



January 20th, 2019
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR FAITH. OUR FOUNDATION.

SINCE 1911

Wedding feast at Cana



The First Reading contains a message of hope for God's people at one of the lowest moments in their history. Jerusalem lay in ruins. The city's plight reflected that of the nation as a whole. Israel, once God's bride, was now like a widow bereft of children. However, her husband, God, has not forgotten her. There will be a new

wedding feast, and God and his people will be like newlyweds again.

This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, who replaced the old order with the new. This is symbolized by the changing of water into wine. The miracle of Cana links this Sunday with the feast of the Epiphany and with Jesus' Baptism – all are epiphanies of his glory.

John depicts Mary as involved at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and again at the end of it when she is present at the foot of the Cross. Mary is thus associated with the whole of his ministry. But her role must always be seen in relation to that of her Son.

Liturgical celebrations:

Monday – Saint Agnes (memorial)

The feast of St. Agnes has been celebrated on this day since the 4th century. She was likely born in the early years of the 4th century, and was martyred at the age of 12 during a Roman persecution. She is a symbol of virginal innocence and has been pictured with lamb as a symbol of this innocence since the Middle Ages. She stands as patron saint for many people, including girls, gardeners and engaged couples.

Thursday – Saint Francis de Sales (memorial)

A leader of the Catholic Reformation, Francis was born in France in 1567. After obtaining doctorates in both canon and civil law, Francis chose religious life. He lived a life of simplicity, sharing with the poor. Wise and intelligent, he emphasized both the loving kindness of God and human capacity for love.

Friday – The Conversion of Saint Paul (feast)

The conversion of St. Paul was a turning point in the history of the early Church. Saul, as Paul was first known, was a tent maker from Tarsus who zealously persecuted the followers of Christ. While traveling on the road to Damascus, he was struck down amidst a blinding light from heaven. Paul's zeal for the risen Jesus led him to become a passionate follower and later a teacher of the nations.

Saturday – Saint Timothy and Saint Titus (memorial)

These two men were disciples of St. Paul, and Paul's letters to them are found in the New Testament. Timothy was a close friend of Paul, working with Paul in his ministry. He died a martyr's death in 67 AD. Paul named Titus bishop of Crete. He is said to have delighted in the innate goodness of others, and drew people to him for his kindness. Titus is said to have died of old age.

This Week

Monday, January 21

7:00pm Mass +Dung Van Ngo

Tuesday, January 22

8:00am Mass +Julie Seibold
6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Craft & Social Group
6:30pm Meeting Spiritual Renovation Committee
7:00pm Mass +Pio Bugasto Sison
7:30pm Meeting Bible Study Group

Wednesday, January 23

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass +Theresa Rubianto
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Thursday, January 24

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass Int Maria Mota

Friday, January 25

8:00am Mass Int Ferial Khan
10:00am Meeting Moms & Tots Play Group
7:00pm Mass +Antonio Costosa

Saturday, January 26

8:00am Mass
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
6:00pm Event Pass The Torch Dinner (Private function)
5:00pm Mass Int Fr. Richard Beaudette, OMI

Sunday, January 27

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass
Bapt
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5:00pm Mass

Pope's Prayer Intention for January:

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$7,577.00
 Loose: \$617.35

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Dominic Mateo Fermill
son of Arturo Fermill & Jacqueline Juan

Lyra Ann Johns
daughter of Brian Johns & Tiffany Bilodeau

Pope's Message

This year I wanted to celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees with a Mass that invites and welcomes you especially who are migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Some of you have recently arrived in Italy, others are long-time residents and work here, and still others make up the so-called "second-generation".

For everyone in this assembly, the Word of God has resonated and today invites us to deepen the special call that the Lord addresses to each one of us. As he did with Samuel (cf 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19), he calls us by name - each one of us - and asks us to honour the fact that each of us has been created a unique and unrepeatable being, each different from the others and each with a singular role in the history of the world. In the Gospel (cf Jn 1:35-42), the two disciples of John ask Jesus, "Where do you live?" (v. 38), implying that the reply to this question would determine their judgment upon the master from Nazareth. The response of Jesus is clear: "Come and see!" (v. 39), and opens up to a personal encounter which requires sufficient time to welcome, to know and to acknowledge the other.

