



April 29th, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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The wine and the branches



The first reading tells how, three years after his conversion, Paul went up to Jerusalem. In spite of being introduced by Barnabas, such was the hostility he encountered that he had to be smuggled out of the city. The fact that Paul took all these trials in his stride

shows the depth of his faith in Jesus.

In the Gospel we have the lovely image of the vine and the branches. Here Jesus stresses the unity that exists between him and his disciples. Vine and branches need each other. The vine cannot bear fruit without the branches. And the branches can have no life if separated from the vine. The branches need to be pruned (by trials) in order to be fruitful.

The second reading tells us what we have to do in order to be at rights with God. We have to believe in his Son, Jesus, and love one another as he told us. Active charity is what distinguishes true Christians from those who are such in name only.

Liturgical celebrations:

Wednesday – St. Athanasius (memorial)

Born at Alexandria in Egypt about 297, Athanasius is one of the Greek Fathers and a Doctor of the Church. He was present at the Council of Nicaea (325) convened to oppose the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. Athanasius wrote several outstanding treatises on Catholic doctrine, especially on the Incarnation, and introduced monasticism to the West. He died in 373.

Thursday – St. Philip and St. James (feast)

Philip and James were apostles of Jesus. The choice of Philip as a disciple is recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke. John's Gospel records several conversations between Jesus and Philip, which demonstrates he was present throughout the Lord's public ministry.

James, son of Alphaeus is mentioned in Mark and in Acts, and is the author of the canonical epistle. He died a martyr's death about the year 62.

Both men are patron saints of hatters.

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 30

7:00pm Mass +Teofilo Roder

Tuesday, May 1

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
8:00am Mass +Eileen McCoy
11:00am Funeral +Toshio Sato
7:00pm Mass +William George Jewitt III

Wednesday, May 2

8:00am Mass +Lois Frost
9:30am Mass St. Augustine's School
7:00pm Mass +Art Blott
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, May 3

8:00am Mass
11:00am Funeral +Nora Rickman
6:45pm Meeting Baptismal Preparation
7:00pm Mass

Friday, May 4

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

Saturday, May 5

8:00am Mass +Sylvia Marsico
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
1:00pm Wedding
5:00pm Mass +Larry Battle
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Sunday, May 6

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass
2:00pm Mass **First Communion**
Int Yolanda Nardi, Sr.
5:00pm Mass

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$7,974.50
 Loose: \$747.05

MARRIED IN CHRIST

Anthony Balatico & Sheryl Ann Solatre

REST IN PEACE

Nora Rickman
 Toshio Sato

Pope's Message

The disciples knew that Jesus had risen because Mary Magdalen had said so that morning; then Peter saw Him; then the disciples who had returned from Emmaus told of their encounter with the Risen Jesus. They knew it: He is risen and lives. But that truth had not entered the heart. That truth, yes, they knew it, but they were

doubtful. They preferred to hold that truth in their mind, perhaps. It was less dangerous to hold a truth in one's mind than to keep it in one's heart. It is less dangerous.

They were all gathered and the Lord appeared. And at first they were afraid and believed that he was a spirit. But Jesus himself said to them: "look, touch me. See the wounds. A spirit has no body. See, it is I!". But why did they disbelieve? Why were they doubtful? There is a word in the Gospel which gives us the explanation: "they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered...". For joy they could not believe. That joy was so great! If this is the truth, it is an immense joy! "Ah, I do not believe it. I cannot". They could not believe there was so much joy; the joy that leads to Christ.

This also happens to us when we are given good news. Before accepting it in our heart we say: "But is it true? But how do you know? Where did you hear it?". We do so in order to be sure, because, if this is true, it is a great joy. This happens to us in our own small way; imagine the disciples! The joy was so great that it was better to say: "No, I do not believe it". But he was there! Yes, but they could not. They could not accept it; they could not let the truth they saw pass into their heart. And in the end, naturally, they believed. This is the "renewed youthfulness" that the Lord gives us. In the Collect prayer we said: "renewed youthfulness". We are accustomed to sin aging us.... Sin ages the heart, always. It makes your heart hard, old, weary. Sin makes the heart grow weary and we somewhat lose faith in the Risen Christ: "No, I do not think so.... This would be so much joy.... Yes, yes, he lives, but in Heaven, for his own affairs". But I am his affair! Each of us! But we are unable to make this connection.

