



January 27th, 2019
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Today we begin the consecutive reading of Luke's Gospel, which was originally joined to Luke's other work, the Acts of the Apostles. The way the story is told prepares us for what happens in Acts.

When the Jews returned home after the exile in Babylon, the nation had to be rebuilt. Ezra

was entrusted with that task. He brought back with him from Babylon the book of the Law of Moses which he solemnly read to the people. Thus he called upon them to rededicate themselves to God.

The Gospel shows Jesus too proclaiming the word of God. In the synagogue at Nazareth, he makes his own the passage from Isaiah, and uses it to announce a programme for his ministry. He is sent, not to the wealthy or the powerful, but to the poor and lowly, the oppressed and the suffering. Here we see Luke's concern for the poor and the afflicted.

Who are the poor? The poor are all the dispossessed of this world, all those who are waiting for liberation. The good news must not be limited to spiritual blessings only. But the poor are also those who live on bread alone and who never hear the Word of God.

Liturgical celebrations:

Monday – Saint Thomas Aquinas (memorial)

Saint Thomas Aquinas is one of the greatest minds in the history of the Church. A prodigious writer, his most famous work is the *Summa Theologica*, one of the greatest examples of theological thought ever composed. St. Thomas Aquinas is a patron saint of universities and schools.

Thursday - Saint John Bosco (memorial)

St. John Bosco popularly known as Don Bosco was an Italian priest, educator and writer of the 19th century. While working in Turin, where the population suffered many of the effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the Salesian Preventive System.

Bosco established a network of organizations and centres to carry on his work. Following his beatification in 1929, he was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934.

Saturday – The Presentation of the Lord (feast)

According to Mosaic Law, a new mother was considered unclean for 40 days after she had given birth. At the end of that period she would enter the temple with her child, bringing and offering to be cleansed by prayer. Today's feast commemorates Mary's submission to that process and also to the presentation of Jesus in the temple. The observance of this feast started in 4th-century Jerusalem. In the Middle Ages, a tradition began of blessing candles and holding a procession of light on this day

This Week

Monday, January 28

6:30pm Meeting Catholic Women's League Executive
7:00pm Mass Int Kathleen Thompson

Tuesday, January 29

8:00am Mass Int Sancta Maria House
6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
6:00pm Meeting Faith and Foundation
7:00pm Mass +Connie Orr
7:30pm Meeting Bible Study Group

Wednesday, January 30

8:00am Mass Int Gashi family
7:00pm Mass Int Stephen Sharp
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Thursday, January 31

8:00am Mass Int Katie
7:00pm Mass +Stefan Jurencyk

Friday, February 1

8:00am Mass Int Gail Delahunty
10:30am Meeting Ladies Circle of Friends
7:00pm Mass Int Monika & family, Oskar & family

Saturday, February 2

8:00am Mass +Vic Martinez
9:00am Meeting Development & Peace Workshop
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
5:00pm Mass +John Mulqueen
Food Collection

Sunday, February 3

9:00am Mass +Christine Guerrero
Food Collection
11:00am Mass
Food Collection
5:00pm Mass
Food Collection

Pope's Prayer Intention for February:

Universal: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution and of violence.

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$8,694.00
 Loose: \$783.30

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Mia Giuseppina Nardi
daughter of Paolo Nardi & Megan Harris

Vincent Bevan Adolfo Field
son of Vanson Field & Janet Adolfo

REST IN PEACE

Laurette Marie Des Roches

Pope's Message

Today marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in which all of us are asked to implore from God this great gift. Christian unity is a fruit of God's grace, and we must dispose ourselves to accept it with generous and open hearts.

This evening I am particularly pleased to pray together with representatives of other Churches present in Rome, and I offer them a fraternal and heartfelt greeting. I also greet the ecumenical delegation from Finland, the students of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, who are visiting Rome to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Church. My greeting also goes to the young Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox students sponsored by the Committee for Cultural Collaboration with Orthodox Churches of the Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

The Book of Deuteronomy sees the people of Israel encamped in the plains of Moab, about to enter the land that God promised them. Here Moses, as a kind father and the leader appointed by the Lord, repeats the Law to the people, and instructs and reminds them that they must live with fidelity and justice once they have been established in the Promised Land.

