



May 20th, 2018
Pentecost Sunday

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Pentecost



Luke has the giving of the Spirit happening on the feast of the Pentecost. Jewish tradition saw Pentecost as the feast of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. According to a legend a mighty wind turned to fire and

a voice proclaimed the Law. In further refinement, the fire split into seventy tongues of fire corresponding to the seventy nations of the world: the law was proclaimed, not only to Israel, but to all humankind.

Luke exploits this tradition. He, too, has the mighty wind and tongues of fire coming upon the group of disciples. But for Luke the universal proclamation was not that of the Law, but of the Good News, a proclamation that has undone the sentence of Babel and re-united the scattered nations.

In his Gospel John has the giving of the Spirit happening on Easter Day. However, we must avoid any impression of a two-fold initial solemn bestowal of the Spirit. Luke and John are saying the same thing: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit and inaugurates the mission of the Church. That they differ in their dating is due to theological concerns.

Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday – St. Philip Neri (memorial)

Philip Neri was born in Florence in 1515 and educated by the Dominicans. He experienced conversion at the age of 18 and left for Rome, where he lived a life of seclusion and poverty. He studied philosophy and theology for three years before choosing to re-evangelize Rome. In 1548 he helped found a confraternity of laymen to minister to the needy pilgrims. Later he founded the congregation of the Oratorians. Philip Neri is the patron of home missions.

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China – May 24

In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24 be observed as a Day of Prayer for the Church in China. He chose this day since it is the traditional Feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians, who is venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

Pope's prayer intention for May

Evangelization: The Mission of Laity – That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

This Week

Monday, May 21

10:00am Mass Victoria Day

Tuesday, May 22

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
8:00am Mass Int Joseph Boileau
11:00am Funeral +Mary Finnegan
7:00pm Mass +Albert Noronha

Wednesday, May 23

8:00am Mass +Fr. John Joseph Brioux, OMI
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, May 24

8:00am Mass +Fr. John Joseph Brioux, OMI
7:00pm Mass +Fr. John Joseph Brioux, OMI
7:30pm Reception +Fr. John J. Brioux, OMI

Friday, May 25

8:00am Mass +Mark Erceg
10:00am Meeting Moms & Tots Group
10:30am Meeting Circle of Friends
7:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan

Saturday, May 26

8:00am Mass +Philomena Salgadoe
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
1:00pm Wedding
3:00pm Wedding
5:00pm Mass +Donald Allen Bouzan

Sunday, May 27

9:00am Mass
10:00am Event Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
11:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass
Bapt

Note: Parish Office Closed Friday May 25/Feast of St. Augustine

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$9,778.90
 Loose: \$723.20

WELCOME

Ava Olivia Christopher
daughter of Angelina Christopher

MARRIED IN CHRIST

Charles Moses Luarca & Jamille Marie Hebron

 Jan Michael Salas Florentino
 & Liramae Balboa Cruz

Pope's Message

Today concludes the Easter season, the fifty days that, from Jesus' resurrection to Pentecost, are marked in a particular way by the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is in fact the Easter Gift par excellence. He is the Creator Spirit, who

constantly brings about new things. Today's readings show us two of those new things. In the first reading, the Spirit makes of the disciples a new people; in the Gospel, he creates in the disciples a new heart.

A new people. On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit came down from heaven, in the form of "divided tongues, as of fire... [that] rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages" (Acts 2:3-4). This is how the word of God describes the working of the Spirit: first he rests on each and then brings all of them together in fellowship. To each he gives a gift, and then gathers them all into unity. In other words, the same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse and unified people: the universal Church. First, in a way both creative and unexpected, he generates diversity, for in every age he causes new and varied charisms to blossom. Then he brings about unity: he joins together, gathers and restores harmony: "By his presence and his activity, the Spirit draws into unity spirits that are distinct and separate among themselves" (CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, Commentary on the Gospel of John, XI, 11). He does so in a way that effects true union, according to God's will, a union that is not uniformity, but unity in difference.

For this to happen, we need to avoid two recurrent temptations. The first temptation seeks diversity without unity. This happens when we want to separate, when we take sides and form parties, when we adopt rigid and airtight positions, when we become locked into our own ideas and ways of doing things, perhaps even thinking that we are better than others, or always in the right, when we become so-called "guardians of the truth". When this happens, we choose the part over the whole, belonging to this or that group before belonging to the Church. We become avid supporters for one side, rather than brothers and sisters in the one Spirit. We become Christians of the "right" or the "left", before being on the side of Jesus, unbending guardians of the past or the avant-garde of the future before being humble and grateful children of the Church. The result is diversity without unity. The opposite temptation is that of seeking unity without diversity. Here, unity becomes uniformity, where everyone has to do everything together and in the same way, always thinking alike. Unity ends up being homogeneity and no longer freedom. But, as Saint Paul says, "where the Spirit of the Lord is,

there is freedom" (2 Cor 3:17).

So the prayer we make to the Holy Spirit is for the grace to receive his unity, a glance that, leaving personal preferences aside, embraces and loves his Church, our Church. It is to accept responsibility for unity among all, to wipe out the gossip that sows the darnel of discord and the poison of envy, since to be men and women of the Church means being men and women of communion. It is also to ask for a heart that feels that the Church is our Mother and our home, an open and welcoming home where the manifold joy of the Holy Spirit is shared.

