

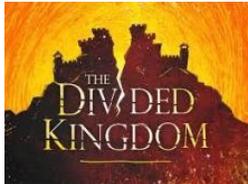


June 10th, 2018
 Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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The Divided Kingdom



In the first reading we see the pathetic efforts of Adam and Eve to shift the blame for their sin from themselves on to the serpent, and even onto God himself. We also see the consequences of sin: loss of intimacy to God, and the breakdown between man and woman – the man betrays the woman. It is not God who has changed but the man and the woman. However, the

sad scene ends with the promise of salvation.

The Gospel shows us the promise of salvation as being fulfilled in Jesus. He overthrows Satan and establishes the Kingdom of God. For those who believe in him, and who do the will of God, a new kinship is formed.

Mark highlights the frustrations Jesus had to contend with. His relatives, worried about the direction his life had taken, wanted to bring him back home. Then there is the argument with the Scribes concerning the source of Jesus' healing power. While the ordinary people recognized the God-given nature of Jesus' power, the Scribes put a horrible spin on Jesus' healing miracles, perversely claiming that it was done through the power of the devil that he did these deeds. This shows the sheer hardness of the heart of the Scribes.

At first, Jesus tries to reason with them, but with little success. Such people are not open to the truth. Then he warns them against committing the gravest sin of all, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit – the sin of deliberately twisting the good so that it is made to look bad.

Liturgical celebrations

Monday – Saint Barnabas (memorial)

Barnabas, a Jew from Cyprus, came to Jerusalem, where he joined the Christian community. The apostles changed his name from Joseph to Barnabas, or "man of encouragement." Our knowledge of Barnabas is recorded by Luke in Acts: he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. It was Barnabas who accepted Paul into the community after his conversion and who was at Paul's side for many years as his partner evangelizing the Gentiles. Tradition says he was stoned to death in Cyprus about the year 61.

Wednesday – Saint Anthony of Padua (memorial)

Anthony was born in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal, although the Italian city of Padua claims him as his own. At 15 he joined the Canons Regular of St. Augustine. For eight years he studied intensely and became an accomplished biblical scholar. His contact with some Franciscans inspired him to join the Franciscans. He was sent by Francis to preach and teach his fellow friars throughout northern Italy. He died at the age of 36, so beloved and revered he was canonized within the year. His help is invoked to help find lost objects.

This Week

Monday, June 11

7:00pm Mass Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesday, June 12

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

7:30pm Event Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesday, June 13

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass Int Paul Sharp

Thursday, June 14

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass +Teofilo Mendoza

Friday, June 15

8:00am Mass +Monica Kim

10:00am Meeting Moms & Tots Group

7:00pm Mass +Pedro Baula

Saturday, June 16

8:00am Mass +Giuseppina Nardi

9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary

5:00pm Mass Int Carmie & Jayne

Sunday, June 17

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

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5:00pm Mass

Second Collection – June 17, 2018



On Father's Day, June 17, a special collection at all parishes will be made to raise funds for local pro-life efforts in our Archdiocese. Each group works within the Archdiocese of Vancouver to ensure that all voices are heard. Learn more and donate online at rcav.org/prolife.

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$8,989.80
 Loose: \$718.85

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Axl Surf Bonn Sheeley
son of Patrick Sheeley & Stephanie Bonn

Pope's Message

The Gospel we just heard speaks of the Last Supper, but surprisingly, pays more attention to the preparations than to the dinner itself. We keep hearing the word "prepare". For example, the disciples ask: "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" (Mk 14:12). Jesus sends them off with clear instructions to make the

necessary preparations and they find "a large room... furnished and ready" (v. 15). The disciples went off to prepare, but the Lord had already made his own preparations.

Something similar occurs after the resurrection, when Jesus appears to the disciples for the third time. While they are fishing, he waits for them on the shore, where he has already prepared bread and fish for them. Even so, he tells the disciples to bring some of the fish that they have just caught, which he had shown them how to catch (cf. Jn 21:6.9-10). Jesus has already made preparations and he asks his disciples to cooperate. Once again, just before the Passover meal, Jesus tells the disciples: "I go to prepare a place for you... so that where I am, there you may be also" (Jn 14:2.3). Jesus is the one who prepares, yet before his own Passover he also asks us urgently, with exhortations and parables, to be prepared, to remain ever ready (cf. Mt 24:44; Lk 12:40).

