



April 15th, 2018  
Third Sunday of Easter

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### God's forgiveness

In the first reading Peter shows great courage when he confronts the people with their part in the death of Jesus.

However, he goes on to excuse them on the grounds that they acted in ignorance. In this way he may have been inspired by

the dying prayer of Jesus: 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.' He urged them to repent, assuring them that if they do, their sins will be forgiven.

In the Gospel Luke's primary interest is to show that the risen Jesus is the same person the apostles had known prior to the crucifixion. He emphasizes the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection but makes it clear that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to new life beyond death.

It was only by combining various passages from the prophets that the early Christians came to accept the idea that a suffering Messiah was part of God's plan of salvation. So Luke has the risen Lord showing the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and so enter into his glory. Jesus also gives them a mission – the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

In the second reading John says that authentic love is proved by obedience to the commandments. Anticipating that the Christian will sin, he reminds us that we have in Jesus an advocate who will plead our cause.

One theme occurs in all three readings: forgiveness is available to those who repent and believe in Jesus as their Saviour. This has great relevance for us. The task of preachers of the word is to assure people that God's forgiveness is available to them, thus enabling them to make a fresh start.

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 22, 2018

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people throughout the year.

### Pope's prayer intention for April:

For those who have a responsibility in economic matters – that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

## This Week

### Monday, April 16

11:00am	Funeral	+Gloria Soichuk
7:00pm	Mass	+Rafael Jankowski

### Tuesday, April 17

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group
8:00am	Mass	+John Donald Anderson
3:00pm	Wedding	
7:00pm	Mass	+Mary & Leo Sweeney

### Wednesday, April 18

8:00am	Mass	+Luigi Antonioni
7:00pm	Mass	+Carmen Ong
7:30pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
7:30pm	Meeting	Young Adults

### Thursday, April 19

8:00am	Mass	
2:00pm	Wedding	
7:00pm	Mass	+Nora Rickman

### Friday, April 20

8:00am	Mass	+Mr & Mrs Bill Trainor
10:00am	Meeting	Moms & Tots Group
10:30am	Meeting	Circle of Friends
7:00pm	Mass	

### Saturday, April 21

8:00am	Mass	
9:30am	Meeting	Legion of Mary
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Int Inna Pimentel

### Sunday, April 22

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	
	Bapt	
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10:00am	Event	Spring Fair
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	+Albert Noronha

**OFFERTORY**

We are grateful for these gifts.  
 Sunday Envelopes: \$11,809.10  
 Loose: \$912.00

**WELCOME**

Linnea Evelyn Mollard  
*daughter of Brett Mollard & Melissa Juthans*  
 Kaleigh Grey Madrid  
*daughter of Michael Madrid & Maria Gladys Reyes*  
 Mia Rose Huebbers  
*daughter of Bernd Huebbers & Agnieszka Stola*

**Married in Christ**

Kevin Hanlon & Stephanie Yoon  
 Galileo Galang & Hannadale Pelaez

**Rest in Peace**

Gloria Soichuk

**Pope's Message**

After listening to the Word of God from this Gospel passage, there are three things that I would like to say.

First: the announcement. There is an announcement: the Lord has risen; that announcement which traveled by word of mouth ever since the early days of Christianity: it was a greeting: The Lord has

risen. And the women who went to anoint the Lord's body were met by a surprise. The surprise.... God's announcements always bring surprises because our God is the God of surprises. It has been like this from the beginning of salvation history; ever since our father Abraham. God surprises you: "Just go, go, leave your land and go". And one surprise always follows another. God is not able to make an announcement without surprising us. And the surprise is what moves your heart, what touches you in the very place you do not expect. To use the language of young people: the surprise is a low blow; you do not expect it. And he goes and moves you. First: the surprising announcement.

