



October 1st, 2017
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR FAITH. OUR FOUNDATION.

SINCE 1911



The Two Sons

The parable of the two sons was addressed to the chief priests and elders of the people. Its purpose was to defend Jesus' invitation of sinners and outcasts to the Kingdom in the face of the sneers of the religious

establishment. The parable outraged the religious people.

The first son represents sinners. Like him they originally chose to go their own way but then repented and took God's way, and so gained entry into the Kingdom. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. Like him they promised to work for God but failed to do so, and so have excluded themselves from the kingdom. Repentance is the necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom. The theme of sin and repentance is also dealt with in the First Reading.

The parable also echoes a favorite theme of Matthew: the split in the religious person between saying and doing. Hence, its relevance for 'religious' people in every age.

Liturgical Celebrations

Tuesday – Dedication of the Holy Rosary Cathedral (feast)

Mass and readings from common of the dedication of a church.

Wednesday – Saint Francis of Assisi (memorial)

Francesco Bernardone was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1181 or 1182. The son of a wealthy silk merchant, Francis lived a life of comfort and pleasure. As a young soldier and prisoner of war he gave up the idea of being a knight. Believing his call was to serve God and the poor, he chose the way of poverty and self-denial. In 1206, he felt called to repair God's house, following the command literally. In 1209 he understood that his work was to build up the Church by preaching repentance. His zeal won disciples, and in 1210 a rule was approved, with the pope giving Francis and his companions a commission to preach. By 1219, they numbered 5000. In September of 1224, he received the stigmata, marks on his own body resembling the wounds of the crucified Christ. Francis is also recognized as being the first to teach that the earth itself is holy. He died on October 3, 1226 and was canonized two years later. He is a patron of Italy and of ecologists.

Saturday - Our Lady of the Rosary (feast)

Our Lady of the Rosary was celebrated in the late 15th century by some confraternities of the Rosary, and in 1571 was solemnized by Pius V in thanksgiving for a battle victory. In 1716, Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church. It is a feast day in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Papal Prayer Intentions for October

Workers and the Unemployed – that all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

This Week

Monday, October 2

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| 6:30pm | Meeting | CWL Executive Meeting |
| 7:00pm | Mass | Int Fr. John Greene, OMI |
| 7:30pm | Prayers | +Fr. Donald Douglas (D.D.) MacDonald, OMI |

Tuesday, October 3

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| 6:00am | Meeting | Men's Prayer Group |
| 8:00am | Mass | +John Anderson |
| 10:00am | Meeting | Busy Hands Craft Group |
| 10:30 | Funeral | +Fr. D.D. MacDonald, OMI |
| 7:00pm | Mass | |
| 7:30pm | Meeting | Ephesians Bible Study Group |

Wednesday, October 4

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| 8:00am | Mass | |
| 6:45pm | Prayer | Divine Mercy Chaplet |
| 7:00pm | Mass | |
| 7:30pm | Meeting | Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) |

Thursday, October 5

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

Friday, October 6

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| 8:00am | Mass | |
| 10:00am | Meeting | Moms & Tots |
| 10:30am | Meeting | Circle of Friends |
| 7:00pm | Mass | |

Saturday, October

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| 8:00am | Mass | |
| 9:00am | Meeting | 4th Annual Blessing of the Animals |
| 9:30am | Meeting | Legion of Mary |
| 5:00pm | Mass | |

Sunday, October 8

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| 9:00am | Mass |
| 11:00am | Mass |
| 5:00pm | Mass |

OFFERTORY

September 24, 2017

We are grateful for these gifts:

ENVELOPES: \$9,340.00

LOOSE: \$933.20

WELCOME

Avila Grace Le Borgne

daughter of Damon Chisholm & Sonja Le Borgne

Alexander Owen John & Isabel Kate John

son & daughter of Derek John & Ivy Woo

Novella Katherine Pellegrino

daughter of Michael Pellegrino & Nicoletta Terzopoulos

REST IN PEACE

Fr. Donald Douglas (D.D.) MacDonald, OMI



Pope's Message

"I give you thanks, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to babes"

(Mt 11:25).