Now we come to the second new thing brought by the Spirit: a new heart. When the risen Jesus first appears to his disciples, he says to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them" (Jn 20:22-23). Jesus does not condemn them for having denied and abandoned him during his passion, but instead grants them the spirit of forgiveness. The Spirit is the first gift of the risen Lord, and is given above all for the forgiveness of sins. Here we see the beginning of the Church, the glue that holds us together, the cement that binds the bricks of the house: forgiveness. Because forgiveness is gift to the highest degree; it is the greatest love of all. It preserves unity despite everything, prevents collapse, and consolidates and strengthens. Forgiveness sets our hearts free and enables us to start afresh. Forgiveness gives hope; without forgiveness, the Church is not built up.

**Alpha comes to St. Augustine's.**

Starts: June 28, 2018 (Thursday)
 Ends: September 6, 2018 (Thursday)
 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Whether you are seeking some answers to basic questions about Christianity or have no church background at all, you are welcome! Alpha is a way to explore

life's big questions in a casual, open and non-judgemental setting.

There's no pressure, no follow up, and it's free to register.

It is about building meaningful and lasting friendships in a fun, safe and relaxed environment over food, video and lively and inspiring conversation.

Contact: Clara Lum:

alpha@staugustineschurch.ca

For more info or to register online:

www.staugustineschurch.ca

**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...

Mass in Remembrance of Fr. John Brioux, OMI

will be offered on Thursday May 24th at 7pm. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served following the mass.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

When: May 27, 2018 after the 9:00 & 11 am Masses

Menu: Pancakes, Turkey, Sausage, Eggs, Potatoes, Assorted Fruits, Coffee and Juice.

We would like to invite everyone to participate in supporting the various Women Charities while partaking in a delicious brunch and community building activity.

Project Advance

Thank you for your gifts to Project Advance.

Our goal is \$65,000. We have received \$9,715.00

Please pick up your donation cards.

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

Saturday June 2, 2018

2:00pm to 4:00pm

KAIROS Blanket Exercise



St. Augustine's Parish is privileged to host **Deacon Rennie Nahanee** for an afternoon of learning and experiencing the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Bringing the past to the present through the blanket

exercise and bridging our community as one through reconciliation.

Reserve your spot and invite family and friends to share in this rare experience! **Contact:** Linda Arnold (604) 736-4455 Ext. 229 or faithformation@staugustineschurch.ca **Register online at** <https://eventgrid.com/Events/37683/special-invitation-kairos>

Looking for Volunteers

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. Training will be provided. If you are available on Tuesday evenings and/or Saturday afternoons, contact prep@staugustineschurch.ca

Save the Date: Parish Barbecue



Saturday, June 9 from 11am - 2pm

St. Augustine School, 2154 West 7th Avenue

The event is free however, space is limited so sign up early.

Registration table will be in the hallway for all Masses on weekend May 19/20, 26/27 and June 2/3.

School News



The School is Hosting their "Eleventh Luncheon for all the Seniors of St. Augustine's Parish"

Venue – The School; Date/Time - Friday June 8th at 12:00 pm

Cost – No cost

As there is maximum seating, please RSVP - May 29th to Geri Fujisawa at 604-738-1155 or gerifujii@telus.net. Some Parking will be available at the School

Around the Archdiocese

St. Patrick Regional Secondary is still accepting applications for Grade 8 for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Please visit our school office for more information and applications.

Did You Know...

Why Is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time in fact represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Why Is Green the Color of Ordinary Time?

Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green.

Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

When Is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday, when the liturgical season of Lent begins.

Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday in Advent, when the liturgical year begins again.

Oblate Corner



A REVOLTING TREACHERY

Posted by Frank Santucci

The after-effects of the July 1830 Revolution in France continued to be felt in 1832. Writing to Father Courtès, Eugene touches on one.

The very evening of the day of the consistory, a messenger came and announced the taking of Ancona by the French. The details which have come to us are horrifying; you have to go back to the time of the barbarians to find like examples of cowardly betrayal or rather of so revolting a treachery.

To Hippolyte Courtès, 11 March 1832, EO VIII n 417

Yvon Beaudoin explains: "After 1830 there were revolutionary upheavals in the whole of Europe: Belgium, Poland, Germany, Switzerland and the Papal States. With a view to helping the Pope, Austrian troops had just occupied the Romagna at the beginning of 1832. As a counter-weight to this intervention Louis-Philippe ordered the occupation of Ancona, against the wishes of the Sovereign Pontiff."

France had always been regarded as the "Eldest Daughter of the Church" and Eugene found this betrayal of the Pope by the French King an act of treachery.

Today, what is my reaction when I encounter hostility to the Church and to the values of the Kingdom of God?

There is no activity that is too lowly in our service of the Kingdom of God – no matter how gifted or intellectual or important we may consider ourselves.

A superior cannot be tied down by any conditions. He might need someone to answer the door or to sweep up and that person must then be convinced that he is more agreeable to God answering the door and sweeping up than he would be if on his own account he were to preach or hear confessions. St. Anthony of Padua spent many years in the kitchen without thinking of complaining.

There is no serving the good God without renunciation.

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