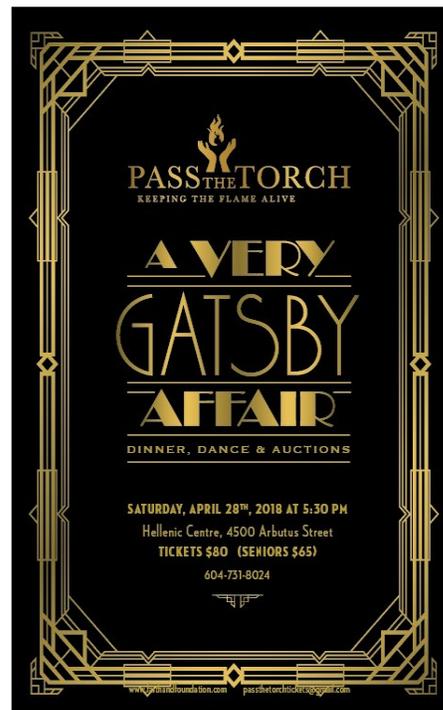
Second: haste. The women run, they hasten to say: "But we have found this!". God's surprises place us on a journey, immediately, without delay. And so they run to see. Peter and John run. The shepherds on that Christmas night run: "Let us go to Bethlehem to see what the angels have told us". And the Samaritan woman runs to tell her people: "This is the news: I found a man who told me everything I have done". And the people know the things that the woman has done. And those people run; they leave what they are doing, even the housewife leaves the potatoes in the pot – she will find them burnt [on her return] – but the important thing is to go, to run in order to see that surprise, that announcement. It still happens today. In our neighbourhoods, in the villages, when something extraordinary happens, people run to see; they go in haste. Andrew wasted no time and went in haste to tell Peter: "we have found the Messiah". Surprises, good news are always announced in this manner: in haste. There is a person in the Gospel who takes his time. He does not want to take risks. But the Lord is good. He awaits him with love. It is Thomas. "I will believe when I see the wounds" he says. The Lord also has patience for those who are in no hurry.

The surprising announcement, the hastened response, and the third thing I wish to mention to you today is a question: "What about me? Do I have a heart that is open to God's surprises; am I capable of going in haste or do I persist with the refrain: "well, I'll see tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow?". What does the surprise tell me? John and Peter hastened to the sepulchre. The Gospel said that John "believed". Peter also "believed", but in his own way; with his faith somewhat clouded by regret for having denied the Lord. The surprising announcement, the running, the hastening and the question: And what do I do on this Easter Day 2018? What do you do?

**A HUGE Thank You...**

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the parents who responded so promptly to our need for a clean-up crew after the fire in the church Thursday afternoon. This is what St Augustine's is about - people reaching in times of need. It is a wonderful testament to our school when we see the children coming out with their parents and everyone pitching in to clean pews and floors etc. without any complaints or expectations. The call went out at 2.50 pm and by 3.15 we had volunteers in church.

Thank you cannot begin to express our appreciation to Ferial Khan who raised the alarm. Ferial heroically doused the fire before the VFD were able to respond.



**PASS THE TORCH GALA IS IN TWO WEEKS!**

**APRIL 28th**

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

Enjoy a spectacular evening of live entertainment, dancing and dining.

This 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!

It's an incredible night and a wonderful way to meet other parishioners!

Tickets are \$80 and \$65 seniors

and available at [passthatorch.brownpapertickets.com](http://passthatorch.brownpapertickets.com) or

[www.faihandfoundation.com](http://www.faihandfoundation.com)

Or call 604 731 8024

**Tickets are almost sold out so don't wait to purchase!**

**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



### Spring Fair on Sunday April 22

from 10 am to 1:30 pm in the Parish Centre.

Home baking, jewelry, & small treasures are all for sale as well as many raffle draws. Come enjoy a cup of coffee & some goodies while meeting other parishioners. The proceeds from the fair will raise funds to support various local and Oblate missions in Kenya & Peru, & St. Augustine's School.

#### Donations for the Spring Fair

The CWL is accepting donations for the fair....

jewelry, raffle items/baskets, small treasures and/or donations of cash - please drop off at the parish office. If you have questions contact

[kzawortny@gmail.com](mailto:kzawortny@gmail.com) <<mailto:kzawortny@gmail.com>>

**The Bake Table co-ordinator** is requesting parishioners for any donation of home-baked goodies (such squares, tarts, loafs, pies, scones, biscuits, biscotti, cookies etc.etc); homemade jams, chutneys and preserves (fruits & vegetables); etc. Please contact Geri for drop-off place and times at 604-738- 1155 or [gerifuji@telus.net](mailto:gerifuji@telus.net)



**Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,  
2465 Crown St. Vancouver**

The annual New Evangelization Summit, held in Ottawa and streamed to 36 host- sites around North America including Our Lady of Perpetual Help and which is co-hosted by St. Augustine's,

will feature world-renowned speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization. Their talks will inspire, encourage and give practical advice on how we, as Catholics, can influence those around us with the Gospel message in the New Evangelization. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and lay faithful – will benefit from this opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church. **Friday, April 27, from 7–9:30pm and Saturday, April 28, from 8:45am–4:30pm. Ticket price - \$40** – Chili lunch to be provided. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca).

If you wish to volunteer email [vollet@telus.net](mailto:vollet@telus.net) to learn more!

#### Dear Parishioner,

On behalf of St. Augustine's Community Life Committee, we wish to let you know of an upcoming initiative to enhance our Parish Family community. At all mass services on the weekends of May 12/13th and November 17th/18th we will be inviting parishioners to wear name tags displaying their first name only. Materials for the name tags will be provided at the entrance to church before service begins. Of course, this invitation is voluntary and there is no obligation to participate. We do encourage everyone to take part in this and other parish initiatives aimed at allowing us to all become one family in church during the celebration of mass. There will also be some refreshments after mass for us to get to know each other a little better.

