



November 18th, 2018
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR FAITH. OUR FOUNDATION.

SINCE 1911

My words will remain



The first reading this weekend is part of a vision of the prophet Daniel concerning the end of time. It is remarkable because it contains the earliest belief in the resurrection of the dead, and the first mention in the Bible of 'everlasting life'.

In the Gospel we have part of Mark's eschatological discourse. Mark's account is coloured by what has already happened, for example, the persecution of the disciples in synagogues and before governors and kings. He believed that the Second Coming of Jesus

was imminent – a belief common among the early Christians.

The precise time of the end is known only to God. Therefore, the disciples must not allow themselves to be misled by claims and speculations that the end is near but must maintain a constant watchfulness. The purpose of the Lord's glorious coming will not be to execute judgement but to gather his elect.

We share Mark's faith in God's victory in Christ. And, for each of us, the Parousia – the second coming of Jesus will be our meeting with the Son of Man when we pass out of this life into eternal life.

Liturgical celebrations:

Wednesday – The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (memorial)

The feast originated as a commemoration of the dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary's the New in Jerusalem in 543. An apocryphal source recounts that Mary's parents brought their three-year-old daughter to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer her to God, as was the custom. The feast entered the Western calendar in 1585 and it celebrates the recognition of Mary as a temple where God lives.

Thursday – Saint Cecilia (memorial)

Legend claims that a Roman woman named Cecilia was martyred for the faith sometimes in the second or third century, a few days after her husband Valerian was beheaded for refusing to sacrifice to the gods. Her association with music – she is a patron saint of musicians – stems from the story that at her wedding feast she sung to God in her heart.

Saturday – Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions (memorial)

In the 16th century Christian missionaries went to live among the people of Vietnam. From the 17th to 19th centuries, some 130,000 Christians were martyred. Andrew Dung-Lac and Peter Thi, Vietnamese priests were beheaded on December 21, 1839. In June 1988, Pope John Paul II declared 117 Vietnamese martyrs saints of the Church.

This Week

Monday, November 19

7:00pm Mass

Tuesday, November 20

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group

8:00am Mass Int Lumen Dytuco

10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Craft Group

7:00pm Mass +Betty Gielens

7:00pm Meeting Knights of Columbus Executive

7:30pm Meeting Bible Study Group

Wednesday, November 21

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, November 22

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

Friday, November 23

8:00am Mass

10:00am Meeting Moms & Tots

7:00pm Mass +Jean Mary Morrey

Saturday, November 24

8:00am Mass +Ivor Brown +William Webster +John Paul Jones

9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary

1:30pm Wedding

5:00pm Mass + Frances Soavé

Sunday, November 25

9:00am Mass

Bapt Pancake Breakfast

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11:00am Mass Pancake Breakfast

5:00pm Mass

Pope's Prayer Intention

Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$11,658.00
 Loose: \$569.50

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Phoebe Lee Phillips
daughter of
Keith Roderick Phillips & Theresia Lee

MARRIED IN CHRIST

John Matt Evangelista Jabat & Krista Camille Abijero
 Matthew Anthony De Souza & Kate-Lynn Genzel

REST IN PEACE

Betty Violet Gielens

Pope's message

In the parable of today's Gospel, we heard that the bridesmaids, all ten of them, "went forth to meet the bridegroom" (Mt 25:1). For all of us, life is a constant call to go forth: from our mother's womb, from the house where we are born, from

infancy to youth, from youth to adulthood, all the way to our going forth from this world. For ministers of the Gospel too, life is in constant movement, as we go forth from our family home to wherever the Church sends us, from one variety of service to another. We are always on the move, until we make our final journey.

