



July 8th, 2018
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rejecting the messenger



A biblical prophet is someone who has received a divine call to speak God's word to his people. Even though the Word of God could be a hard word, it was a word of love because it meant that God had not abandoned his people. God's spokesperson had to be prepared for opposition and rejection. It was so for

the Old Testament prophets, and for Jesus himself.

At the close of his Galilean ministry Jesus is rejected by the people of his home town, who can't bring themselves to believe in the greatness of someone who is one of themselves. Consequently, his power is ineffective there. Their rejection of him is an anticipation of his rejection by the Jewish nation as a whole.

Christians today should not grow discouraged by lack of belief. Paul's experience of weakness ('a thorn in the flesh') taught him humility and allowed him to experience God's power in a way that might not otherwise have been possible. The words 'My grace is sufficient for you', are spoken to us too, and should be a great consolation to us in our struggles.

Liturgical celebrations:

Wednesday – St. Benedict (memorial)

Benedict, Father of Western monasticism, lived circa 480 to 547. He was born in Nursia in central Italy. Benedict was educated in Rome. After a few years, convinced that God was calling him to be a monk or hermit, Benedict fled to a local village. After a brief stay with some holy men, he decided on a life of solitude. He received the monastic habit at Subiaco, and retired to a cave, where he lived alone in the tradition of the Desert Fathers. Soon, he began to attract followers and he built 12 small monasteries.

Between 520 and 530, he and a few companions founded the great monastery of Monte Casino, where Benedict spent the rest of his life and wrote his Rule. He emphasized moderation, humility, obedience, prayer and manual labour as the way to holiness.

Pope's Prayer Intention for July

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

This Week

Monday, July 9

5:30pm Meeting Spiritual Renovation
7:00pm Mass +Cathy Bruchet

Tuesday, July 10

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
10:00 Meeting Busy Hands Craft Group
7:00pm Mass +Giuseppina Nardi

Wednesday, July 11

7:00pm Mass +Victor John Santos-Ocampo
7:30pm Event Adult Faith Study

Thursday, July 12

8:00am Mass +Norma & Maureen
6:30pm Meeting Alpha Group

Friday, July 13

8:00am Mass +Jeane Nursih Prajuni

Saturday, July 14

8:00am Mass Int Wilfred Gomes
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
2:30pm Wedding
5:00pm Mass Int Peter & Helen Lo

Sunday, July 15

9:00am Mass +Joan Schlosser
11:00am Mass
Bapt
5:00pm Mass Int Edgar family

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We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$7,450.00
 Loose: \$628.10

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Diana Terese Pogorski & Ross Jeffrey Wolrige

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY RETREAT



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" – Jn 14:27

The gift Jesus offers his disciples after the Resurrection is the gift of peace: A peace we discover in the depths of our hearts where God dwells. We need times of silence and solitude to find the centre of our life in God; to contemplate and listen the "voice" of the heart that can be rooted in our trust in God's presence and mercy. We enter this retreat to rest in this peace of God that is Jesus' gift to us as disciples.

This one-day silent retreat will give participants an opportunity to experience prayers using Ignatian (Jesuit) spirituality. It will include talks as well as time for personal prayer, small group faith sharing and spiritual direction.

When: Saturday, August 4, 2018

Where: St. Augustine's Parish

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (bring your own lunch)

Fee: \$10

The facilitators are Frances Cheung and Katherine Tam, spiritual directors trained in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Pre-registration is required. Register online at <https://eventgrid.com/Events/38502>

E-mail faithformation@staugustineschurch.ca or phone 604-250-9118

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



Welcomes people who feel drawn to Christ. People from no particular background, Christians from Protestant denominations, and men and women from other religions. Baptized, Catholic adults who were never confirmed and who want to be received into full communion with the Church may do so through the RCIA.

RCIA runs from mid-September through May

to Pentecost. RCIA meetings are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at St. Augustine's Parish Centre.

