



November 12th, 2017
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parable of the Lamps

The first reading eulogises wisdom. We see this wisdom exemplified in the five bridesmaids in the Gospel parable.

Whereas Paul expects the second coming of Christ to happen soon, Matthew has accepted that the Parousia may be delayed. The point of

the parable is this: since the disciples do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming, they must be prepared so that when he comes they can enter his kingdom. To be prepared means to be a doer rather than a mere hearer of the word.

Liturgical celebrations:

Friday – Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (memorial)

St. Elizabeth was born in 1207. At age four she was betrothed to Ludwig of Thuringia. They married when she was 14. Elizabeth built hospitals to care for the needy and the sick. When her husband died she was accused of mismanagement and had to leave Wartburg. She entered the Third Order of Saint Francis and spent her days caring for the sick, the aged and the poor. She died at 24. She is a patron saint of the Franciscan Third Order and of Catholic charities.

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.

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

This Week

Monday, November 13

10:00am Mass Int Barbara Wittrin

Tuesday, November 14

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Meeting Ephesians Bible Study Group

Wednesday, November 15

8:00am Mass
6:45pm Prayer Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00pm Mass +Chloë Willers
7:00pm Meeting CWL Region 1 Presidents
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, November 16

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

8:00am Mass
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
1:00pm Wedding
5:00pm Mass
Baptism

Sunday, November 19

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

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

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



OFFERTORY

November 5th, 2017

We are grateful for these gifts:

ENVELOPES: \$9,059.35

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Pope's Message

PAPAL MASS IN COMMEMORATION OF THE CARDINALS AND BISHOPS DECEASED DURING THE COURSE OF THIS PAST YEAR

Today's celebration once more sets before us the reality of death. It renews our sorrow for the loss of those who were dear and good to us. Yet, more importantly, the liturgy increases our hope for them and for ourselves.

The first reading expresses a powerful hope in the resurrection of the just: "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Dan12:2). Those who sleep in the dust of the earth are obviously the dead. Yet awakening from death is not in itself a return to life: some will awake for eternal life, others for everlasting shame. Death makes definitive the "crossroads" which even now, in this world, stands before us: the way of life, with God, or the way of death, far from him. The "many" who will rise for eternal life are to be understood as the "many" for whom the blood of Christ was shed. They are the multitude that, thanks to the goodness and mercy of God, can experience the life that does not pass away, the complete victory over death brought by the resurrection.

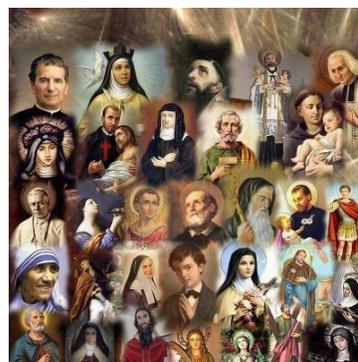
In the Gospel, Jesus strengthens our hope by saying: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever" (Jn 6:51). These words evoke Christ's sacrifice on the cross. He accepted death in order to save those whom the Father had given him, who were dead in the slavery of sin. Jesus became our brother and shared our human condition even unto death. By his love, he shattered the yoke of death and opened to us the doors of life. By partaking of his body and blood, we are united to his faithful love, which embraces his definitive victory of good over evil, suffering and death. By virtue of this divine bond of Christ's charity, we know that our fellowship with the dead is not merely a desire or an illusion, but a reality.

The faith we profess in the resurrection makes us men and woman of hope, not despair, men and women of life, not death, for we are comforted by the promise of eternal life, grounded in our union with the risen Christ.

This hope, rekindled in us by the word of God, helps us to be trusting in the face of death. Jesus has shown us that death is not the last word; rather, the merciful love of the Father transfigures us and makes us live in eternal communion with him. A fundamental mark of the Christian is a sense of anxious expectation of our final encounter with God. We reaffirmed it just now in the responsorial psalm: "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?" (Ps 42:2). These poetic words poignantly convey our watchful and expectant yearning for God's love, beauty, happiness, and wisdom.

These same words of the psalm were impressed on the souls of our brother cardinals and bishops whom we remember today. They left us after having served the Church and the people entrusted to them in the prospect of eternity. As we now give thanks for their generous service to the Gospel and the Church, we seem to hear them repeat with the apostle: "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5)

. Truly, it does not disappoint! God is faithful and our hope in him is not vain. Let us invoke for them the maternal intercession of Mary Most Holy, that they may share in the eternal banquet of which, with faith and love, they had a foretaste in the course of their earthly pilgrimage.



Did You Know...

What is the definition of a Roman Catholic saint? Simply speaking, a saint could be said to be anyone who is currently residing in heaven. The Catholic Church, through the process of canonization, officially recognizes this fact. In the book "Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma", we read that a saint is "...a member of the Church [who] has been assumed into eternal bliss and

may be the object of general veneration."

A saint is also a person of remarkable holiness who lived a life of heroic virtue, assisted by the Church, during their pilgrimage on earth. They are as varied and exceptional as only God could create them, and each has his own distinct story.

There are great saints whose stories are well known to us, like St. Francis of Assisi, or St. Gerard Majella, and other saints whose stories have received legendary status, such as the Legend of St. Patrick. Some of the saints wore armor, like Saint Joan of Arc or King Saint Fernando III, and others, like Saint Valentine, who is usually forgotten even on his own feast day. All are saints of virtue, and their lives are celebrated by the Catholic Church and her members.

