

February 25th, 2018
 Second Sunday of Lent

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Transfiguration

The transfiguration is an epiphany story. Epiphany stories are common in ancient writing about holy people. In these stories, the veil which separates the invisible from the visible world, and the future from the

present, is removed for a moment, and the truth is revealed. This is the earliest epiphany story about Jesus, older than the voice at his baptism, and older than the manifestation of Jesus to the Magi.

It is no longer possible to say what happened on the mountain. The first and chief significance of the event was for Jesus himself. It was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken. But it also benefited the apostles, and it is this that Mark emphasizes. In the transfigured Jesus they got a glimpse of the glory of the risen Lord. Even so, they would not understand until Jesus had risen from the dead.

On the mountain Elijah and Moses appeared to them. Moses represented the law, Elijah the prophets. Thus Jesus is seen as bringing the law and the prophets to fulfilment.

The first reading shows the depth of Abraham's faith in God. Living among the Canaanites who practiced human sacrifice, we see his agonizing effort to do what he thought God wanted of him. Abraham's great faith was rewarded.

The second reading is obviously linked to the first reading. It shows us the depth of God's love for us. God did not even spare his own Son, but gave him up for us.

World Day of Prayer – March 2, 2018

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world, are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures, share the burdens of other people by praying with them and for them, and use our own talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Penitential Service

Lenten Penitential Service will take place on Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm

This Week

Monday, February 26

6:30pm Meeting CWL Executive
 7:00pm Mass

Tuesday, February 27

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
 8:00am Mass
 10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Craft Group
 7:00pm Mass
 7:30pm Meeting Wisdom Bible Study group

Wednesday, February 28

8:00am Mass
 7:00pm Mass
 7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, March 1

8:00am Mass
 6:45pm Meeting Baptismal Preparation
 7:00pm Mass

Friday, March 2

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

Saturday, March 3

8:00am Mass
 9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
 12:30pm Meeting Parish Lenten Retreat
5:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 4

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass - First Scrutiny (RCIA)
5:00pm Mass

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.

Envelopes: \$8,188.70

Loose: \$608.10



Pope's Message

The season of Lent is a favourable time to remedy the dissonant chords of our Christian life and to receive the ever new, joyful and hope-filled proclamation of the Lord's Passover. The Church in her maternal wisdom invites us to pay special attention to anything that could dampen or even corrode our believing heart.

We are subject to numerous temptations. Each of us knows the difficulties we have to face. And it is sad to note that, when faced with the ever-varying circumstances of our daily lives, there are voices raised that take advantage of pain and uncertainty; the only thing they aim to do is sow distrust. If the fruit of faith is charity – as Mother Teresa often used to say – then the fruit of distrust is apathy and resignation. Distrust, apathy and resignation: these are demons that deaden and paralyze the soul of a believing people.

Lent is the ideal time to unmask these and other temptations, to allow our hearts to beat once more in tune with the vibrant heart of Jesus. The whole of the Lenten season is imbued with this conviction, which we could say is echoed by three words offered to us in order to rekindle the heart of the believer: pause, see and return.

Pause a little, leave behind the unrest and commotion that fill the soul with bitter feelings which never get us anywhere. Pause from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, with friends, with children, with grandparents, and time as a gift... time with God.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the need to show off and be seen by all, to continually appear on the "noticeboard" that makes us forget the value of intimacy and recollection.

Pause for a little while, refrain from haughty looks, from fleeting and pejorative comments that arise from forgetting tenderness, compassion and reverence for the encounter with others, particularly those who are vulnerable, hurt and even immersed in sin and error.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the urge to want to control everything, know everything, destroy everything; this comes from overlooking gratitude for the gift of life and all the good we receive.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the deafening noise that weakens and confuses our hearing, that makes us forget the fruitful and creative power of silence.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the attitude which promotes sterile and unproductive thoughts that arise from isolation and self-pity, and that cause us to forget going out to encounter others to share their burdens and suffering.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the emptiness of everything that is instantaneous, momentary and fleeting, that deprives us of our roots, our ties, of the value of continuity and the awareness of our ongoing journey.

Pause in order to look and contemplate!

