebrate in Word and Sacrament – foster evangelization and spiritual formation – advocate for social justice – care for our common home.

Around the Parish...

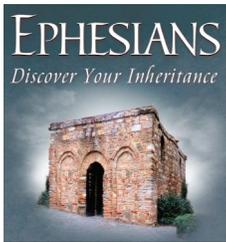
The Circle of Friends

Next meeting: September 29. In Oct. subsequent meetings will be held the 1st & 3rd Fridays 10:30-12 noon in the Parish Library. Learn how the heart of the Gospel can become more relevant to your daily lives. Join others to be inspired. 604-564-1474.

Moms & Tots

Please join us in the St. Augustine's Moms and Tots group. Moms and Tots is a casual, drop-in group for St. Augustine's littlest parishioners and their caregivers. We meet on Fridays at the parish from 9:45-12:00, to chat, play, and support one another in our vocations as parents. Come share the vibrancy of your child's spirit and grow in community; everyone is welcomed! Please contact Cat for more information or to be included in our weekly update: cat_murtha@hotmail.com; 778-991-9333.

Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance



St. Augustine's Parish Hall on Tuesdays at 7:30pm (October 3 - December 5). For more information or to register for the study, email Alyssa:

alysasademarco@hotmail.com.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. Studying this letter will enrich your faith—and show you how to live it out. Discover what it means to be a son or daughter of God—an heir to all he has to give.

Youth Movement



Registration for 2017-2018 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

PREP is catechesis for Grades 1 to 7, in preparation of the Sacraments of Initiation. The primary goal is to assist the parents of our parish in their role as the primary teachers of the faith to their children. Classes run every year on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30-7:45pm, from September 19th to May 29th

Register online: staugustineschurch.ca/prep

For inquiries or to request a paper registration: prep@staugustineschurch.ca

World Youth Day

is a world-wide pilgrimage and encounter with the Pope for young adults. The next one will be in January 2019 in Panama and St. Augustine's is starting up a pilgrimage group. Interested in learning more? There is an information session on Sept 29.

Contact Veja Coronado: 604 618-2802

Youth Group Pizza Party (October 1, 6-8pm)



The youth group would like to invite high school students to a back-to-school Pizza Party on Sunday, October 1, after the 5pm Mass. Bring your friends and we'll bring the games and the pizza!

Please RSVP with Veja at youth@staugustineschurch.ca



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

welcomes people who feel drawn to Christ. People from no particular church background, Christians from Protestant denominations, and men and women from other religions. Baptized, Catholic adults who were never confirmed and who want to be received into full communion with the Church may do so through the RCIA.

RCIA runs from mid-September through May on Pentecost. RCIA meetings are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at St. Augustine Parish Centre.

If you are interested in the Catholic faith or know someone who is, please contact Linda Arnold: 604 736-4455 ext.229

or larnold25@gmail.com

CWL News



Women's Morning of Prayer & Reflection

Discovering and Claiming Jesus in the Ordinary Moments of our Lives.

To all the busy women of St. Augustine! Please consider joining us on Saturday, October 21 in the Parish Center for a morning of prayer, reflection, and presentation by this year's retreat leader Cathie Oberndorf. Retreat will begin with 8 am Morning Mass and will conclude at 12:00.

Contact Karen at kzawortny@gmail.com or 604-440-0489 to register.

This event is sponsored by the CWL.

Sunday, Oct. 15: CWL Sunday – CWL participation at the 9 am Mass Ministries & hospitality. No general meeting this month.

Saturday, Oct. 21: CWL Retreat - "Discovering and Claiming Jesus in the Ordinary Moments of our Lives" directed by Cathie Oberndorf. Mass at 8 am. Retreat from 9 - 12.

Sunday, Nov. 12: General Meeting.

Men's Retreat

Join us Friday September 29th to Sunday October 1st at beautiful Rockridge Canyon, Princeton, B.C.

Questions about the retreat, including carpooling? Contact David Cummings, at 604-733-4182, or david@davidcumplings.ca.

School News...

Senior's Luncheon

The School is Hosting their "Eighth Luncheon for the Seniors of St. Augustine's Parish"

Venue – The School; Date/Time - Monday Sept. 25th at 12:00 Cost - No cost

As there is maximum seating, please RSVP - by Sept. 19th to Geri Fujisawa at 604-738-1155 or gerifuji@telus.net

Some Parking will be available at the School.

Kindergarten Registration

There will be a meeting for parents wishing to enroll their children in Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00pm in the Learning Commons of the School. If you are an active, practicing Catholic at St. Augustine's Parish please RSVP the St. Augustine School Office at (604) 731-8024.

(Adults only please)

Little Flower Academy

welcomes all prospective 2018-2019 candidates and their families to an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 from 6:00–8:00 pm. For more information and online application, please visit our website (www.lfabc.org) or contact:

Kathi Wilson, Registrar at wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 ext. 114



Oblate Corner

THE APOSTLES WERE FOREIGNERS IN THE COUNTRIES TO WHICH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ASSIGNED THEM TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

Posted by Frank Santucci

One of the difficulties of establishing missions by French religious and priests was that the people of the Kingdom were suspicious of foreigners who would

bring in "revolutionary" ideas.

Would someone want to oppose us as foreigners? The members of a Congregation recognized by the Church, whose Superior is named by the Pope, are Catholic before all else.

Their lives are dedicated according to the spirit of their vocation to the service of souls without preference for persons or nations, their ministry is entirely spiritual, they belong to the country that adopts them, and live there under the protecting mantle of the law as faithful subjects, solely occupied with the purpose of their heavenly mission which strives to accomplish every duty, whether to God or to the Prince, his representative among men.

Eugene strengthens his argument by reminding them that the apostles were foreigners, as were all foreign missionaries around the world.

The Apostles were foreigners in the countries to which Our Lord Jesus Christ assigned them to preach the gospel. Religious who laid the first foundations of their Orders in various parts of Christianity were also foreigners and were not rejected because of that.

No one more than I will praise the wise measures that result in keeping a State from the contagion of evil doctrines and the influence of perverse men who trouble society elsewhere and shake its foundations; but would it be reasonable to suppose that one equally fears what is good, proven, what could only be useful and advantageous?

Letter to Fr. A Grassi SJ, 11 December 1830, EO XIII, n 76.

It was, in fact this suspicion, that won the day and the Oblates were not invited to the Kingdom.

If you are new to our Parish Community or have an address or telephone change, please fill out the information below and submit it to the parish office or drop into the collection basket. please print in block letters.

New Parishioner Need Envelopes Information Change

First Name	First Name
Spouse First Name	Spouse Last Name
Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth	
Mailing Address	
City	Phone
Postal Code	Email
Comments	

Parish Information

RECONCILIATION

Weekdays 15 minutes before weekday Mass
 Saturday 4:00pm-4:30pm

PASTOR

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday & Friday 9:00am-12noon,1:00pm-5:00pm
 Tues/Wed/Thurs 10:00am-12noon,1:00pm-5:00pm
 Monday is the Priest's day off.

Email: parish.saug@rcav.org

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM—PREP

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FAITH AND FOUNDATION

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 donate@faithandfoundation.com

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BAPTISM

604.736.4455 x 221
 Preparation classes held first Thursday of the month

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604.736.4455 x 221 parish.saug@rcav.org

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