If you are interested in the Catholic faith or know someone who is, please contact Linda Arnold: 604 736-4455 Ext 229 or rcia@staugustineschurch.ca

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.

Alpha is a way to explore life's big questions in a casual, open and non-judgemental setting.

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

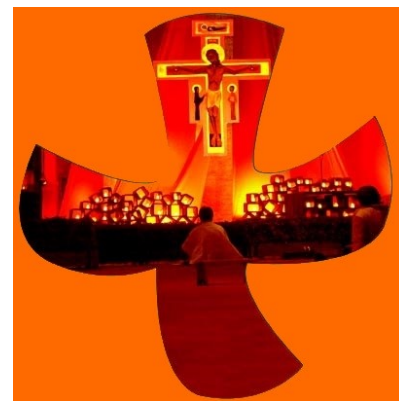
alpha@staugustineschurch.ca

For more info or to register online:

www.staugustineschurch.ca



Taizé Prayer Service



Come and experience a quiet meditative Taizé prayer service with candlelight, music and prayers, scriptures and silence. All are welcome and we hope you can join us!

Dates:

July 24 & Aug 21, 2018

Prayer Service Time: 7:45 pm - 9 pm, at the Church.

Song practice session: 7:30 pm - 7:45 pm, at the parish centre

Starting September, the monthly Taizé Prayer Service is on every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

For more information: Contact parishcouncil@staugustineschurch.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

Food Collection Reminder for the "Door is Open".



The weekend of July 14/15 will be the next food collection.

We thank you for your support in helping feed Our Lord's poor.

Note: If you have trouble remembering to bring your donation, try placing it @ your front door the night before.

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

Pope's Message



"They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them" (Mk 10:32).

The beginning of this typical passage in Mark always helps us realize

how the Lord cares for his people with a pedagogy all his own. Journeying to Jerusalem, Jesus is careful to walk ahead of his disciples.

Jerusalem represents the defining and decisive moment of his life. All of us know that at important and crucial times in life, the heart can speak and reveal the intentions and tensions within us. These turning points in life challenge us; they bring out questions and desires not always evident to our human hearts. This is what is presented, with great simplicity and realism, in the Gospel passage we have just heard. At the third and most troubling announcement of the Lord's passion, the Evangelist does not shrink from disclosing secrets present in the hearts of the disciples: their quest of honours, jealousy, envy, intrigue, accommodation and compromise. This kind of thinking not only wears and eats away at their relationship, but also imprisons them in useless and petty discussions. Yet Jesus is not concerned with this: he walks ahead of them and he keeps going. And he tells them forcefully: "But it shall not be so among you; whoever would be great among you must be your servant" (Mk 10:43). In this way, the Lord tries to refocus the eyes and hearts of his disciples, so that there will be no fruitless and self-referential discussions in the community. What does it profit us to gain the whole world if we are corroded within? What does it profit us to gain the whole world if we are living in a stifling atmosphere of intrigues that dry up our hearts and impede our mission? Here, as someone has observed, we might think of all those palace intrigues that take place, even in curial offices.

"But it shall not be so among you". The Lord's response is above all an encouragement and a challenge to his disciples to recoup their better part, lest their hearts be spoiled and imprisoned by a worldly mentality blind to what is really important. "But it shall not be so among you". The voice of the Lord saves the community from undue introspection and directs its vision, resources, aspirations and heart to the only thing that counts: the mission.

Jesus teaches us that conversion, change of heart and Church reform is and ever shall be in a missionary key, which demands an end to looking out for and protecting our own interests, in order to look out for and protect those of the Father. Conversion from our sins and from selfishness will never be an end in itself but is always a means of growing in fidelity and willingness to embrace the mission. At the moment of truth, especially when we see the distress of our brothers and sisters, we will be completely prepared to accompany and embrace them, one and all. In this way, we avoid becoming effective "roadblocks", whether because of our short-sightedness or our useless wrangling about who is most important. When we forget the mission, when we lose sight of the real faces of our brothers and sisters, our life gets locked up in the pursuit of our own interests and securities. Resentment then begins to grow, together with sadness and revulsion. Gradually we have less and less room for others, for the Church community, for the poor, for hearing the Lord's voice. Joy fades and the heart withers. (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 2).