In the First Letter the Apostle John says: "if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father". Do not be afraid; he forgives. He renews us. Sin ages us, but Jesus, Risen, living, renews us. This is the power of the Risen Jesus. When we approach the Sacrament of Penance it is in order to be renewed, to rejuvenate. And the Risen Jesus does this. It is the Risen Jesus who is in our midst today: he will be here on the altar; he is in the Word.... And he will be likewise on the altar: Risen! It is Christ, the Advocate, who wants to defend us when we have sinned, to rejuvenate us.

Brothers and sisters, let us ask for the grace to believe that Christ is alive, is Risen! This is our faith, and if we believe this, other things are secondary.

This is our life; this is our true youthfulness. Christ's victory over death, Christ's victory over sin. Christ is alive. "Yes, yes, now I will receive Communion...". But when you receive Communion, are you certain that Christ is alive, there; he is Risen? "Yes, it is a piece of blessed bread...". No, it is Jesus! Christ is alive; he is Risen among us, and if we do not believe this we will never be good Christians. We cannot be.

But "they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered". Let us ask the Lord for the grace that joy not hinder us from believing, the grace to touch the Risen Jesus: to touch him in the encounter through prayer; in the encounter through the sacraments; in the encounter with his forgiveness which is the renewed youthfulness of the Church; in the encounter with the sick, when we go to visit them, with the imprisoned, with those who are most needy, with children, with the elderly. If we feel the wish to do something good, it is the Risen Jesus who spurs us to this. It is always joy, the joy that makes us youthful.

Let us ask for the grace to be a joyful community, because each of us is certain, has faith, has encountered Jesus Christ.

Taizé Prayer Service at St. Augustine's Church

Come and experience a quiet meditative Taizé prayer service with candlelight, music, prayers, scriptures and silence.

All are welcome and we hope you can join us!

DATE: May 9, 2018
TIME: 7:45 pm - 9:00 pm
LOCATION: St. Augustine's Church

For more information contact:
parishcouncil@stagustineschurch.ca or tao.agnes@gmail.com

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

Oblate News**WANTED - Experienced Part-Time Cooks**

for residence of retired religious men and staff. Position available on all or some days (10:30 am - 6:30 pm) week-ends and/or statutory holidays.

Please send applications, including references, by **May 15th.**, to: Oblate House, 1311 The Crescent, Vancouver BC V6H 1T7. For further information contact: Mary Ann -

Email: mamaloney12@gmail.com (preferred) or Phone: 604-739-8215.

School News**Parish Education Committee (PEC) Elections**

The PEC has 2 seats coming up for election and are asking for nominations.

The elections will be held on the weekend of May 26th and 27th with voting occurring 1 hour after each mass (Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am, 11am and 5pm).

The PEC has formed an Elections Nomination Committee consisting of the following members:

Chairman: Dan Roberts

Members: Father Andrew, Carolyn Wong Levesque and Philbert Yu.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the PEC please go to

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4i9Nxzle051a2pRZ0lwMzBVNlk/view> and read, fill out and sign all the forms then Email them to pec.elections@staugustineschool.ca

All nominations must be received by May 17th.

Note: The Voters List will be available to those wishing to see it. Please Email pec.elections@staugustineschool.ca with your request.

Around the Parish**Project Advance**

starts the first week in May and finishes the fourth week in May.

Volunteers are needed to help with donation cards for the Sunday 5:00pm Mass.

If you wish to help, please contact Cliff Nipp (604) 763-1070 or email cnipp@netrover.com

Looking for volunteers

Do you have a passion to teach the faith? The Parish Religious Education Program is looking for dedicated Catechists and helpers to help for the next school year. The students are ages 6 to 12. No experience necessary and training will be provided. If you love young people and you are available on Tuesday evenings and/or Saturday afternoons, contact prep@staugustineschurch.ca

Young Adult Group

In the spirit of fellowship and faith, the young adults group meet every other Wednesday for a casual dinner and faith-based discussion group. All young professionals in their 20s and 30s are welcome.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, May 2 after the 7pm Mass.