The Gospel shows us the meaning of this constant wayfaring that is life: it is a going forth to meet the Bridegroom. This is what life is meant to be lived for: the call that resounds in the night, according to the Gospel, and which we will hear at the hour of our death: "Here is the Bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" (v. 6). The encounter with Jesus, the Bridegroom who "loved the Church and gave himself up for her" (Eph 5:25), gives meaning and direction to our lives. That and nothing more. It is the finale that illuminates everything that preceded it. Just as the seeding is judged by the harvest, so the journey of life is shaped by its ultimate goal.

If our life is a journey to meet the Bridegroom, it is also the time we have been granted to grow in love. Every day of our lives is a preparation for the wedding banquet, a great period of betrothal. Let us ask ourselves: do I live like someone preparing to meet the Bridegroom? In the ministry, amid all our meetings, activities and paperwork, we must never lose sight of the one thread that holds the entire fabric together: our expectation of the Bridegroom. The centre of it all can only be a heart in love with the Lord. Only in this way will the visible body of our ministry be sustained by an invisible soul. Here we begin to realize what the Apostle tells us in the second reading: "We look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal" (2 Cor 4:18).

Let us not keep our gaze fixed on earthly affairs, but look beyond them. It is true when they say that the really important things are invisible to our eyes. The really important thing in life is hearing the voice of the Bridegroom. That voice asks us daily to catch sight of the Lord who comes, and to make our every activity a means of preparation for his wedding banquet.

"THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER"

This year, we will be celebrating **Saturday, December 8th** the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, as a day of praise and prayer for the strengthening of families and the parish community at large. We invite the entire community to participate in this gathering in St. Augustine's Church at 3pm.

The highlights of this event, the Parish Family Prayer and Praise Gathering, are as follows:

Singing: songs of praise and worship; Marian songs; Offering of prayer intentions; Communal prayers for intercession; Recitation of the Holy Rosary. Both prayer intentions received and prayers for intercession will be offered in the ensuing 5PM Mass.

As last year, the etching of the Holy Family by Giovanni Balestra (1774-1842) will be displayed on the Church sanctuary during the gathering. This art work is visiting our parish as part of a year-round pilgrimage to the various jurisdictions of the Knights of Columbus all over the world; a tradition which has brought together more than 17 million participants in 147, 000 gatherings.



Christmas is the season for families to renew their ties. It is about enjoying the company of your loved ones; about loving, giving and, in some cases, a time for forgiving. It is also a time and blessed opportunity for memorable traditions and faith enrichment for members of our families, especially the young.

On this same evening, after the 5pm Mass, a short candle-lit program will be held outside the Church. Christmas carols will be sung culminating in the lighting of the Christmas Nativity Scene.

Traditional Christmas refreshments such as hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies will be served at the Parish Hall after. Group singing will continue here.

The celebration is open to all parishioners.

Fr. Andrew Stendzina

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 our common home.

Around the Parish

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Part-time position with a partially Flexible Schedule.

Salary commensurate with training and experience. Start date to be determined.

St. Augustine's Parish is seeking someone who has collaboration and organisational skills, ability to train and work with volunteers, and who is passionate about the Gospel and communicating the Gospel message to youth.

The successful candidate will oversee the outreach to the youth of the parish (13-18 year olds) Some facilitation with young adults in the parish may also be part of the role.

Applicants should be practicing Catholics who have some training and experience with youth, have a flexible and positive work attitude, and be able to think critically and theologically about their work. For a copy of the job description please contact Fr. Andrew Stendzina, OMI at astendzina@rcav.org or Linda Arnold at adminsvc.saug@rcav.org.

Letters of application and resumes should be e-mailed to Bill Borgen at parishcouncil@staugustineschurch.ca by December 7th.

Christmas Fair—Sunday December 2nd



The **Bake Table** convenor is requesting parishioners for any donation of home-baked goodies (squares, short bread, tarts, loafs, pies, scones, cookies, etc. etc.); home-made jams and preserves, etc. Please contact Geri for instructions re drop-off place and times at 604-738-1155 or gerifuji@telus.net



Please keep us in mind throughout November for donations of gift items, raffle prizes, Christmas decorations, baked goods, jams, etc. Fine China would be appreciated, especially the 3 tiered cake plates (hard to acquire) for future use at our High Tea events. If you cannot deliver, please call Lurana at 604-736-3182 for pick-up. We are unable to accept rummage items for this event.

