



August 26th, 2018  
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Will you also leave me?**



The first reading deals with a covenant-renewal ceremony that took place at Shechem shortly after the people had entered the promised land. Joshua called upon them to make a choice: to serve the God of their fathers or to serve other gods.

All the tribes of Israel declared, 'We will serve the Lord.'

In a similar way Jesus called upon the people who had listened to his discourse on the Bread of Life to make up their minds whether or not they were going to believe in him and follow him. Sadly, apart from the Twelve, many deserted him. Even among the Twelve a traitor lurked.

Even though Jesus was sad to see those people leaving him, he let them go. It wasn't great crowds that excited him. What mattered to him (and what should matter to the Church) was the authenticity and sincerity of those who stayed.

Just as St. Mark's account of the ministry in Galilee ends on a note of disbelief (Fourteenth Sunday), so it is here. And in St. Peter's reaction we have John's parallel to the synoptic scene at Caesarea Philippi (Twenty-fourth Sunday).

**Liturgical celebrations:**

**Monday – St. Monica (memorial)**

St. Monica was born in North Africa in 332 of Christian parents. At a young age, she was given in marriage to Patricius; they had three children. Patricius criticized his wife's piety and her generosity to the poor, but was always respectful of her person. Monica's influence was such that both husband and mother-in-law converted to Christianity. Monica devoted herself to the conversion of her son, Augustine, who had abandoned his Christian faith. All we know about Monica comes from Augustine's Confessions.

**Wednesday – The passion of St. John the Baptist (memorial)**

After John's birth, his father Zechariah spoke Isaiah's prophecy, saying that his son John would prepare the way of the Lord. In his zeal, John reproved Herod the Tetrarch for, among other things, living with Herodias, his brother's wife; the ruler had him imprisoned. On Herod's birthday, Salome, the daughter of Herodias, danced, and Herod was so impressed he told her to ask for whatever she wanted. She consulted her mother, who told her to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod could not refuse to honor his oath. The news of John's death soon reached his disciples who came for the body and laid it in a tomb.

**This Week**

**Monday, August 27**

7:00pm Mass +Elizabeth Wlosinski

**Tuesday, August 28**

9:00am Meeting St. Patrick's Regional H.S. Teachers  
10:30am Meeting Busy Hands Craft Group  
3:00pm Wedding  
7:00pm Mass +Aurelia Pineda

**Wednesday, August 29**

9:00am Meeting St. Augustine's School Staff Retreat  
6:30pm Meeting CWL Executive Committee  
7:00pm Mass +Ibrahim Al-Ashhab

**Thursday, August 30**

8:00am Mass +John Zadra  
6:00pm Meeting ALPHA  
7:00pm Meeting Parish Pastoral Council

**Friday, August 31**

8:00am Mass +Trinidad Campos  
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**Saturday, September 1**

8:00am Mass +Dung Van Ngo  
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary  
1:00pm Wedding  
3:00pm Wedding  
**5:00pm Mass** Int Vocations to the Priesthood

**Sunday, September 2**

**9:00am Mass**  
**11:00am Mass**  
2:00pm Wedding  
**5:00pm Mass**

**OFFERTORY**

We are grateful for these gifts.  
 Sunday Envelopes: \$7,232.60  
 Loose: \$742.10

**MARRIED IN CHRIST**

Alexandra Isabella Stasiuk  
 &  
 Matthew James Cassidy

**Statement on the Recent Revelations of Sexual Abuse in the Church**

To the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver:

Over the past few weeks, a number of very serious accounts of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church have become public. Like you, I am devastated by these accounts of profound evil. What the victims of sexual abuse have endured has shaken me and broken my heart. I grieve for what they

have suffered at the hands of their abusers and by those who betrayed their spiritual fatherhood by failing to protect those entrusted to their pastoral care.

In addition to being sexually abused, many victims were treated very poorly by authorities in the Church. The failure of Church leaders to prevent the abuse, covering it up by moving abusers around, their lack of care and concern for victims: these were grave failures and terribly wrong. We are all rightfully outraged and discouraged by these actions.