For more information or to RSVP, visit the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/staugchurch/>

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

St. Patrick's Regional Secondary School Fundraiser Raffle:

Tickets for this all-cash prize raffle will be sold after all Masses on the weekend of **May 5 & 6, 2018**. The prize money totals \$18,000. The funds raised from the raffle will directly benefit the students; including *but not limited to* the school choir, the play and sports events. For more information about this fundraiser, please view: website.stpats.bc.ca.

Around the Archdiocese**St. Anthony of Padua Church, Lower Hall
1345 West 73rd Ave., Vancouver**

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

We invite you to honour our Blessed Mother on the eve of Mothers Day and the 101st anniversary of Fatima by attending this special presentation by **Angie Dee, MA Theology**. Angie will unpack the complete message of Fatima and its historical connection to Communism, Islam, two World Wars, the popes of the last century and the perilous state of the world today. Her presentation includes history, catechesis, theology and pastoral advice in order to give clear direction and renewed hope through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Angie's long association with Fatima includes a private visit with Sr. Lucia in 1992, and she gave this presentation at a Marian Congress in Manila with over 6,000 in attendance. Don't miss this special opportunity!

Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA)

invites you to join community members, MLAs, mayors, TransLink and media to the Fares Fair Transit Assembly, to join in asking the provincial government to make transit more affordable for children, families and low income members of our communities. The meeting will be held May 12, 1 to 3 pm, at First Lutheran Church, 5475 Wales St, Vancouver. RSVP required at www.metrovancouveralliance.org/calendar.

Rosary Rally – Our Lady of the Rosary, Fatima

May 12, 2018 @ 10:00 am at Vancouver Art Gallery, South Plaza 800 Robson St, Vancouver.

Contact: David Pearce at 604-929-4812

Come and pray to Our Lady who said "Only I can help you". And give public witness to the Faith! Remembering her 1st apparition at Fatima, 13th May 1917.

Oblate Corner



ALL WHO HAVE EXERCISED THE SAME MINISTRY AS YOURSELF HAVE KNOWN THE SAME ANGUISH

Posted by Frank Santucci

Jean Baptiste Mille was 31 years old and had been ordained for 18 months – and here he was in Billens as superior of the scholasticate and novice master. Because of the political events in France, Eugene had had no choice but to entrust this responsibility on him. No wonder that he experiences anguish at the formation task that he must accomplish in the lives of those entrusted to him d=for such a brief time of formation.

Far from finding long the short period of time devoted to preparation, it must be confessed that it is not ample enough for the purpose of divesting oneself of what remains of the old man, of adorning one's soul

with the many virtues we lack and thus disposing ourselves to make to God an offering as little unworthy of him as possible.

Eugene gives him fatherly consolation and advice:

So preach humility and distrust of self and inspire a great longing for perfection, cost what it may to our nature to achieve it. It is a work of patience and one all too often seasoned with sorrows that is imposed on you. That does not matter, you have obedience to facilitate a task that would be very burdensome if you were left to your own natural resources.

Overcome evil with good; never lose courage; all who have exercised the same ministry as yourself have known the same anguish.

Ask God to enlighten you, ponder carefully all that depends on you for success, and then entrust yourself with untroubled heart and without anxiety to divine providence which will not let those who rest their hope on it be abandoned.

Letter to Jean Baptiste Mille and to the Fathers and Brothers at Billens, 3 November 1831, EO VIII n 406

Beautiful words for all those who are entrusted with the development of the young: parents, teachers, formators, spiritual directors, pastors... "entrust yourself with untroubled heart and without anxiety to divine providence which will not let those who rest their hope on it be abandoned."

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

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BAPTISM

604.736.4455 x 221
Preparation classes held first Thursday of the month

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604.736.4455 x 221 parish.saug@rcav.org

RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

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