Today, I too have come, like countless other pilgrims, to

give thanks to the Father for all that he wished to reveal to one of the "little ones" mentioned in today's Gospel: Francis, the son of a wealthy merchant of Assisi. His encounter with Jesus led him to strip himself of an easy and carefree life in order to espouse "Lady Poverty" and to live as a true son of our heavenly Father. This decision of Saint Francis was a radical way of imitating Christ: he clothed himself anew, putting on Christ, who, though he was rich, became poor in order to make us rich by his poverty (cf. 2 Cor 8:9). In all of Francis' life, love for the poor and the imitation of Christ in his poverty were inseparably united, like the two sides of the same coin.

What does Saint Francis's witness tell us today? What does he have to say to us, not merely with words – that is easy enough – but by his life?

1. The first thing he tells us is this: that being a Christian means having a living relationship with the person of Jesus; it means putting on Christ, being conformed to him.

Where did Francis's journey to Christ begin? It began with the gaze of the crucified Jesus. With letting Jesus look at us at the very moment that he gives his life for us and draws us to himself. Francis experienced this in a special way in the Church of San Damiano, as he prayed before the cross which I too will have an opportunity to venerate. On that cross, Jesus is depicted not as dead, but alive! Blood is flowing from his wounded hands, feet and side, but that blood speaks of life. Jesus' eyes are not closed but open, wide open: he looks at us in a way that touches our hearts. The cross does not speak to us about defeat and failure; paradoxically, it speaks to us about a death which is life, a death which gives life, for it speaks to us of love, the love of God incarnate, a love which does not die, but triumphs over evil and death. When we let the crucified Jesus gaze upon us, we are re-created, we become "a new creation". Everything else starts with this: the experience of transforming grace, the experience of being loved for no merits of our own, in spite of our being sinners. That is why Saint Francis could say with Saint Paul: "Far be it for me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal 6:14).

We turn to you, Francis, and we ask you: Teach us to remain before the cross, to let the crucified Christ gaze upon us, to let ourselves be forgiven, and recreated by his love.

2. In today's Gospel we heard these words: "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart."

This is the second witness that Francis gives us: that everyone who follows Christ receives true peace, the peace that Christ alone can give, a peace which the world cannot give. Many people, when they think of Saint Francis, think of peace; very few people however go deeper. What is the peace which Francis received, experienced and lived, and which he passes on to us? It is the peace of Christ, which is born of the greatest love of all, the love of the cross. It is the peace which the Risen Jesus gave to his disciples when he stood in their midst (cf. Jn 20:19-20).

Franciscan peace is not something saccharine. Hardly! That is not the real Saint Francis! Nor is it a kind of pantheistic harmony with forces of the cosmos... That is not Franciscan either! It is not Franciscan, but a notion that some people have invented! The peace of Saint Francis is the peace of Christ, and it is found by those who "take up" their "yoke", namely, Christ's commandment: Love one another as I have loved you (cf. Jn 13:34; 15:12). This yoke cannot be borne with arrogance, presumption or pride, but only with meekness and humbleness of heart.

We turn to you, Francis, and we ask you: Teach us to be "instruments of peace", of that peace which has its source in God, the peace which Jesus has brought us.

Last Week...



Senior's Luncheon at St. Augustine's School



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

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...***Blessing of the Animals**

Please join us in the Parish Hall and Courtyard on **Saturday October 7th at 9:00am** sharp for our Fourth Annual Blessing of the Animals.

Bring your safely leashed and caged four and two legged critters for Fr. Andrzej to specially bless as they continue throughout their brief lives to give comfort and companionship to so many.

All are warmly welcomed to participate in this community event so be sure to invite your friends and neighbours as well.

Food Drive Collection

St. Augustine's Church and parishioners were named "Donor of the Month" in the August edition of The Door Is Open brochure. Thank you to all who so generously contribute to Food for the Poor Collections

NEWS!

Beginning Oct. 1st weekend we have TWO food collections, the 1st & the 3rd weekends of the month.

