

March 18th, 2018  
 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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### The seed must die

The first reading talks about a new covenant between God and his people. This new covenant was brought about through the death of Jesus: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood'.

In the Gospel Jesus talks about his imminent death. It shows the very real disquiet with which he approached it. But it also stresses that what was to take place was within the purposes of God. Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat dying in order to yield a harvest, thereby suggesting that his own death will bear much fruit.

John has no account of the agony in the garden in his Gospel. The nearest he gets to it is when he reports Jesus as saying, 'My soul is troubled.' And in the words, 'Should I ask the Father to save me from this hour?' we catch an unmistakable echo of his prayer in Gethsemane.

We catch a similar echo in the second reading: 'He learned to obey through suffering.' This reading also stresses the fruitfulness of Jesus' death: he became the source of eternal life for all who obey him.

### Liturgical Celebrations

Monday – St. Joseph (solemnity)

Joseph according to the Gospel accounts, was a carpenter and a descendant of King David. Art and popular imagination have portrayed him as an old man, but this is likely false.

Embarrassed by Mary's pregnancy, Joseph was told in a dream to take Mary as his wife. Thoughts of rejecting her for infidelity banished, he was faithful to his responsibility as her husband and foster father to Jesus.

Joseph was declared a patron of the universal Church in 1870, and is the principal patron of Canada.

### Papal Prayer Intentions for March

Formation in spiritual discernment – That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



### 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.



### Penitential Service

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

## This Week

### Monday, March 19

7:00pm Mass Int Joseph Mendoza

### Tuesday, March 20

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

### Wednesday, March 21

8:00am Mass +Ray Bruegleman  
 11:00am Funeral +Klemens Kujawa  
 7:00pm Mass +Robert Bentley  
 7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

### Thursday, March 22

8:00am Mass  
 7:00pm Mass +Albert Noronha  
 7:00pm Meeting Parish Pastoral Council

### Friday, March 23

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

### Saturday, March 24

8:00am Mass  
 9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary  
**5:00pm Mass** +Lourdes Yaptinchay

### Sunday, March 25

**9:00am Mass**  
**11:00am Mass**  
**5:00pm Mass** +Julian Wlosinski

## OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.

Envelopes: \$7,878.55

Loose: \$560.70

## MARRIED IN CHRIST

Milad Herbert & Alejandra Viaz-Repper

## REST IN PEACE

Klemens Kujawa



### Pope's Message

What great joy and consolation are offered us by the words of Saint John that we just heard: God so loves us that that he has made us his children, and, when we see him face-to-face, we shall discover all the more the greatness of his love

(cf. 1 Jn 3:1-10.19-22). Not only that. The love of God is always greater than anything we can imagine; it even reaches beyond any sin with which our conscience may charge us. His is an infinite love, one that knows no bounds. It is free of all those obstacles that we, for our part, tend to set in front of others, out of fear that they may strip us of our freedom.

We know that the state of sin distances us from God. But in fact, sin is the way that we distance ourselves from him. Yet that does not mean that God distances himself from us. The state of weakness and confusion that results from sin is one more reason for God to remain close to us. The certainty of this should accompany us throughout our lives. The words of the Apostle are a reassuring confirmation that our hearts should trust, always and unhesitatingly, in the Father's love: "No matter what our hearts may charge us with, God is greater than our hearts" (v. 20).

His grace is constantly at work in us, to strengthen our hope that his love will never be lacking, in spite of any sin we may have committed by rejecting his presence in our lives.

It is this hope that makes us realize at times that our life has lost its direction, as Peter did in the Gospel account that we heard. "And immediately the cock crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times'. And he went out and wept bitterly" (Mt 26:74-75). The evangelist is extremely sober. The crowing of the cock startles a man who is bewildered; he then recalls the words of Jesus, and at last the curtain is lifted. Peter begins to glimpse through his tears that God is revealed in Christ, who is buffeted and insulted, whom he himself has denied, yet who now goes off to die for him. Peter, who wanted to die for Jesus, now realizes that he must let Jesus die for him. Peter wanted to teach the Master; he wanted to go before him. Instead, it is Jesus who goes off to die for Peter. Peter had not understood this; he didn't want to understand it. Peter is now confronted with the Lord's charity. Finally, he understands that the Lord loves him and asks him to let himself be loved. Peter realizes that he had always refused to let himself be loved. He had always refused to let himself be saved by Jesus alone, and so he did not want Jesus to love him completely.

How truly difficult it is to let ourselves be loved! We would always like a part of us to be freed of the debt of gratitude, while in reality we are completely indebted, because God loved us first and, with love, he saves us completely.

Let us now ask the Lord for the grace to know the greatness of his love, which wipes away our every sin.

Let us allow ourselves to be purified by love, in order to recognize true love!

