



**Repent and believe the Good News**

The first half of Mark's Gospel describes Jesus' ministry of healing and preaching in Galilee.

Jesus begins his preaching ministry by calling people to repent and embrace the Good News. For Mark, 'believe in the Gospel' meant 'believe in the good

news of salvation through Jesus Christ.'

Repentance is one of the main themes of the readings. The first reading relates how the preaching of Jonah met with the immediate response in the pagan city of Nineveh. The story shows the possibility of an entire city repenting and turning to God. It also shows the mercy and forgiveness of God.

If the Ninevites responded so fully to the preaching of Jonah, how much more fully should we respond to the preaching of Jesus. The Gospel shows the prompt response of the first disciples to his call to follow him.

Even though we can't share Paul's belief that the Second Coming of Christ is imminent, he still has an important message for us, namely, that this world is not the be-all and the end-all. We are destined for the next world. This should profoundly affect the way we live in this world.

**Liturgical celebrations:**

Wednesday – Saint Francis de Sales (memorial)

Francis de Sales, (21 August 1567 – 28 December 1622) was a Bishop of Geneva and is honored as a saint in the Catholic Church. He became noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant Reformation. He is known also for his writings on the topic of spiritual direction and spiritual formation, particularly the Introduction to the Devout Life and the Treatise on the Love of God.

Thursday – The Conversion of Saint Paul (feast)

The conversion of St. Paul was a turning point in the history of the early Church. Saul, as Paul was first known, was a tent maker from Tarsus who zealously persecuted the followers of Christ. While traveling on the road to Damascus, he was struck down amidst a blinding light from heaven. Paul's zeal for the risen Jesus led him to become a passionate follower and later a teacher of the nations.

Friday – Saint Timothy and Saint Titus (memorial)

These two men were disciples of St. Paul, and Paul's letters to them are found in the New Testament. Timothy was a close friend of Paul, working with Paul in his ministry. He died a martyr's death in 67 AD. Paul named Titus bishop of Crete. He is said to have delighted in the innate goodness of others, and drew people to him for his kindness. Titus is said to have died of old age.

**This Week**

**Monday, January 22**

7:00pm Mass +Albert Noronha

**Tuesday, January 23**

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group  
8:00am Mass Int Agnes Win  
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Craft Group  
6:00pm meeting Parish Renewal Committee - Pot Luck  
7:00pm Mass +Pia Sison

**Wednesday, January 24**

8:00am Mass  
7:00pm Mass +Maria Mota  
7:00pm meeting CWL Region 1 Presidents  
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

**Thursday, January 25**

8:00am Mass  
7:00pm Mass +Francesco Porco  
7:00pm Meeting Parish Pastoral Committee

**Friday, January 26**

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

**Saturday, January 27**

8:00am Mass Int Carmie & Jayne  
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary  
**5:00pm Mass** +Antonio Munoz  
6:30pm Meeting Volunteer Appreciation Evening

**Sunday, January 28**

**9:00am Mass**  
**11:00am Mass** RCIA Dismissal  
**5:00pm Mass**

**Papal Prayer Intentions for January**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

## OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.

Envelopes: \$8,332.40

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## WELCOME

Alexa Lauren Mowbray

*daughter of Douglas Mowbray & Lauren Welch*

Evan Carter Mowbray

*son of Douglas Mowbray & Lauren Welch*

## WELCOME

Celeste Corinna Su

*daughter of Jorge Su & Phoebe Wong*

Maximo Lucas McClean

*son of Matthew McClean & Maria Louise LoScerbo*



## Pope's Message

"When Jesus saw the crowds..." (Mt 5:1). In these first words of today's Gospel which we have just heard, we discover how Jesus wants to encounter us, the way that God always surprises his people (cf. Ex

