



July 15th, 2018
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Working for Christ



Amos is sent to prophesy to the people of Israel (First Reading)

In the Gospel we have the sending out of the Twelve.

Amos was a prophet by

divine call. In his case the call had come to a poor, unsophisticated shepherd and 'dresser of sycamore trees', a total outsider to the ranks of the professional prophets. Much the same could be said about the man Jesus chose 'to be with him'. Jesus having instructed them, the time had come for them to take an active part in his ministry. Their mission was an extension of his own mission and he gave them the power to accomplish this.

In understanding his instructions as to what they were to take with them we must remember that this was only a temporary mission of short duration and limited to the surrounding Jewish town and villages. The final commissioning, in which they were sent to the whole world, was still in the future.

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.

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.

This Week

Monday, July 16

7:00pm Mass Int End of Abortion

Tuesday, July 17

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
7:00pm Mass Int Fr. John Greene, OMI

Wednesday, July 18

7:00pm Mass +Stephen Choy
7:30pm Event Adult Faith Study

Thursday, July 19

8:00am Mass +Patricia Myhill-Jones
6:30pm Meeting Alpha Group

Friday, July 20

8:00am Mass +Marie Sherwin

Saturday, July 21

8:00am Mass +Eileen Sutherland
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
11:00am Wedding
5:00pm Mass + Maria Perrotta
Bapt

Sunday, July 22

9:00am Mass Int Tino & Karen Varelus
11:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass +Albert Noronha

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$7,931.50
 Loose: \$579.85

REST IN PEACE

+ Frank Mc Cormick

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

Pope's Message...

"You who trample upon the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land... Behold the days are coming... when I will send a famine on the land... a thirst for hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:4,11).

Today this warning of the prophet Amos is remarkably timely. How many of the poor are trampled on in our day! How many of the poor are being brought to ruin! All are the victims of that culture of waste that has been denounced time and time again. Among them, I cannot fail to include the migrants and refugees who continue to knock at the door of nations that enjoy greater prosperity.

Five years ago, during my visit to Lampedusa, recalling the victims lost at sea, I repeated that timeless appeal to human responsibility: "Where is your brother? His blood cries out to me," says the Lord. This is not a question directed to others; it is a question directed to me, to you, to each of us (Homily, 8 July 2013). Sadly, the response to this appeal, even if at times generous, has not been enough, and we continue to grieve thousands of deaths.

Today's Gospel acclamation contains Jesus' invitation: "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). The Lord promises refreshment and freedom to all the oppressed of our world, but he needs us to fulfil his promise. He needs our eyes to see the needs of our brothers and sisters. He needs our hands to offer them help. He needs our voice to protest the injustices committed thanks to the silence, often complicit, of so many. I should really speak of many silences: the silence of common sense; the silence that thinks, "it's always been done this way"; the silence of "us" as opposed to "you". Above all, the Lord needs our hearts to show his merciful love towards the least, the outcast, the abandoned, the marginalized.

In the Gospel we heard, Matthew tells us of the most important day in his life, the day Jesus called him. The Evangelist clearly records the Lord's rebuke to the Pharisees, so easily given to insidious murmuring: "Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice'" (9:13). It is a finger pointed at the sterile hypocrisy of those who do not want to "dirty the hands", like the priest or the Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan. This is a temptation powerfully present in our own day. It takes the form of closing our hearts to those who have the right, just as we do, to security and dignified living conditions. It builds walls, real or virtual, rather than bridges.

Before the challenges of contemporary movements of migration, the only reasonable response is one of solidarity and mercy. A response less concerned with calculations, than with the need for an equitable distribution of responsibilities, an honest and sincere assessment of the alternatives and a prudent management. A just policy is one at the service of the person, of every person involved; a policy that provides for solutions that can ensure security, respect for the rights and dignity of all; a policy concerned for the good of one's own country, while taking into account that of others in an ever more interconnected world. It is to this world that the young look.

