



November 5th, 2017
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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All words but no deeds

Malachi attacks the laxity and carelessness that have set in regarding morality and worship. He specifically takes the priests to task, berating them for not living up to their calling, and thus being responsible for the erosion of faith among the people.

In the Gospel we see how strong Jesus was in his criticism of those who use religion to gain spiritual power, and who do not live what is at the heart of religion: love and compassion, justice and faith.

Matthew applies it to Christian leaders, who are in danger of repeating the mistakes of the Pharisees.

The message is as relevant now as it was back then. Religious officeholders are still reluctant to let go of honour, titles and so on, which are clearly contrary to the spirit of the Gospel.

Liturgical celebrations:

Thursday – The dedication of the Lateran Basilica (feast)

This feast celebrates the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. Originally known as the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior, this church is called St. John Lateran because it was built on the property owned by the Laterani family and given to the church. This church is the cathedra (chair) of the bishop of Rome.

Friday – Saint Leo the Great (memorial)

Leo's religious beliefs guided his entire life. As a deacon he worked to bring peace to the warring Roman fractions. Leo is well known for his peacekeeping efforts, and especially for his encounter with Attila the Hun. As Pope he is best known for his sermons on faith and charity. He was made Doctor of the Church in 1754.

Saturday – Saint Martin of Tours (memorial)

Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized at 18. Later he pursued his vocation as a monk. In 360 he settled in Gaul and was soon joined by disciples; together they founded the first monastery in Gaul. In 371 Martin was proclaimed bishop of Tours by the people. He served as a bishop-monk until his death in 397. Martin is a patron saint of France, soldiers and vintners.

Remembrance Day – November 11



Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.

This Week

Monday, November 6

1:00pm Meeting Community Planning
7:00pm Mass

Tuesday, November 7

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
8:00am Mass +All Souls in Purgatory
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Craft Group
6:30pm Meeting Renewals Leadership Team
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Meeting Ephesians Bible Study Group

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11

Morning Mass on **Remembrance Day** will be at **10:58 am**.
No 8:00 am Mass today.

9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
10:58am Mass Remembrance Day
5:00pm Mass



Sunday, November 12

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

N.B.: Priest's Study Week November 13th-17th inclusive

Daily Mass Schedule change: Mon, Tues, Wed—Mass @ 7:00pm ONLY
Thurs, Fri, Sat.—Mass @ 8:00am ONLY



OFFERTORY

October 29th, 2017

We are grateful for these gifts:

ENVELOPES: \$8,274.40

LOOSE: \$655.55



Pope's Message

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO HIS BEATITUDE THEOPHILOS III

GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM

With great joy I welcome all of you to Rome. I reciprocate with gratitude and fraternal affection

the warm welcome Your Beatitude offered me during my visit to Jerusalem. Still fresh in my mind is the attentiveness with which you accompanied Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and myself in the Basilica that preserves the places of the Lord's crucifixion, burial and Resurrection. I am still moved when I think of our moment of prayer in the aedicule of the empty Tomb, and I again express my pleasure at the restoration of that most holy place. It has not simply secured the integrity of a historical monument, but also enabled the empty tomb to continue to testify that: "He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him" (Mk 16:6). I rejoice that the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land have worked together in such harmony on this project, as they also did for the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem. I thank Your Beatitude very much for your own efforts in this regard.

Our meeting allows me to renew my closeness to all those suffering from the conflicts that for decades have beset the Holy Land. The uncertainty of the situation and the lack of understanding between the parties continue to create insecurity, the restriction of fundamental rights, and the flight of many people from their land. I invoke God's help in this, and I ask all those involved to intensify their efforts to achieve a stable peace based on justice and recognition of the rights of all. To this end, any kind of violence, discrimination or displays of intolerance against Jewish, Christian and Muslim worshipers, or places of worship, must be firmly rejected. The Holy City, whose Status Quo must be defended and preserved, ought to be a place where all can live together peaceably; otherwise, the endless spiral of suffering will continue for all.