3:7). The first thing Jesus does is to look out and see the faces of his people. Those faces awaken God's visceral love. Jesus' heart was not moved by ideas or concepts, but by faces, persons. By life calling out for the Life that the Father wants to give us.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he saw the faces of his followers, and what is most remarkable is that they, for their part, encounter in the gaze of Jesus the echo of their longings and aspirations. This encounter gives rise to the catalogue of the Beatitudes, that horizon towards which we are called and challenged to set out. The Beatitudes are not the fruit of passivity in the face of reality, nor of a mere onlooker gathering grim statistics about current events. They are not the product of those prophets of doom who seek only to spread dismay. Nor are they born of those mirages that promise happiness with a single "click", in the blink of an eye. Rather, the Beatitudes are born of the compassionate heart of Jesus, which encounters the hearts, compassionate and in need of compassion, of men and women seeking and yearning for a life of happiness. Men women who know what it is to suffer, who appreciate the confusion and pain of having the earth shake beneath their feet or seeing dreams washed away when the work of a lifetime comes to nought. But men and women who also know what it is to persevere and struggle to keep going, what it is to rebuild their lives and to start again.

How much the heart of the Chilean people knows about rebuilding and starting anew! How much you know about getting up again after so many falls! That is the heart to which Jesus speaks; so that this heart may receive the Beatitudes!

The Beatitudes are not the fruit of a hypercritical attitude or the "cheap words" of those who think they know it all yet are unwilling to commit themselves to anything or anyone, and thus end up preventing any chance of generating processes of change and reconstruction in our communities and in our lives. The Beatitudes are born of a merciful heart that never loses hope. A heart that experiences hope as "a new day, a casting out of inertia, a shaking off of weariness and negativity"

(Pablo Neruda, *El habitante y su esperanza*, 5).

Jesus, in proclaiming blessed the poor, the grieving, the afflicted, the patient, the merciful... comes to cast out the inertia which paralyzes those who no longer have faith in the transforming power of God our Father and in their brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable and outcast. Jesus, in proclaiming the Beatitudes, shakes us out of that negativity, that sense of resignation that makes us think we can have a better life if we escape from our problems, shun others, hide within our comfortable existence, dulling our senses with consumerism (cf. Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 2).

The sense of resignation that tends to isolate us from others, to divide and separate us, to blind us to life around us and to the suffering of others.

The Beatitudes are that new day for all those who look to the future, who continue to dream, who allow themselves to be touched and sent forth by the Spirit of God.

How good it is for us to think that Jesus comes from the mountain of Cerro Renca or Puntilla to say to us: blessed, blessed indeed are you, and you, and you, each one of us.... Blessed are you if, moved by the Spirit of God, you struggle and work for that new day, that new Chile, for yours will be the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Mt 5:9).

Against the resignation that like a negative undercurrent undermines our deepest relationships and divides us, Jesus tells us: Blessed are those who work for reconciliation. Blessed are those ready to dirty their hands so that others can live in peace. Blessed are those who try not to sow division. That is how the Beatitude teaches us to be peacemakers. It asks us to try to make ever greater room for the spirit of reconciliation in our midst. Do you want to be blessed? Do you want to be happy? Blessed are those who work so that others can be happy. Do you want peace? Then work for peace.

Here I cannot fail to mention Santiago's great bishop, who in a *Te Deum* once said: "If you want peace, work for justice"... And if someone should ask us: "What is justice?" or whether justice is only a matter of "not stealing", we will tell them that there is another kind of justice: the justice that demands that every man and woman be treated as such" (Cardinal RAÚL SILVA HENRÍQUEZ, Homily at the Ecumenical *Te Deum*, 18 September 1977).

To sow peace by nearness, closeness! By coming out of our homes and looking at peoples' faces, by going out of our way to meet someone having a difficult time, someone who has not been treated as a person, as a worthy son or daughter of this land. This is the only way we must forge a future of peace, to weave a fabric that will not unravel. A peacemaker knows that it is often necessary to overcome great or subtle faults and ambitions born of the desire for power and to "gain a name for oneself", the desire to be important at the cost of others. A peacemaker knows that it is not enough simply to say: "I am not hurting anybody". As Saint Alberto Hurtado used to say: "It is very good not to do wrong, but very bad not to do good" (*Meditación radial*, April 1944).