- Community Life Committee

#### Around the Archdiocese...

##### Alzheimer Cafe Symposium: Essential Understanding for Dementia Care

April 16, 2018 – April 17, 2018 all-day at Carey Centre on the UBC Campus  
5920 Iona Dr. Vancouver, BC, Cost: \$75

Contact: Jihan Estrella (604) 225 5920

Co-sponsored by St. Mark's College at UBC, this 2-day course for family and friend carers focuses on understanding yourself as a carer and aims to strengthen communication and care-giving in dementia. This course explores the perspective of the person with dementia, while also exploring the perspective of carers (family, friends, primary carers).

This master class hopes to further communication and open discussion about caring for someone with Alzheimer's as well as to answer questions about caring and being a carer. For more information, please call (604) 225 5920 or send an e-mail to [alzheimercave@carey-edu.ca](mailto:alzheimercave@carey-edu.ca).

##### Music for Voice and Organ

April 27, 2018 @ 8:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral - 646 Richards St, Van.

Cost: \$20/\$15 Contact: Holy Rosary Cathedral Concert Series 604 682 6774

Holy Rosary Cathedral's lead soprano Sarah McGrath and organist Denis Bedard in concert. Works by Bach, Pergolesi (from Stabat Mater), Mozart (Laudate Dominum and Alleluia), Saint-Saens (Ave Maria), Bedard and others.

##### Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Non-residential Weekend

April 28, 2018 – April 29, 2018 all-day at John Paul II Pastoral Centre - St John Paul II Way, Vancouver, BC

Cost: \$250/per couple

Contact: Steve & Mary Bohnen 604-876-7298

What is a Non-residential WWME Weekend?

The format is the same as a regular Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, but there are no overnight accommodations. Participants return to their homes Saturday evening and resume the program early Sunday morning. Meals are included in the registration fee.

##### Mass of Remembrance

April 29, 2018 @ 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm at Gardens of Gethsemani - 15800 32 Ave, Surrey, BC Contact: Terry Whiteley (604) 531-2141

Join us this Sunday, April 29th for our monthly Mass of Remembrance as we pray together for our loved ones that have passed away this month. Mass will be held at BOTH 12:30 and 2:30 pm in our Evangelist Chapel.

##### One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

May 4, 2018 – May 6, 2018 all-day

The 2018 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies global pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 4, 5 and 6 May. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of unborn babies. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaeltheangelorganization.org/>



**Oblate Corner**

**EUGENE AND THE RESURRECTION:  
DESIRING THAT THOSE IN WHOM HE  
CONTINUES TO SUFFER WILL KNOW ALSO  
THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION**

*Posted by Frank Santucci*

Through the eyes of our crucified Saviour we see the world which he redeemed with his blood, desiring that those in whom he continues to suffer will know also the power of his resurrection (cf. Phil 3: 10).  
CC&RR, Constitution 4

From his earliest preaching Eugene constantly invited the poor to understand the transforming invitation of the resurrection in their lives.

Come now and learn from us what you are in the eyes of faith.

Poor of Jesus Christ, afflicted, wretched,

suffering, sick, covered with sores, etc., all you whom misery oppresses, my brothers, dear brothers, respected brothers, listen to me.

You are God's children, the brothers of Jesus Christ, heirs to his eternal kingdom, chosen portion of his inheritance; you are, in the words of St. Peter, a holy nation, you are kings, you are priests, you are in some way gods, You are gods, children of the Most High.

So lift up your spirits, that your defeated souls may breathe, grovel no longer on the ground: You are gods, children of the Most High. (Ps. 81:6).

Lift yourselves towards heaven where your minds should be set, our citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20), let your eyes see for once beneath the rags that cover you, there is within you an immortal soul made in the image of God whom it is destined to possess one day, a soul ransomed at the price of the blood of Jesus Christ, more precious in the eyes of God than all earth's riches, than all the kingdoms of the earth, a soul of which he is more jealous than of the government of the entire universe.

Christians, know then your dignity, with St. Leo I will call you sharers in the divine nature.

Notes for the first instruction in the Church of the Madeleine, EO XV n. 114

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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Monday is the Priest's day off.

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vea@staugustineschurch.ca

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donate@faithandfoundation.com

**ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL**

2154 West 7th Avenue V6K 0E3      604.731.8024  
office@staugschool.ca

**BAPTISM**

604.736.4455 x 221  
Preparation classes held first Thursday of the month

**MARRIAGES/WEDDINGS**

604.736.4455 x 221      parish.saug@rcav.org

**RECONCILIATION**

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

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