REST IN PEACE

Rafael Jankowski

See the gestures that prevent the extinguishing of charity, that keep the flame of faith and hope alive. Look at faces alive with God's tenderness and goodness working in our midst.

See the face of our families who continue striving, day by day, with great effort, in order to move forward in life, and who, despite many concerns and much hardship, are committed to making their homes a school of love.

See the faces of our children and young people filled with yearning for the future and hope, filled with "tomorrows" and opportunities that demand dedication and protection. Living shoots of love and life that always open up a path in the midst of our selfish and meagre calculations.

See our elderly whose faces are marked by the passage of time, faces that reveal the living memory of our people. Faces that reflect God's wisdom at work.

See the faces of our sick people and the many who take care of them; faces which in their vulnerability and service remind us that the value of each person can never be reduced to a question of calculation or utility.

See the remorseful faces of so many who try to repair their errors and mistakes, and who from their misfortune and suffering fight to transform their situations and move forward.

See and contemplate the face of Crucified Love, who today from the cross continues to bring us hope, his hand held out to those who feel crucified, who experience in their lives the burden of failure, disappointment and heartbreak.

See and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone, without exception. For everyone? Yes, for everyone. To see his face is an invitation filled with hope for this Lenten time, in order to defeat the demons of distrust, apathy and resignation. The face that invites us to cry out: "The Kingdom of God is possible!"

Pause, see and return. Return to the house of your Father. Return without fear to those outstretched, eager arms of your Father, who is rich in mercy (cf. Eph 2:4), who awaits you.

Return without fear, for this is the favourable time to come home, to the home of my Father and your Father (cf. Jn 20:17). It is the time for allowing one's heart to be touched... Persisting on the path of evil only gives rise to disappointment and sadness. True life is something quite distinct and our heart indeed knows this. God does not tire, nor will he tire, of holding out his hand (cf. Misericordiae Vultus, 19).

Return without fear, to join in the celebration of those who are forgiven.

Return without fear, to experience the healing and reconciling tenderness of God. Let the Lord heal the wounds of sin and fulfil the prophecy made to our fathers: "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezek 36: 26).

Pause, see and return!

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

Around the Parish...



Parish Lenten Retreat: Be still with Jesus

Save the date: **Saturday, March 3, 2018**

Join us for an afternoon to encounter Jesus through a talk, guided reflection and silent prayer time.

For more information please contact faithformation@staugustineschurch.ca

Tenth Luncheon for the Seniors of St. Augustine's Parish

Venue – The School; Date/ Time – Monday, March 5th at 12:00 pm Cost – No cost

As there is maximum seating, please RSVP by Feb. 27th to Geri Fujisawa at 604-738-1155 or gerifuji@telus.net



Some Parking will be available at the School

Starting First Friday in March 2018 -



Extending Hours of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Augustine's will now be **extending Eucharistic Adoration hours to 6:45pm** for those unable to attend during normal business hours.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? It is when Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament (consecrated host), is exposed to those seeking to worship Him in thanksgiving, respectful silence and in reverence.

Way of the Cross

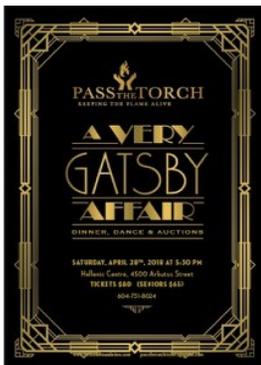


During Lent we will pray and meditate the Way of the Cross on every Friday after the 7:00 pm Mass.

"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: alysademarco@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 Saturday April 28th, 2018 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:

St. Augustine's School: 604 731-8024

Info: Faithandfoundation.com

Tickets: Passthetorch.brownpapertickets.com

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Around the Archdiocese...

Liturgy & Lunch

Singled Out: Joyfully Navigating the Single Life as a Young Adult

Every Wednesday during Lent join the Community of St. Mark's at UBC for Faith, Food and Fellowship. Special guests will facilitate dialogue about contemporary hot button issues, and encourage all who are gathered to cultivate the world anew.

Faith. Food. Fellowship.