Peacebuilding is a process that calls us together and stimulates our creativity in fostering relationships where we see our neighbour not as a stranger, unknown, but rather as a son and daughter of this land.

## 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...***Ash Wednesday and Lent**

Ash Wednesday 2018 is on Wednesday, February 14th, 2018.

Ash Wednesday is an integral part of the Lenten season in many Christian religions including Catholic, Orthodox and some Protestant religions. Lent is a religious time period of

40 days before Easter Sunday focusing on prayer, penance, and a renewal of faith.

**Ashes used on Ash Wednesday**

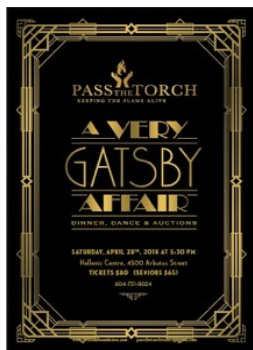
In the Catholic tradition, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are remnants of the palm leaves distributed from the prior year on Palm Sunday. Catholics keep the palm leaves throughout the year and return them to the Church before Ash Wednesday of the next year. The leaves are then turned into ashes for use in the Ash Wednesday services. During the service, the parishioners proceed to the front of the church and the ashes are placed on each person's forehead in the shape of a cross. The ashes are not to be washed off but are to remain on the forehead throughout the day of Ash Wednesday.

**Ladies**

The Circle of Friends /Lectio Divina meets the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month. Learn how the heart of the Gospel can become more relevant to your daily lives. Join others to be inspired. !0:30-12 noon in the Parish Library. Barbara @604-564-1474.

**"Wisdom is seeing with God's eyes." – Pope Francis**

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help you learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, St. Augustine's adult faith group invites you to join us as we begin Wisdom: God's Vision for Life on Tuesdays at 7:30pm (February 6 - March 27) at the parish hall. For more information or to register, email Alyssa: alyssademarco@hotmail.com. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

**School News...**

We invite you to celebrate  
A Very Gatsby Affair!

Pass the Torch is an annual gala hosted by the Parish of St. Augustine's.

Enjoy a spectacular evening of live entertainment, dancing and dining. It's an incredible night, guaranteed to excite your senses!

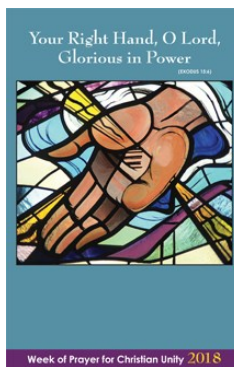
This fundraising event includes a three-course dinner, live & silent auctions with over \$50,000 worth of items and dancing to a live band and a DJ!

For more info contact:

Jenneh Kearns at 778-888-3131

Info: [Faithandfoundation.com](http://Faithandfoundation.com) Tickets: [Passthetorch.brownpapertickets.com](http://Passthetorch.brownpapertickets.com)

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*Around the Archdiocese...*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY  
JANUARY 18–25, 2018

"Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power" (Exodus 15:6)

By: Fr. Thomas Orians, SA, Associate Director  
– Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute

The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power," is taken from the book of Exodus 15:6. The resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the churches of the Caribbean by an ecumenical team of women and men under the

leadership of His Grace Kenneth Richards, Catholic Archbishop of Kingston, the Antilles Episcopal Conference, together with Mr. Gerard Granado, General Secretary of the Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC).

As Jesus prepared to seal the new covenant in His own blood, His earnest prayer to the Father was that those given to Him by the Father would be one, just as He and the Father were one. When Christians discover their unity in Jesus, they participate in Christ's glorification in the presence of the Father, with the same glory that He had lived in the Father's presence before the world existed. Therefore, God's covenanted people must always strive to be a reconciled community that serves as an effective sign of how to live in justice and peace for all the people of the earth.