With Thanksgiving coming up, responding to the collections is a good way to express our gratitude for the abundance of food we enjoy.

The Door is Open will have more food to help their needy patrons.

A warm thank you for your generosity the first year of the program.

The Circle of Friends

Meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month 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:

alysademarco@hotmail.com.

Youth Movement**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

**CWL News**

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.

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.

*School News...***Faith and Foundation—Donor Recognition Evening**

All donors to the new school project are welcome to join us on Thursday, October 19 at 7pm at the Parish Centre.

This is an annual event to provide more information about our progress and to show appreciation for everyone's efforts over the past 17 years. We'd love to see you.

Please RSVP the Faith and Foundation Office: 604-736-4455 Ext 231.

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

Pro-life Mass & Vigil

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Saturday, Oct. 7. Mass is at 9 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver followed by the Rosary at B.C. Women's Hospital, Vancouver All My Relation's Intertribal A.A. Round-Up

Come let us celebrate!

The revitalization of togetherness. The renewal of walking in the footprints of Our Ancestors. Awakening and journey on the sacred path of sobriety, recovery, health, and wellness. Oct. 13 to 15, 2017 at 100 Lower Capilano Road in North Vancouver. Contact Deacon Rennie at 604-683-0281 ext. 50241 for more information.

Infant Loss Awareness Mass with Archbishop Miller

October 15 is National Infant Loss Awareness Day. On that day, we remember our little ones who have gone too soon. To honour them, Archbishop Miller will be celebrating Mass at the Evangelist Chapel at the Gardens of Gethsemani. This is our second annual Infant Loss Awareness Day event. We will light up the cemetery in their honour, so please come and join us for this special Mass.

White Mass Honouring Catholic Health Care Professionals

The White Mass is offered annually for Catholic physicians and healthcare providers in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The name given to this Mass comes from the white coats that physicians and other health care professionals have traditionally worn in their profession. The Catholic Physicians' Guild is hosting a White Mass celebrated by Archbishop Miller, CSB. Reception to follow at St. Augustine's Parish Hall. Catering donations welcome. Friday, Oct. 27 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's Parish, Vancouver

Oblate Corner



I THINK IT IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF IGNORANCE WHEN ONE THINKS ONE KNOWS WHAT ONE IS IN FACT IGNORANT OF

Posted by Frank Santucci

Eugene's two reflections on studies, to the young scholastics, were an echo of his own attitude to studies when he had been a seminarian 20 years before:

If I want to be of some use in the ministry, I still have a lot of studying to do, and it is quite clear that I could not undertake anything in my present state and keep a perfectly clear conscience.

I am well aware that there are priests who are less prepared than myself perhaps and who nevertheless press on, but it is a very great evil. And I think it is the highest form of ignorance when one thinks one knows what one is in fact ignorant of or knows only in a sketchy way.

Letter to his mother, 14 October 1811, EO XIV n 93 One of the greatest things we can give to others is our word. It is easy to give our word. It doesn't cost anything. The cost comes later, if and when we honour our word.

A Message from Fr. Andrzej...



Some people are very generous with their words. They will promise everything. But you can't rely on them. They don't really mean it. And there are others who are slow in giving their word. They don't make promises easily. But when they do make a promise, you can rely on them to honour it.

When the father in Jesus' story asked his two sons to go and work in the vineyard, one of the sons said immediate and definite 'yes'. But he didn't keep his word. He didn't go. The other son also gave his word. He said he wouldn't go. However, later he changed his mind and went.

The parable teaches us that promises can never take place of performance, and fine words can never be substitutes for fine deeds.

Faithfulness is one of the greatest and most necessary things in life. But faithfulness is costly. It is not an easy road. It demands unselfishness and a spirit of sacrifice. But even here on earth it brings great rewards in terms of growth, serenity and joy.

There are no such rewards for the unfaithful. There is no happiness at the end of the day for the one who gives his word but fails to honour it.

It is said that a person is as good as his word. If that is so, then the question I must ask myself is: How good is my word?

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

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| 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
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