In the Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees I have written, "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Mt 25:35,43)." And for the stranger, the migrant, the refugee, the asylum seeker and the displaced person, every door in a new land is also an opportunity to encounter Jesus. His invitation "Come and see!" is addressed today to all of us, to local communities and to new arrivals. It is an invitation to overcome our fears so as to encounter the other, to welcome, to know and to acknowledge him or her. It is an invitation which offers the opportunity to draw near to the other and see where and how he or she lives. In today's world, for new arrivals to welcome, to know and to acknowledge means to know and respect the laws, the culture and the traditions of the countries that take them in. It even includes understanding their fears and apprehensions for the future. And for local communities to welcome, to know and to acknowledge newcomers means to open themselves without prejudices to their rich diversity, to understand the hopes and potential of the newly arrived as well as their fears and vulnerabilities.

True encounter with the other does not end with welcome, but involves us all in the three further actions which I spelled out in the Message for this Day: to protect, to promote and to integrate. In the true encounter with the neighbour, are we capable of recognizing Jesus Christ who is asking to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated? As the Gospel parable of the final judgment teaches us: the Lord was hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, a stranger and in prison -- by some he was helped and by others not.

(cf Mt 25:31-46).

This true encounter with Christ is source of salvation, a salvation which should be announced and brought to all, as the apostle Andrew shows us. After revealing to his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah" (Jn 1:41), Andrew brings him to Jesus so that Simon can have the same experience of encounter.

It is not easy to enter into another culture, to put oneself in the shoes of people so different from us, to understand their thoughts and their experiences. As a result we often refuse to encounter the other and raise barriers to defend ourselves. Local communities are sometimes afraid that the newly arrived will disturb the established order, will 'steal' something they have long laboured to build up. And the newly arrived also have fears: they are afraid of confrontation, judgment, discrimination, failure. These fears are legitimate, based on doubts that are fully comprehensible from a human point of view. Having doubts and fears is not a sin. The sin is to allow these fears to determine our responses, to limit our choices, to compromise respect and generosity, to feed hostility and rejection. The sin is to refuse to encounter the other, the different, the neighbour, when this is in fact a privileged opportunity to encounter the Lord.

From this encounter with Jesus present in the poor, the rejected, the refugee, the asylum seeker, flows our prayer of today. It is a reciprocal prayer: migrants and refugees pray for local communities, and local communities pray for the newly arrived and for migrants who have been here longer. To the maternal intercession of Mary Most Holy we entrust the hopes of all the world's migrants and refugees and the aspirations of the communities which welcome them. In this way, responding to the supreme commandment of charity and love of neighbour, may we all learn to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves.

Celebrating 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Canada

January 18 – 25, 2019



Every year, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

For over 40 years, our Canadian ecumenical writing team has adapted the Week of Prayer materials developed by the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity for the Canadian context. We also create additional English and French resources for the use of Canadian communities and share them, as well as information about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebrations across Canada, on weekofprayer.ca / semainedepriere.ca, and via social media.

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...**St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League Installation of Officers****St. Augustine's Parish Donations**

St. Augustine's is thankful for your donations. If you would prefer you can support St. Augustine's by making an automatic gift each month from either your bank account or your credit card. If you would like to sign up for a debit or credit card donation please download the fillable PDF pre-authorization form found on

our web-site and return it to the parish office. The pre-authorization form can also be found in the foyer of the Church.

School News...**Fourteenth Luncheon for all the Seniors of St. Augustine's Parish**

Venue – The School; Date/Time – Monday – Feb. 4th Cost – No cost

As there is maximum seating, please RSVP – by Jan. 22nd to Geri Fujisawa at 604-738-1155 or gerifujiji@telus.net

Some Parking will be available at the School

Blessed Sacrament School, located at 14th /Heather is the only **Catholic French Immersion School in Vancouver**. We have a few spaces available in Grades 3-6 for next year. As we are a French Immersion School, students enrolling after kindergarten must have already attended another French Immersion or Francophone school.

We provide a solid educational programme that instills passion for learning, love of French and dedication to our Faith. Check out our website at www.ess.vancouver.bc.ca or call 604 876 7211 for more information or to arrange an interview with the principal.



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Featured on formed.org "Divine Mercy is the Second Greatest Story Ever Told" Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary of Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. The vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

Around the Archdiocese...**Mass of Remembrance**

Join us for our monthly Mass of Remembrance as we pray for our family members that have passed away this month on January 27th. Masses are at 12:30pm and 2:30pm in our Evangelist Chapel, at Gardens of Gethsemani - 15800 32 Ave, Surrey.