I would offer a particular greeting to the members of the various Christian communities in the Holy Land. It is my hope that they will continue to be recognized as an integral part of society and that, as citizens and believers in their own right, they can continue tirelessly to contribute to the common good and the growth of peace, striving to further reconciliation and concord. This contribution will be the more effective to the extent that there is harmony between the region's different Churches. Particularly important in this regard would be increased cooperation in supporting Christian families and young people, so that they will not be forced to leave their land. By working together in this delicate area, the faithful of different confessions will also be able to grow in mutual knowledge and fraternal relations.

Here I would reaffirm my heartfelt desire and commitment to progress on our way to full unity, in obedience to Jesus' fervent prayer in the Cenacle "that they may all be one... so that the world may believe" (Jn 17:21). I know that past wounds continue to affect the memory of many people. It is not possible to change the past, but, without forgetting grave failures of charity over the centuries, let us look to a future of full reconciliation and fraternal

that past wounds continue to affect the memory of many people. It is not possible to change the past, but, without forgetting grave failures of charity over the centuries, let us look to a future of full reconciliation and fraternal communion, and take up the work before us, as the Lord desires. Not to do so today would be an even graver fault; it would be to disregard both the urgent call of Christ and the signs of the times sown by the Spirit along the Church's path. Inspired by the same Spirit, may we not let the memory of times marked by lack of communication or mutual accusations, or present difficulties and uncertainty about the future, prevent us from walking together towards visible unity, nor hinder us from praying and working together to proclaim the Gospel and to serve those in need. In this regard, the ongoing theological dialogue between Catholics and Orthodox, in which the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem participates actively and constructively, is a comforting sign of hope on our journey. How good it would be to say of Catholics and Orthodox living in Jerusalem what the Evangelist Luke said of the first Christian community: "All who believed were together... one heart and soul."

Your Beatitude, I thank you and the distinguished members of your entourage most cordially for your visit. I reaffirm my closeness to our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, and my affection for our friends of the other great religions who live there. I hope and pray that the day of a stable and lasting peace for all will soon come. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they prosper who love you! [...] For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, 'peace be within you!'" (Ps 122: 6-8).

Papal Prayer Intentions for November

Christians in Asia: That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Did You Know?...



The Lateran Basilica in Rome is the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe.

The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the commemoration of St. Theodore, a Christian soldier and martyr of Asia Minor.

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...**Parish Renewal at St. Augustine's**

Last week we mentioned the 4 key areas we will focus on for parish renewals in the coming years.

Faith Formation – Liturgy – Community – Social Justice

Analyzing, planning and delivering on these four areas of focus will help us:

- ◇ Make Sunday mass meaningful and joyful in all areas of the Liturgy
- ◇ Create a Welcoming and Hospitable parish where everyone feels at home
- ◇ Increase Faith formation for all ages
- ◇ Bring people to the Holy Spirit to encounter a personal relationships with Jesus
- ◇ Develop our Leadership in all areas of ministry
- ◇ Provide more outreach to the most marginalized in our community

Watch next week's bulletin to learn more about our next steps in the planning! For more information and/or to get involved email:

ParishCouncil@staugustineschurch.ca

CWL news**Baking Table**

requesting parishioners for any donation of home-baked goodies (squares, short bread, tarts, loafs, pies, scones, cookies etc.); homemade jams and preserves; etc.

Please contact Geri for drop-off place and times at 604-738-1155 or gerifuji@telus.net.

**Christmas Fair Items**

We are in the planning stages for the Christmas Fair on Sunday Dec. 3rd, and we would like to ask you to keep us in mind if you have any gift items, Christmas decorations, jewellery, raffle prizes, etc and whatever you think is suitable to sell. We cannot accept rummage items as we will not have the fall bazaar. You can leave the items in the office or if you need us to pick up, please call Lurana @604-736-3182.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA runs from mid-September through May to 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

Last week in the Parish...

School & PREP Parent Sacramental Retreat

Candy Drive

Went trick or treating for Halloween this year? Consider donating a portion of your candies to the Youth Ministry! Candies collected will be packaged and donated to the Agape Street Ministry. The candy bags are a means of sharing the love of Christ with women in the downtown Eastside. Please drop off your candy donations at the parish office before Nov 19

A special thanks to those who've been generous with their candies so far!