Today, the Bible continues to be a source of consolation and liberation, inspiring Christians to address the conditions that currently undermine the Body of Christ. The Church, like Israel, is called to be a sign and an active agent of reconciliation.

**St. Francis Xavier Relic Pilgrimage**

(St. Francis Xavier – Jan. 24 & All Saints – Jan. 25)



The Archdiocese of Ottawa, the Jesuits in Canada and Catholic Christian Outreach are collaborating to bring the famous relic of St. Francis Xavier to North America for the first time in generations. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle.

We anticipate three particular extraordinary graces in this pilgrimage, all related to the charisms of St. Francis Xavier: (1) conversion of souls; (2) the raising up of

missionary disciples who are abandoned to God's will; and (3) healing. Our prayer is that—through this relic pilgrimage—you will have the unique opportunity to personally encounter the tender heart of Jesus. For a full schedule of the tour, visit [www.cco.ca/relic](http://www.cco.ca/relic).

SCHEDULE ON WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24 AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, VANCOUVER

9:00 am Welcoming Mass

9:30 am to 6:30 pm Public Veneration

7:00 pm Mass with +Miller

8:30 pm to 11:00 pm Public Veneration

11:00 pm Closing Prayer: Litany of St Francis Xavier

SCHEDULE ON THURSDAY, JAN. 25 AT ALL SAINTS, COQUITLAM

12:30 pm to 11:00 pm Public Veneration

(7:30 pm Relic talk: Life of St Francis Xavier and the 3 graces)

11:00 pm Closing Prayer: Litany of St Francis Xavier





**Oblate Corner**

PRAYER: ONCE THE TORRENT HAS SUBSIDED AND I BEGIN TO BE ALONE WITH MYSELF *Posted by Frank Santucci*

Realistically, Eugene realizes that in order to enter into prayer he has to struggle to break away from the grip of work and its demands – otherwise

his attempts at prayer will be like swimming against a torrent of water that is impossible to conquer.

3. Then enter a state of absolute mental and physical relaxation without striving to produce anything. It would be tantamount to swimming against the stream with a lot of stress and little success to act in any other way on leaving behind this commotion, this pile-up of business of every kind in which I am habitually mired.

Here he touches the essence of prayer: the necessity to work for a mental and physical relaxation so that God can take over. This relaxing is an integral part of the process of prayer – it is prayer. "Let go, let God"

4. Once the torrent has subsided and I begin to be alone with myself, I will ask God for his grace to make a fruitful retreat. I will pray with all the fervour I am capable of to the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, my guardian Angel and other saints. *Retreat resolutions, October 1831, EO XV n 162*

**A Word from Fr.Andrzej...**



Jesus began his public mission with the call to repentance. Who was this call to repentance directed to? While it was directed to sinners in the first place, it was in fact directed at everyone, even the good.

Jesus had more trouble with the good people than with the sinners. Why? The hardest people to convert are the good, because they don't see any need of conversion.

To answer the call to repentance one must feel dissatisfaction with oneself, and have a longing for something better. There must be a sense that something is wrong, or at least that something is missing. The conversion experience begins with the realization that we are not what we could or should be. This realization is the first stage of a process, the first step on a journey.

To take on board the call to repentance demands openness, honesty, humility, and above all courage. People can become so set in their ways that it's almost impossible to move them. Repentance is often presented as a harsh, negative thing, as if it merely consisted in feeling guilty about one's sins and doing penance for them. Repentance is a very positive thing. True, to repent is to admit that all is not well with oneself. But it is also to discover something wonderful about oneself, namely, that one has potentials which one didn't know one had. It means acquiring a new vision, taking a new direction, living by better values. In a word, it opens the way to a new life

To repent means to convert. Conversion is a starting point of every spiritual journey. The Christian life is a continuous process of conversion.

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First Name	First Name
Spouse First Name	Spouse Last Name
Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth	
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