The Catholic Faith – in plain English

Learn the teachings and practices of the Catholic Faith in this robust course. This course is suitable for all adult learners including Catholics and non-Catholics. It will be especially useful for anyone who teaches religious education (PREP, RCIA, Catholics Schools), anyone in lay ministry (youth ministry, young adult ministry, prayer group leaders), and anyone seeking deeper answers to their questions. You can attend all sessions or drop in for specific topics as you please; there is no cost or pre-registration required.

This course will be taught by Fr. Vincent Hawkswell (retired pastor and BC Catholic editor) and Maureen Creelman (retired high school math and physics teacher). This course now runs every Sunday until June 2 (2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre), repeated Monday until June 3 (9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Parish in West Vancouver and 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre). For more information and for the list of topics and dates, visit <https://rcav.org/adult-catechesis-course>.

Come Away With Me – Women's Retreat

Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, 7 p.m. to Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019, 4 p.m.

Westminster Abbey, Mission, B.C.

You are warmly invited to Come Away for a while for an opportunity to deepen your prayer life and discern where God is leading you. Are you seeking for a way to experience God's love and compassion? Come and discover how your relationship with God can be deepened by learning how to trust in God's word through prayer, discernment, music, and friendship.

Speaker: Anne Wicks – Spiritual Companion, Retreat Facilitator

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Hieu Nguyen

Registration: Early bird registration (by Nov. 16, 2018) – \$200; Standard rate (after Nov. 16, 2018) – \$215

Includes your private room and 5 meals. Transportation is not provided.

Contact Information: Joanne McGowan – 604-946-2932 or contact

mcgowanj@dccnet.com; Linda Dixon – 604-946-7268 / gldsd@eastlink.ca

"Come away with me... to a quiet place and find rest" – Mk. 6:31

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling, the kids and trying to keep up with the house and yard? Tell him or her they are still #1 in your life... share a Non-Residential Worldwide Marriage Encoun-

ter Weekend with each other.

April 13-14, 2019 at the JP II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver, BC.

Register at rcav.org Questions?: wmevancouverbc@gmail.com or

Sharon & Glen 778 386 2908.

Oblate Corner..



17 FEBRUARY 1826: THE CHURCH RECOGNIZES THAT EUGENE'S FOUNDATION IS A GOD-GIVEN CHARISM FOR US TODAY

Posted by Frank Santucci

The following day, Eugene wrote this good news from Rome to his Oblate brothers in France:

My dear brothers, on February 17, 1826, yesterday evening, the Sovereign Pontiff Leo XII confirmed the decision of the congregation of Cardinals and specifically approved the Institute, the Rules and Constitutions of the Missionary Oblates of the Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin Mary, and accompanied this solemn act of his pontifical power, with most admiring words for those who happily form this Society from which the head of the Church indeed expects the greatest good.

Everyone is stupefied at this. Even those called upon to contribute with their votes to the execution of the very emphatic will of the Pope, are surprised by the unanimous agreement of views and especially with the imperturbable resolution of the Holy Father, whom nothing has been able to deter from the first thought with which the Holy Spirit inspired him on the first day that I knelt at his feet and presented to him the plan of this enterprise which now we can call divine...

The conclusion to be drawn from this, my dear friends and good brothers, is: we must work, with renewed ardour and still more total devotedness, to bring to God all the glory that stems from our efforts and, to the needy souls of our neighbours, salvation in all possible ways; we must attach ourselves heart and soul to our Rules and practice [more] exactly what they prescribe to us...

... In the name of God, let us be saints.

Letter to the Oblates, 18 February 1826, EO VII, n. 226

Today:

"On October 7, 2016, at the gathering of Chapter members with the Holy Father, the message he delivered and his presence with us created a holy encounter. We experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Everyone was filled with immense love for the Congregation and with hope and joy for our future. That visit with Pope Francis made me relive the words our Founder penned on August 15, 1822 referring to "...our dear Society. It seemed to me that what I saw, what I could put my finger on, was that within her lies hidden the germ of very great virtues, and that she can achieve infinite good; I found her worthy, everything pleased me about her, I cherished her rules, her statutes; her ministry seemed sublime to me, as it is indeed. I found in her bosom sure means of salvation, even infallible, such is how they looked to me" (*Selected Texts p. 119*). These words of Saint Eugene bless us today."

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	
Mailing Address	
City	Phone
Postal Code	Email
Comments	

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