Taize Prayer Service

Come and experience a quiet meditative Taizé prayer service with candle-light, 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

The monthly Taizé Prayer Service is on every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

TaizePrayer@staugustineschurch.ca or Agnes Tao: 604.868.8063



Greeters Ministry

Our newest ministry, Greeters, is looking for families and people of all ages. Email Karen at greeters@staugustineschurch.ca or 604-736-4455 ext 200

Liturgy of the Word for Children

is hoping to expand to some of the 11 am Masses during the month - email Eileen at lwc@staugustineschurch.ca or leave a message at 604-736-4455 ext 200 if you are willing to be a presider.

The Food Collection Group

for The DOOR is OPEN thanks you for your generous response to the request for extra donations of tuna in the Oct.20/21 collection. They feed approximately 400 for lunch daily .

School News...

Fall Campaign Update

Thank you for your generosity towards our annual campaign to support the completion of our new school.

We have now raised over \$350,000! More than 80 percent of school families have made a contribution and the goal is to reach 100%. We encourage all parishioners to prayerfully consider making a gift. Our goal is to reach \$500,000 by the end of 2018.

You can deposit your gift at the school or parish office, in the Sunday collection or at the Faith and Foundation table at the entrance of the church. If you are writing a cheque please make it out to: St. Augustine Parish School Building Fund.

For more information about the school and the campaign please visit: FaithandFoundation.com. If you have any questions about how to give or about our annual campaign please contact us at: 604-734-4455 Ext 231.

Luncheon for Seniors

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

Venue – The School; Date/Time—Friday Dec. 7th at 12:00 pm

Cost – No cost

As there is maximum seating, please RSVP by Nov. 27th to

Geri Fujisawa at 604-738-1155 or gerifuji@telus.net

Some Parking will be available at the School

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This site has numerous Advent resources aimed at Children, Teens and Adults.

Oblate Corner..



200 YEARS AGO: NOTA BENE – TAKE NOTE!

Posted by Frank Santucci

Having reflected on the damage caused to the Church Eugene dipped his quill into the inkwell and launched into an impassioned reflection of the vocation of the Missionary. NOTA BENE, he writes: take note!

The text that follows is known to us as "The Preface" in the form in which we have received it.

Eugene aimed to counteract the ravage caused by bad priests by holding up the ideal of what the Oblate Missionary priest is

What more sublime purpose than that of their Institute!

Their founder is Jesus Christ, the very Son of God;
their first fathers are the Apostles.

They are called to be the Saviour's co-workers, the co-redeemers of mankind.

1818 Rule, Part One, Chapter One. The ends of the Institute, §3. Nota Bene.

Missions, 78 (1951) p. 15

Here in a succinct manner is the kernel of the Missionary vocation for all who are inspired to live by Eugene's dream.

The monasteries had been pioneers of education in Europe, this it was this concern for the youth that also motivated Eugene in his youth ministry.

Article 3. Once again, that is why the members of this Society engage as well in instructing youth about their religious duties in order to turn them away from vice and dissipation and to render them fit to fulfill fittingly the obligations that religion and society can legitimately expect of them in the various social positions they are destined to fill

1818 Rule, Part One, Chapter One. The ends of the Institute, §2. Missions, 78 (1951) p.13-14

With the fall of Napoleon, the monastic orders began to be restored, and the concern of Eugene was no longer necessary, except to learn from their example in their journey towards the ideal of the fullness of life in God.

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

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PARISH OFFICE

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Monday is the Priest's day off.

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FAITH AND FOUNDATION

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donate@faithandfoundation.com

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BAPTISM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

604.736.4455 x 221

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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