Faith – Mass at 12:10

Food – Lunch at 1:00. Stay awhile over a warm homemade meal free of charge. Fellowship – Come and listen to compelling stories and engage in conversation.

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Deirdre O'Callaghan – BA student, St. Mark's College and Alumna, Corpus Christi College

Singled Out: Joyfully Navigating the Single Life as a Young Adult

<http://corpuschristi.ca/news-events/events/liturgy-and-lunch-2018/>

Domestic Abuse Services - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society

22nd Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 at 7 pm at St. Michael's Parish Center, Burnaby, BC . We are pleased to have two members of the Vancouver Police Domestic Violence Unit speaking at our meeting. Bring a friend to learn about the Society and the good work we do. Interested in joining our Board of Directors and making a difference in peoples' lives? Call Della at 604.585.6688 for more info.

Cardinal Tagle in Vancouver

It's official: Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the Archbishop of Manila, will be giving a public address at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver on March 19. Cardinal Tagle is known for pronouncing passionate speeches, including his address to the International Eucharistic Congress on "cultural intelligence" in Cebu in 2016, and is much loved by the Filipino community in the Lower Mainland.

Highlighting one of our Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals: Strengthening Marriages and Families, Cardinal Tagle will address the challenges of living the faith within family life. Family time, among today's many distractions, continues to be an almost lost reality for many. Join us for his talk on Keeping Families in Faith: The Domestic Church in a Global Village.

Evening will begin with an opening performance at 6 p.m. followed by an opening address by Archbishop Miller, CSB and a talk by Cardinal Tagle.

Tickets go on sale this Friday, Feb. 16 at 10am. To purchase tickets over the phone through a rep, please contact Ticketmaster at 1-855-985-5000

Monday–Saturday from 9am until 6pm and Sunday from 12pm until 6pm.

For tickets through an automated phone line for self-service ticket sales, contact 1-855-985-5500.

Oblate Corner



PERSONAL INTEGRITY AND EXAMPLE AS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL MINISTRY *Posted by Frank Santucci*

In his retreat reflections using the Oblate Constitutions and Rules, Eugene copied out some of the passages of the Rule that he wished to keep before his eyes regularly in the future as a reminder. It is the exemplary quality of the Oblate that he keeps returning to.

And above all, the missions. The Constitutions come back to it again and again and rightly so as missions are the first and principal end of the Institute. So I do not think that it is necessary to insist on this point: Since the missions are one of the principal ends of the Institute, all will strive principally to fulfill this task well. (Art. 1, para. 1, Regarding the Missions).

The whole should be read, but note the passage: Above all the members of the Institute will be intent on not giving even the appearance of bad example, and they will behave in such a way as to be always venerated by the people... (Art. 25, para. 1, Regarding the Missions).

That is not all: Since the end of the Institute is not only to give missions, but also to replace, insofar as our weak means permit, the religious orders and to repair the evils that have crept in among the clergy, all should be persuaded that it is easier to achieve this end by example than by words. Hence, we must convince ourselves that it is indispensable that we should practice all the virtues, and not be unacquainted with any of them. (Art. 1, Preaching).

Firmly established on the foundation of the virtues, all the members of the Institute will devote themselves to perform any good work that may be prescribed by obedience. (art. 2, *ibid.*).

Retreat notes, October 1831, EO XV n. 163

A Word from Fr. Andrzej...

The transfiguration experience on Mount Tabor meant a lot for Jesus. It came at a very difficult time in his life, a time of uncertainty and fear for the future. He was headed for Jerusalem, where he sensed that the same fate awaited him as befell all the prophets – a violent death.

We don't know exactly what happened on the mountain. But it seems that he had an intense experience of the presence of God. He heard those marvelous words: 'You are my beloved Son.' On Tabor Jesus felt himself comforted and affirmed. He knew that his Father was pleased with him and would give him the strength to face a dark and threatening future.

At times life can become dark for all of us. There are a lot of voices which say to us: 'You are good, but only if you are successful or popular.' But there is a small voice which whispers to us in our hearts: 'You are my beloved son/daughter.' This is the voice we need to pay attention to. We must recognize that we are God's beloved children, and try to live our lives by the light of his truth.

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.	
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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	

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