All upcoming events and volunteer opportunities on our website: <http://www.staugustineschurch.ca/youth>

Any questions? Contact Veal

youthofstaugustine@gmail.com | 604-736-4455 ext. 224

Let's be friends!

Facebook group: St Augustine Youth Movement

Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat: @staugyouthmove

*Around the Archdiocese...***A Day of Reflection for Young Men**

Catholic young men (18-35) are invited to a day of prayer and study, drawing upon Newman's "The Dream of Gerontius" and "The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola", with Fr. John O'Brien, S.J., at St. Mark's College, Saturday, Nov. 4, 9-5pm.

\$20 suggested (includes lunch), with optional attendance of VSO performance of "Gerontius" in the evening.

To register, email Fr John at jdobrien@jesuits.ca

Annual Mass for Deceased Bishops, Clergy & Consecrated Men and Women

The annual Mass for deceased bishops, clergy and consecrated men and women will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Thursday, November 9 at 12:00 noon. All parishioners are most welcome to attend this special Liturgy celebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Remember kindly in your prayers during the month of November those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their ministry.

NES Conference 2017: Setting Hearts Ablaze

In partnership with New Evangelization Summit founder Michael Dopp, the Archdiocese of Vancouver is inviting ministry leaders and members

involved in evangelistic and discipleship ministries to a one-day training conference with worship, fellowship, and inspiring speakers who will share how to step out in faith and share the joy of the Gospel.

Whether you're a pastor, youth ministry leader, or you're starting up Alpha or Discover Discipleship at your parish, Setting Hearts Ablaze is designed to support and help you live out your personal call to evangelize. Be inspired, receive practical assistance, and connect with other Catholics!

Tickets are \$35/person (lunch included)

Who Am I? Workshop

Longing to improve your relationships or increase your happiness and productivity? Discover the richness within yourself. Join us for a 4 day workshop on Nov. 18, 19, 25, and 26 at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver. To register or for more info, contact Leah Bittante at 604-613-0023 or lbittante2@gmail.com. Visit www.prh-canada.com for more info.



Oblate Corner

THEY UNDERSTAND MY DEDICATION; THEY FEEL STRONGER WHEN I AM WITH THEM

Posted by Frank Santucci

When Eugene had become Vicar General of his uncle in Marseilles, life had not been easy for him. Bishop Fortuné was elderly, and so it was his nephew who had to be the hatchet-man to correct and discipline a diocese that had been without a bishop for 22 years. It made him very unpopular among most of the

priests and others in authority.

In July 1831 he was on his way to Notre Dame du Laus to do the canonical visitation of the community. In Marseilles disturbances and rioting had broken out on the occasion of elections, and Eugene had been obliged to cut short his trip and return immediately to the city. He was welcomed with open expressions of joy.

... It is on these occasions that one can see if the clergy is behind me.

The fact is that they understand my dedication; they feel stronger when I am with them.

But it is not only the clergy, all the faithful have displayed a satisfaction that is quite remarkable, and I am thankful to them for it.

Letter to Hippolyte Courtès, 17 July 1831, EO VIII n 395

Eugene's persevering dedication in the midst of difficulties and rejection was beginning to bear fruit!

A message from Fr. Andrzej...

At the root of many wrongs in our world is the discrepancy between word and deed. It is the weakness of churches, parties and individuals.

This was the main fault Christ found with the Pharisees: 'They do not practice what they preach.'

If we practise what we preach, if we live by our beliefs, we ourselves will be the first to benefit. But we will also set a good example for others. People whose religion begins and ends with worship and ritual practices are like soldiers forever manoeuvring, but never getting into action.

Like beautiful flowers full of color but without scent, so are the well-chosen words of the person who does not act accordingly.

What great prophets have said is forgotten, but what heroes and saints have done is still remembered. There can be no happiness for us, as long as the things we believe in are different from the things we do.

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.	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/> Need Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/> 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
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Monday is the Priest's day off.

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