### *Around the Parish...*

#### Catholic Women's League News

**CWL bursaries** - there are a number of bursaries available for CWL members &/or their children/grandkids. Deadline is March 31. Please contact Karen for more information [kzawortny@gmail.com](mailto:kzawortny@gmail.com).

#### CWL upcoming events

March 16—Stations of the Cross led by the CWL

April 8 - General Meeting - A representative from Mary Pack Arthritis Center will give a presentation on arthritis.

#### *Save the date...*

April 22—Spring Fair

June 10—Sisterhood Luncheon

#### CWL Spring Fair Sunday April 22.

If you are cleaning out your closets, more information to come for collecting items for the sales tables.

#### RCIA and The Scrutinies

Every year on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, the Church solemnly celebrates the scrutinies with the elect (catechumens) who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The gospel readings are all from the gospel of John. For the first Scrutiny, the gospel reading is the Samaritan woman at the well, the second scrutiny's gospel is the man born blind and the third scrutiny's gospel is the raising of Lazarus. Here at St. Augustine's these scrutinies are celebrated at the 11:00AM Mass. The purpose of these rites is 'self-searching and repentance'; they are intended 'to uncover', and then heal all that is weak or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

In the foyer of the Church is our RCIA board with pictures of our elect and candidates. Please view it and pray for these individuals as they prepare for the Easter Vigil.

### 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



### Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus will host a breakfast brunch on Sunday March 25th after the 9am and 11am Masses. Proceeds support the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation. Admission by donation; all are welcome.

### Young Adults Dinner Club



**The secret of contentment for journey near & far Wednesday, March 21 from 7:30-9:30pm.**

Let's catch up through a simple Lenten meal in the 2nd floor Lecture Room, followed by a guest speaker, Fr. Mark Blom, Oblates Vocations Director.

In all the journeys of our life there are ups and downs, joys and sorrows and life and death. People are happy with the positive and avoid the negative but this leads us into a very narrow life. Fr. Mark will explore how our Lenten journey can slow us down to practice a gentle release of the burdens that sour our lives.

### March 28, 2018 @ 5:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral



### Chrism Mass

One of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church is the Chrism Mass. Join Archbishop Miller and all our priests on Wednesday, March 28, at 5 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral for the

blessing of the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism.

### 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!

St. Augustine's School: 604 731-8024

Info: [Faithandfoundation.com](http://Faithandfoundation.com)

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### St. Augustine School is seeking a part-time bookkeeper.

This position is 3 days/week and is on site. Days of work are flexible. This candidate works very closely with the secretary at the school office and provides administrative support as necessary. For a full job description, please contact St. Augustine's school office directly at 604-731-8024 or by email [office@staughschool.ca](mailto:office@staughschool.ca)

### 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.

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



### Cardinal Tagle in Vancouver: March 19

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila, will give a public address at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver on Monday, March 19. Highlighting one of our Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals: Strengthening Marriages and Families, he will address the challenges of living the faith within family life. Join us for his talk on Keeping Families in Faith: The Domestic Church in a Global Village.

There has been a lot of excitement, with more than 1900 tickets sold. Thanks to a generous patron who is passionate about supporting marriages and families, all remaining seats are now available at \$10 through [Ticketmaster](http://Ticketmaster)

Tickets through an automated phone line for self-service ticket sales: 1-855-985-5500.

Oblate Corner



STRIVE... WALK... RENOUNCE...  
RENEW... WORK CONTINUALLY  
*Posted by Frank Santucci*

Paul tells us: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8).

Eugene tells us:

Always the obligation to retrace Jesus Christ in our persons: We will meditate especially ...on the virtues of our Lord Jesus Christ, for these should be obvious in the life of our members.

Retreat notes, October 1831, EO XV n. 163

In the Preface to our Rule of Life, he lists the following virtues of Jesus that he wishes his Oblates to meditate on and make obvious in their lives:

And how should men who want to follow in the footsteps of their divine Master Jesus Christ conduct themselves if they, in their turn, are to win back the many souls who have thrown off his yoke?

They must STRIVE TO BE SAINTS.

They must WALK COURAGEOUSLY along the same paths trodden by so many before them: apostolic labourers for the Gospel who, while carrying out the same ministry to which they themselves now feel called, handed on such splendid examples of virtue.

They must wholly RENOUNCE THEMSELVES, striving solely for the glory of God, the good of the Church, and the growth and salvation of souls.

They must constantly RENEW THEMSELVES in the spirit of their vocation, living in a state of habitual self-denial and seeking at all times to reach the very summit of perfection.

They must WORK CONTINUALLY TO BECOME humble, meek, obedient, lovers of poverty and penance, mortified, free from inordinate attachment to the world or to family, men filled with zeal, ready to sacrifice goods, talents, ease, self, even their life, for the love of Jesus Christ, the service of the Church, and the sanctification of 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	

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RECONCILIATION

Weekdays    15 minutes before weekday Mass  
Saturday      4:00pm—4:30pm

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