There are also great Catholic heroes in history who are not recognized by the Church as saints. Among them are Rodrigo Diaz, also known as El Cid, Charlemagne, Queen Isabella of Spain, Iskandur, John Sobieski, and Garcia Moreno, and many more. Like the saints, they shed a light for us in these dark times, teaching us to bear our crosses and to conquer ourselves, seeking to do God's will in all things, no matter to what vocation we are called.

With this in mind this site will include a Roman Catholic calendar of saints, a Franciscan calendar of saints, a listing of Catholic male saints and Catholic female saints, a list of patron saints, as well as a list of martyrs, virgins and the incorruptibles. Good Roman Catholic books, sources of real inspiration, will be included with a biography of the saints on their feast day.



Food Collection for The Door is Open REMINDER

The weekend of Nov.18/19 will be our next collection. We thank you for your continued support.

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...

Renewing our parish will not happen overnight...as a matter of fact we expect the process to take more than 2 years.

The good news is parishioners will begin to see changes as soon as the end of this year!

One area where the planning team has already focused, especially since it was a **key item from the listening circles**, is to assess the **Audio/Visual** in our parish and get upgrades for both.

We have a professional engineer working on architecting the best solution for our parish!

Stay tuned for updates as they happen!

Next week Fr. Andrew will officially launch the Renewal and **Commission the Leadership teams** at all 4 masses.

And there will be a celebration after each mass with coffee and cake!

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**Christmas Fair Sunday December 3****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.



**Do Your Christmas Shopping
at the Fair!**

Youth Ministry**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

*School News...***FALL CAMPAIGN 2017 UPDATE #1**

A big THANK YOU to all of our donors to the new school campaign. More than \$310,000 has been raised to date from more than 220 donors – and so far this includes 84 percent of our school families who have made a financial commitment to the campaign. We will continue to accept donations from parishioners until December 31, 2017 as we seek to reach our \$500,000 goal.

Please drop off your donations in the Sunday collection, at our Faith and Foundation table at the entrance of the church, or at the school or parish offices. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Faith and Foundation office: 604-736-4455, Extension 231. To learn more about the school and campaign, please visit: Faithandfoundation.com

Kindergarten Enrollment

If you are interested in enrolling your child in St. Augustine School next year and missed the Open House for Parishioners held in October, please come the next Open House on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Learning Commons at St. Augustine School.

Please RSVP the Office at (604) 731-8024 or office@staugustineschool.ca. Adults only please.

Around the Archdiocese...**CAH pub event: Balancing life, faith, and avoiding common career mistakes**

November 15, 2017 @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Come have a pint and enjoy some great Irish fare at the docks at Mahony and Sons (601 Stamps Landing, Vancouver). This is the most spacious loft space CAH has ever

had. The beautifully refurbished interior, which seats over 100 people, has its own bar. 'Ring' that friend you haven't seen in a while and invite them to our final fall pub event for this year.

Only \$5 cover charge for these events.

Deadline for online registration: Midnight prior to the event.

Registration now open. Tickets also available at the door

Program for the evening:

6:00 p.m. Doors open – Enjoy food and beverage from this fine Irish establishment!

6:45 p.m. Social networking game.

7:30 p.m. 1 hour presentation with Q+A: Christian Dy.

9:00 p.m. till pub closing hours – You are welcome to stay and chat with friends.

Catholic After Hours (TM) develops popular Archdiocesan pub and cafe nights in Vancouver for those who are 25 – 39 years of age. It's a great place to meet new people and learn something new in a casual atmosphere.

Contact cah@rcav.org

Or find us on Facebook: [Catholic After Hours](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicAfterHours).



Oblate Corner

IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT YOU DO FOR THEM WHAT WAS DONE FOR YOU – AND MORE BESIDES

Posted by Frank Santucci

Father Mille was young and inexperienced to be the superior and formator of the Oblate scholastics, in training to be Missionaries in Switzerland. Because of the political circumstances in France, Eugene had had no choice but to appoint a

young superior. For this reason he wrote often to him to guide him. Six new students had just arrived to join the others.

You have six new students. It is absolutely essential that you do for them what was done for you – and more besides; the way the future turns out hangs on that, otherwise you will form good priests but you will never have real students...

Let us learn from experience. It will not be hard for you to see that nobody but yourself can be responsible for this important duty. It's all very well that Ricard helps out as your assistant but the chief responsibility must rest on you, as a result you will have to ease up in other areas as you cannot do everything.

Mille had been ordained to be a Missionary and he was finding every possible opportunity to do missionary work – and getting out of the formation house far too often.

First of all you must cut back on the outings to Fribourg and on many others too which are probably more justifiable. Stay as much as possible with your community, keep for yourself the overall direction only of temporal affairs, relying on someone else for the small details. If you can pass on to somebody else the responsibility for the theology class, you would have all the more time to give to your own task.

Letter to Jean Baptiste Mille, 24 July 1831, EO VIII n 397

Few of us are involved with the formation of new Oblates. Each of us, however, as a member of the Mazenodian Family, has the treasure of an experience of God and of being missionaries in everyday life in actions and words. May we be as generous in sharing our spiritual treasure as others were in sharing theirs with us. What we have received from St Eugene and so many people, may we imitate and do for others.

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

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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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BAPTISM

604.736.4455 x 221
Preparation classes held first Thursday of the month

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