As a bishop, I am especially upset with those bishops and priests who failed to protect the most vulnerable among us. They did not live up to their calling as shepherds and, even more, as spiritual fathers. What father would come to know that his child had been abused and do nothing about it? What father would cover up the abuse and tell his child to "get over it" in order to protect the family's "reputation"? Would that they had acted like Jesus, who showed his anger towards those who defiled the temple!

If you are aware of any situation of abuse happening now, please immediately contact law enforcement authorities. If the abuse involves a member of the clergy or any person engaged in ministry in our Archdiocese, please also make us aware. You may find our webpage on reporting abuse at: <http://rcav.org/safe-environment-reporting/> If you know of any sexual abuse that occurred in the past, but have not reported it before, consider doing so now.

For a number of years now, the Archdiocese of Vancouver has had a robust abuse prevention policy in place. We report allegations of sexual abuse to law enforcement. We offer to pay for counselling for victims. We are looking at ways to offer other support as needed.

I call on the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to join me in doing penance in reparation for the grave sins committed within our Church against our brothers and sisters. In order to heal as a community of faith, we must first acknowledge our brokenness before the Lord.

Within the next few weeks, I will issue a pastoral letter outlining our plans, including prayer, fasting and services of reparation in all our parishes at a date to be determined. The pain inflicted on so many victims affects us all and compels each of us to offer our prayers for them and to do penance for the sins committed against them.

Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB  
 Archbishop of Vancouver  
 17 August 2018

**Did You Know...**

Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. We prepare to celebrate the fourth annual World Day of Prayer in September 2018.

The annual Day of Prayer is inspired by his landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared earth.

Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

This World Day of Prayer also falls at the beginning of Creation Time, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

**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...****Save the Date:****ST. AUGUSTINE'S ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER**

Date: Saturday, October 27 at 6:15pm

Venue: Parish Centre

**PREP - Parish Religion Education Program**

is aimed at providing Religious Education to children G1- G7/8 currently attending non catholic schools and who need to be prepared for the sacraments of Initiation - namely First Communion and Confirmation. Please register your child/children at

<http://www.staugustineschurch.ca/prep.html> or contact Ferial at 604 736 4455 Ext 224

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Conference** –This Conference on October 20 -21, 2018 at Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond is OPEN to catechists in PREP, LWC and RCIA. It is a beautiful methodology of teaching the Faith and listening to God with children. It helps adults to deepen one's personal encounter with Christ. For registration and information: [rcav.org/cgs-annual-conference/](http://rcav.org/cgs-annual-conference/)

**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](mailto:prep@staugustineschurch.ca)

**LADIES**

**The Circle of Friends/Lectio Divina** meets the 1st & the 3rd Fridays of each month. Learn how the heart of the Gospel can become more relevant to your daily lives. Join others to be inspired.

10:30-12 noon in the Parish Library.

Barbara@ 604-564-1474.

**Taizé Prayer Service**

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

[parishcouncil@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:parishcouncil@staugustineschurch.ca) or [tao.agnes@gmail.com](mailto:tao.agnes@gmail.com)

**School News...**

Thank you to all those who expressed interest in serving on the Parish Education Committee (PEC).

The members of the PEC for the 2018/2019 school year are as follows

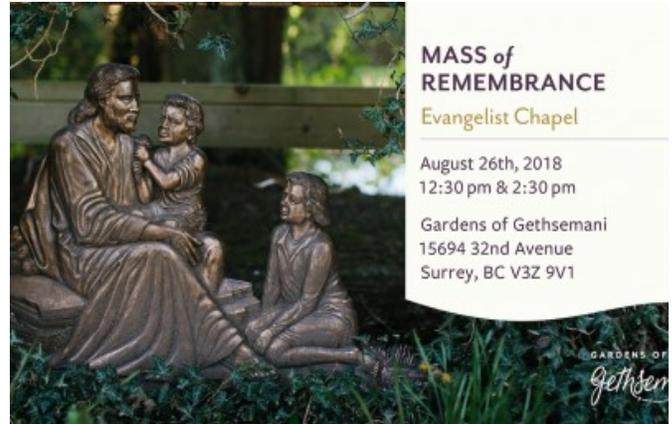
**Chair** – Robert Carvalho**Vice chair** – Carlos Estrada**Treasurer** – Dan Roberts**Secretary** – Liz Flores**Society delegate** – Carolyn Wong Levesque

Philbert Yu

Adam Beaudin-Ball

A special thanks to the departing PEC members, Chiara Hnatiuk and Nick Blesch, for their service.