"But it shall not be so among you". Jesus goes on to say. "Whoever would be first among you must be slave of all" (Mk 10:43-44). This is the Beatitude and the Magnificat that we are called to sing daily. It is the Lord's invitation not to forget that the Church's authority grows with this ability to defend the dignity of others, to anoint them and to heal their wounds and their frequently dashed hopes. It means remembering that we are here because we have been asked "to preach good news to the poor...to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Lk 4:18-19).

Dear brother Cardinals and new Cardinals! In our journey towards Jerusalem, the Lord walks ahead of us, to keep reminding us that the only credible form of authority is born of sitting at the feet of others in order to serve Christ. It is the authority that comes from never forgetting that Jesus, before bowing his head on the cross, did not hesitate to bow down and wash the feet of the disciples. This is the highest honour that we can receive, the greatest promotion that can be awarded us: to serve Christ in God's faithful people. In those who are hungry, neglected, imprisoned, sick, suffering, addicted to drugs, cast aside. In real people, each with his or her own life story and experiences, hopes and disappointments, hurts and wounds. Only in this way, can the authority of the Shepherd have the flavour of Gospel and not appear as "a noisy gong or a clanging symbol" (1 Cor 13:1). None of us must feel "superior" to anyone. None of us should look down at others from above. The only time we can look at a person in this way is when we are helping them to stand up.

I would like now to share with you a part of the spiritual testament of Saint John XXIII. Progressing in his own journey, he could say: "Born poor, but of humble and respectable folk, I am particularly happy to die poor, having distributed, in accordance with the various needs and circumstances of my simple and modest life in the service of the poor and of Holy Church which has nurtured me, whatever came into my hands – and it was very little – during the years of my priesthood and episcopate. Appearances of wealth have frequently disguised thorns of frustrating poverty, which prevented me from giving to others as generously as I would have wished. I thank God for this grace of poverty to which I vowed fidelity in my youth; poverty of spirit, as a priest of the Sacred Heart, and material poverty, which has strengthened me in my resolve never to ask for anything – money, positions or favours – never, either for myself, or for my relations and friends"

(29 June 1954).

Oblate Corner

THE IMMENSITY OF GOD'S GOODNESS THAT HAS ACCOMPANIED ME FROM CHILDHOOD



Posted by Frank Santucci

Just days before his episcopal consecration, Eugene gives a glimpse of the close relationship he enjoys with God – and with each Person of the Trinity – something he had experienced since his childhood.

I invoke that Spirit as you can imagine in my present situation, with diligence and persistence, I dare not say with fervour. Thus, whether my thoughts go to the immensity of God's goodness that he has accompanied me from childhood and led me to perform the various tasks that he has confided to me in the course of my life, or whether I meditate on the interior workings of grace, all of a kind to arouse my gratitude and love, or whether I reflect on my

sins, my innumerable infidelities, which would make the very stones cry out against me and make me the first of my accusers, I know all the time that it is my Father who is in heaven I am dealing with, who has at his right hand his Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is our advocate, our mediator, who never ceases to make intercession for us, with that powerful prayer which has the right to be heard and which is in actual fact always heard if we put no obstacle in its way. It is precisely on this point that the power of the Holy Spirit draws me to dwell and it is the fruit that I want and hope for from my retreat.

Letter to Henri Tempier, 10 October 1832, EO VIII n 436

Summer Mass Schedule (July and August)

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – 7:00 pm
(no morning Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday)

Thursday, Friday and Saturday – 8:00 am
(no evening Mass on Thursday and Friday)

Exception:
August 6 (BC Day) 10:00 am

There is no change for weekend Masses.



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

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