Jesus, then, prepares for us and asks us to be prepared. What does Jesus prepare for us? He prepares a place and a meal. A place much more worthy than the "large furnished room" of the Gospel. It is our spacious and vast home here below, the Church, where there is, and must be, room for everyone. But he has also reserved a place for us on high, in heaven, so that we can be with him and with one another for ever. In addition to a place, he prepares a meal, the Bread in which he gives himself: "Take; this is my body" (Mk 14:22). These two gifts, a place and a meal, are what we need to live. They are our ultimate "room and board". Both are bestowed upon us in the Eucharist. A place and a meal.

Jesus prepares a place for us here below, because the Eucharist is the beating heart of the Church. It gives her birth and rebirth; it gathers her together and gives her strength. But the Eucharist also prepares for us a place on high, in eternity, for it is the Bread of heaven. It comes down from heaven – it is the only matter on earth that savours of eternity. It is the bread of things to come; even now, it grants us a foretaste of a future infinitely greater than all we can hope for or imagine. It is the bread that sates our greatest expectations and feeds our finest dreams. It is, in a word, the pledge of eternal life – not simply a promise but a pledge, a concrete anticipation of what awaits us there. The Eucharist is our "reservation" for the heavenly banquet; it is Jesus himself, as food for our journey towards eternal life and happiness.

In the consecrated host, together with a place, Jesus prepares for us a meal, food for our nourishment. In life, we constantly need to be fed: nourished

not only with food, but also with plans and affection, hopes and desires. We hunger to be loved. But the most pleasing compliments, the finest gifts and the most advanced technologies are not enough; they never completely satisfy us. The Eucharist is simple food, like bread, yet it is the only food that satisfies, for there is no greater love. There we encounter Jesus really; we share his life and we feel his love. There you can realize that his death and resurrection are for you. And when you worship Jesus in the Eucharist, you receive from him the Holy Spirit and you find peace and joy. Dear brothers and sisters, let us choose this food of life! Let us make Mass our priority! Let us rediscover Eucharistic adoration in our communities! Let us implore the grace to hunger for God, with an insatiable desire to receive what he has prepared for us.

The Gospel tells us that the disciples prepared for the meal after they "set out and went to the city" (v. 16). The Lord calls us also today to prepare for his coming not by keeping our distance but by entering our cities. That includes this city, whose very name – Ostia – means entrance, doorway. Lord, how many doors do you want us to open for you here? How many gates do you call us to unbar, how many walls must we tear down? Jesus wants the walls of indifference and silent collusion to be breached, iron bars of oppression and arrogance torn asunder, and paths cleared for justice, civility and legality. The vast beachfront of this city speaks to us of how beautiful it is to open our hearts and to set out in new directions in life. But this requires loosening the knots that keep us bound to the moorings of fear and depression. The Eucharist invites to let ourselves be carried along by the wave of Jesus, to not remain grounded on the beach in the hope that something may come along, but to cast into the deep, free, courageous and united.

Next Taizé Prayer Service is Tuesday June 12th @ 7:30pm

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!

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

Around the Parish...**Understanding Wills & Estate Planning**

Everything you wanted to know...but were reluctant to ask about wills and planning your estate. St. Augustine's has the benefit of parishioners with expert knowledge on these matters who have volunteered to explain the practical realities of organizing your will and related estate issues: Do I need one? What do I need to think about? Do I need a lawyer? How often should I update my will? When is it time to get a will? Is a handwritten will sufficient?

These and other questions will be answered for you at the following information session at the Parish Centre, second floor meeting room:

Tuesday June 12th at 7:30pm

Excellent handouts and resource materials will be shared.

Please RSVP: Colleen at 604 736-4455 Ext 231

Food Collection**The Food Collection for The Door Is Open**

REMINDER .The weekend of June 16/17 will be our next collection.