If you have any questions on the PEC please contact St Augustine's School office.

**Around the Archdiocese...****MASS of REMEMBRANCE**  
Evangelist ChapelAugust 26th, 2018  
12:30 pm & 2:30 pmGardens of Gethsemani  
15694 32nd Avenue  
Surrey, BC V3Z 9V1**Archdiocesan Men's Retreat, Sept. 28- 30 at Rockridge Canyon, Princeton**

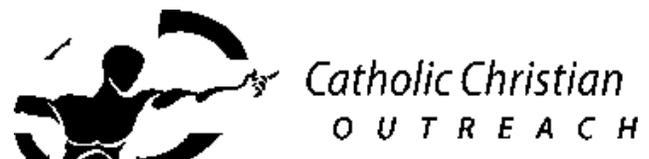
The theme this year is "A Man After God's Own Heart." We will follow the story of King David and rediscover the fulfillment that comes from directing our entire lives toward God. With powerful presentations, time for prayer, sacraments, fellowship, and rest, this retreat offers something for everyone. This is The Men's Retreat you do not want to miss! Registration is now open. For more info visit

[www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat](http://www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat) or contact David Cummings

604-312-7742 or [david@davidcummings.ca](mailto:david@davidcummings.ca).

**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](mailto:jarren.bato@cco.ca)

**Rosary Rally**

September 15, 2018 @ 10:00 am – 11:00 am at Vancouver Art Gallery, South Plaza 800 Robson St, Vancouver, BC

Contact: David Pearce at 604-929-4812

Our Lady said: "Only I can help you." Come to ask her to obtain graces for the world and our families, particularly by praying for the fulfillment of the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. We also recall her 5th apparition to the children at Fatima on 13th September 1917. This rally will be held at the South Plaza of the Art Gallery. God bless and hope to see you there!

**Pro-life Mass & Vigil**

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Saturday, Sep. 1. Mass is at 9:00 a.m. at Gardens of Gethsemani (Evangelist Chapel), Surrey, followed by the Rosary. For upcoming dates visit <http://rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil/>

## 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. The first RCIA meeting is Wednesday evening September 19th. The meetings run 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](mailto:rcia@staugustineschurch.ca) to register.

## What people are saying about RCIA...

*I would have to call myself an accidental Catholic. Before I got here, I identified as non-Christian and held pretty much everything against Christianity and, especially, the Catholic Church.*

*Paradoxically, I had a very strong and totally unexpected conversion experience. I could not ignore it.*

*When I heard about RCIA, I was told that it would be a good place to learn, question and receive the answers to my questions. I was assured that there was no obligation... I could walk away at any time... right up to and including Easter Vigil. I signed up. Questions would be (and were!) received and answered without judgment.*

*For anyone who is considering Catholicism – or anyone who may be sneaking in and out of Masses, as I did – I highly recommend that you sign yourself up for RCIA! It is a lengthy commitment, but one you won't regret. The intelligent and deeply spiritual presentations, the kind and caring people who will guide you through the process are an amazing gift. And, believe me, it doesn't end at Easter Vigil... you will have made close and trusting relationships with a group of people to whom you may still appeal when a question or a difficulty in the practice of "living Catholic" becomes your reality.*

*Blessings on your journey!*

*- Nancy Thome*

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.	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/> Need Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/> 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

## PASTOR

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astendzina@rcav.org

## PARISH OFFICE

Monday & Friday      9:00am-12noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Tues/Wed/Thurs      10:00am-12noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Monday is the Priest's day off.

Email:      parish.saug@rcav.org

## DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Linda Arnold      604.736.4455 x 229

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Ferial Khan      604.736.4455 x 224  
ferial@staugustineschurch.ca

## FAITH AND FOUNDATION

Campaign Office      604.736.4455 x 231  
donate@faithandfoundation.com

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office@staugschool.ca

## 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

## PARISH MINISTRIES

## RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Linda Arnold      rcia@staugustineschurch.ca

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Sonny Harsono      em@staugustineschurch.ca

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