The Psalmist has shown us the right attitude to adopt in conscience before God: "I have chosen the way of faithfulness, I set your ordinances before me" (Ps 119,30). A commitment to faithfulness and right judgement that all of us hope to pursue together with government leaders in our world and all people of good will. For this reason, we are following closely the efforts of the international community to respond to the challenges posed by today's movements of migration by wisely combining solidarity and subsidiarity, and by identifying both resources and responsibilities.

I would like to close with a few words in Spanish, directed particularly to the faithful who have come from Spain.

I wanted to celebrate the fifth anniversary of my visit to Lampedusa with you, who represent rescuers and those rescued on the Mediterranean Sea. I thank the rescuers for embodying in our day the parable of the Good Samaritan, who stopped to save the life of the poor man beaten by bandits. He didn't ask where he was from, his reasons for travelling or his documents... he simply decided to care for him and save his life. To those rescued I reiterate my solidarity and encouragement, since I am well aware of the tragic circumstances that you are fleeing. I ask you to keep being witnesses of hope in a world increasingly concerned about the present, with little vision for the future and averse to sharing. With respect for the culture and laws of the country that receives you, may you work out together the path of integration.

I ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds and to stir our hearts to overcome all fear and anxiety, and to make us docile instruments of the Father's merciful love, ready to offer our lives for our brothers and sisters, as the Lord Jesus did for each of us.

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

Around the Archdiocese...

**Catholic Christian
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Catholic Christian Outreach

Do you want to support the work of the New Evangelization? Jarren Bato is a full-time lay missionary with Catholic Christian Outreach, reaching out to students at the University of British Columbia. If you want to hear more about how you can financially support his ministry, please give Jarren a call at 7788664695 or email at jarren.bato@cco.ca

Vocation LIVE-IN

The Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC, is planning a weekend LIVE-IN for young men who are interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother, and want to see for themselves what seminary life is like.

The LIVE-IN provides an opportunity to spend two days at the Seminary and to become acquainted with other young men who have the priestly or religious vocation in mind.

Information may also be telephoned to 604-826-8715 or faxed to 604-826-8725. Email: frpeterosb@gmail.com

Oblate Corner

DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD THROUGH CONSULTING OUTSIDE OPINIONS

Posted by Frank Santucci



"I admit, my dear good Guibert, your letter had deeply affected me... How could you wish, my dear friend, that it be otherwise, persuaded as I am that the good God has given you to us in answer to our prayers, that he has called you like the apostles with the most evident signs of a truly divine vocation to follow him and to serve him in the ministry which resembles most that which he prescribed for his apostles, with whose work he willed to associate you".

Joseph-Hippolyte Guibert, who was a novice at the time, was going through a crisis of his vocation and had written to Eugene about it. Eugene was still in Paris and consulted the Jesuit Provincial Superior for a discernment opinion on what Guibert was going through.

"Overwhelmed, I put my trust in God, I invoked his holy name and, although I could not doubt what policy I should follow, I was inspired to have recourse to the principal superior of an Order to whom the ways of God are not unknown. You know the result of this initiative. The conclusion permits not the least doubt, leaves not the least anxiety. Your conduct is entirely mapped out and it is not I who speak; but I must say, what is said is just as I thought".

Letter to Joseph-Hippolyte Guibert, 26 June 1823, EO VI n. 109

Eugene then wrote to Hippolyte Courtès, who was the novice master and acting superior in Aix:

"However much I felt sure that the demon was laying a trap for him I was pleased to know the opinion of a man experienced in the ways of God, absolutely independent and consequently in no way influenced by any particular consideration or attachment. Having listened attentively to the very exact account I gave him and to the reading of his letter, he repeated to me perhaps twenty times: There is no doubt that he is called, no doubt that he is called; let him refrain from leaving, it is a trap of the enemy. He told me on this subject the wisest, the most reasonable things in the world. Tell him clearly that there is nothing more common than such doubts, that he chase them away as he would chase thoughts against the Faith or against purity".

Letter to Hippolyte Courtès, 15 June 1823, EO VI n. 108

"Discernment is God's call to intercession, never to faultfinding." *Corrie Ten Boom*

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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PARISH OFFICE

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Tues/Wed/Thurs 10:00am-12noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm
Monday is the Priest's day off.

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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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