NOTE: If you often forget your donation try placing it at your front door the night before. Thank you for your continued support.

Project Advance

Thank you for your gifts to Project Advance.

Gifts can be returned anytime in the collection baskets. Gifts can be made on the Archdiocese website for Project Advance and our parish.

Our goal is \$65,000. We have received \$48,645.

Looking for Volunteers

Volunteers to help deliver donation boxes to **The Door is Open**, on Monday mornings, following collection of food donations on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at all Masses.

Please contact Terry Murphy 604 -736-5288

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

Last week in the Parish...

Kairos Blanket Exercise

CWL Strawberry High Tea

A fundraiser for Oblate Missions and other Charities

Date: Sunday June 24th 2018

Time : 12:30pm- 2:30pm

Place: St. Augustine's Parish Centre

Ticket Price: \$20

Attire: Ladies and Gentlemen are asked to wear dressy clothes that they would wear for a summer affair. Fascinators or Hats at are encouraged for the ladies.

Invite your friends and family! Tickets will be available before and after all Masses.

The Tea Committee is asking for monetary donations. If you would like to make a contribution, please put it in an envelope marked "CWL Strawberry Tea" & place in the Sunday collection basket with cheques made out to 'St. Augustine's CWL'. Or please contact Teresa Clark at 778-227-9012 or teresa51@hotmail.com

The Tea Committee is asking for donations of fresh cut flowers from your garden for center pieces and/or monetary donations. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Teresa Clark at 778-227-9012 or teresa_51@hotmail.com

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

Contact: Clara Lum:

alpha@staugustineschurch.ca

For more info or to register online: www.staugustineschurch.ca

**Around the Archdiocese...****Birthright 50th Anniversary Walk/Run Fundraiser**

Birthright Vancouver, a downtown crisis pregnancy service, is hosting its 50th anniversary fundraising Walk/Run on Saturday, June 16th at 10:00 am. This fun family event will include a stroll around the lovely Queen Elizabeth Park, family activities, refreshments, and wonderful community. All proceeds from the event will go towards Birthright's efforts to support pregnant women and their children by offering them the love, care, and support they need. For participation details,

please contact birthrightvancouver@gmail.com or follow

"Birthright Vancouver" on Facebook.

WANTED: Home stay for students from Valencia, Spain

June 30th – July 30th. The students are attending summer term at St. Patrick's High School. The remuneration is \$900.00

Please text or call Paula @ 250 732-5534.

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.

Oblate Corner

A LONG TIME AGO YOU RECEIVED THE FIRST ABSOLUTION I EVER GAVE IN MY PRIESTLY MINISTRY

Posted by Frank Santucci

Writing to a priest friend who was stationed in Rome, Eugene expressed his sorrow at discovering that he would be absent for his episcopal consecration. He then recalled a very special sacramental bond that Eugene had never forgotten.

If you knew the depth of my feelings of friendship towards you, you would conceive some idea of the disappointment I am experiencing at not seeing you, and above all in my present circumstances. It is not yet known in Rome, but the Pope has just named me Bishop of Icosia and apostolic visitor of Tripoli and Tunis. I shall be consecrated, unless some unforeseen

obstacle arises, on Sunday the 14th of this month.

My thought was that my first blessing would fall on you, as a long time ago you received the first absolution I ever gave in my priestly ministry. My best wishes will reach you wherever you are; but, my dear friend, do not forget me in your prayers, and, on the day of my consecration, say Holy Mass for me; you will readily understand my need.

Eugene then expressed his sadness that none of the people he was close to would be present to share this important moment of his life with him.

I am all alone here, and I assure you that poor human nature will be well and truly crucified; but I am not counting in vain on God in his goodness making up for all the heart will suffer by way of privations with the most abundant spiritual graces.

To Father Martin de Loirlieu, chaplain at the Church of St. Louis-des-Français, Rome, 4 October 1832, EO XV 165

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	
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Postal Code	Email
Comments	

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604.736.4455 x 221
Preparation classes held first Thursday of the month

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RECONCILIATION

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

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