The passage we have just heard shows how to celebrate the three main feasts of the year: Pesach (Passover), Shavuot (Weeks), Sukkot (Tabernacles). Each of these feasts requires Israel to give thanks for the good things received from God. The celebration of a feast calls for everyone's participation. No one is to be excluded: "And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your son and your daughter, your manservant and your maidservant, the Levite who is within your towns, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are among you, at the place which the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there" (Deut 16:11).

Each of these feasts requires a pilgrimage to the "place that the Lord will choose, to make his name dwell there" (v. 2). There the faithful Israelite must come before God. Though the Israelites had been slaves in Egypt, lacking personal possessions, they are not to "appear before the Lord empty-handed" (v. 16); the gift of each is to correspond to the blessing received from the Lord. In this way, all will receive their share of the country's wealth and will benefit from God's goodness.

It should not surprise us that the biblical text passes from the celebration of the three principal feasts to the appointment of judges. The feasts themselves exhort the people to justice, stating that all are fundamentally equal and all equally dependent on God's mercy. They also invite all to share with others the gifts they have received. Rendering honour and glory to the Lord in these yearly feasts goes hand in hand with rendering honour and justice to one's neighbour, especially the weak and those in need.

that is not simply the case in Indonesia; it is a situation we see worldwide. When society is no longer based on the principle of solidarity and the common good, we witness the scandal of people living in utter destitution amid skyscrapers, grand hotels and luxurious shopping centres, symbols of incredible wealth. We have forgotten the wisdom of the Mosaic law: if wealth is not shared, society is divided.

Saint Paul, writing to the Romans, applies the same thinking to the Christian community: those who are strong must bear with the weak. It is not Christian "to please ourselves" (15:1). Following Christ's example, we are to make every effort to build up those who are weak. Solidarity and shared responsibility must be the laws that govern the Christian family.

As God's holy people, we too constantly find ourselves on the threshold of entering the Lord's promised kingdom. Yet, since we are also divided, we need to recall God's summons to justice. Christians too risk adopting the mentality known to the ancient Israelites and contemporary Indonesians, namely that in the pursuit of wealth, we forget about the weak and those in need. It is easy to forget the fundamental equality existing among us: that once we were all slaves to sin, that the Lord saved us in baptism and called us his children. It is easy to think that the spiritual grace granted us is our property, something to which we are due, our property. The gifts we have received from God can also blind us to the gifts given to other Christians. It is a grave sin to belittle or despise the gifts that the Lord has given our brothers and sisters, and to think that God somehow holds them in less esteem. When we entertain such thoughts, we allow the very grace we have received to become a source of pride, injustice and division.

World Day for Consecrated Life – February 2, 2019

The World Day for Consecrated Life was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, a day of prayer for those women and men who have devoted their lives to God in consecrated life.

This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

This year the World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Vancouver on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 12 p.m. Please come and join the Archbishop and the Consecrated Religious for Mass. All are welcome. Reserved seating and more information are available at 604-683-0281.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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...

Development & Peace—Share Lent Workshop

Free workshop (everyone welcome), *Share the Journey*, on Saturday, February 2 from 10am to 1pm at St. Augustine's Parish, 2028 W 7th Ave, Vancouver. If you are interested in refugees, social justice, and the Catholic Church response, this is the workshop for you! For more information or to register, contact: pinky.devpeace@gmail.com or 604-612-9677.

Dear Parishioner,

On behalf of St. Augustine's Community Life Committee, we wish to let you know of an upcoming initiative to enhance our Parish Family community. At all Masses on the weekend of February 16th/17th we will be inviting parishioners to wear name tags displaying their first name only. Materials for the name tags will be provided at the entrance to Church before service begins. Of course, this invitation is voluntary and there is no obligation to participate. We do encourage everyone to take part in this and other Parish initiatives aimed at allowing us to all become one family in Church during the celebration of Mass. There will be some refreshments after Mass for us to get to know each other a little better.

- Community Life Committee.

The Art of Keeping Kids Catholic

Thursday February 28, 2019 7:00pm to 9:00pm

St. Augustine's Parish Hall

Speaker: Dolores Madaisky, B.A. in Psychology, M.A. in Family Studies

Host: Catherine Leung, Moms & Tots Ministry

Join Dolores Madaisky, a sought after speaker for schools, parishes, and the Vancouver Diocese, for an evening presentation and mini workshop to help equip us with the skills for engaging and keeping children in the faith. Registration:

Online: <https://eventgrid.com/Events/39898/the-art-of-keeping-kids-catholic> Email: faithformation@staugustineschurch.ca

(604) 736-445 Ext.200



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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.

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 gerifuji@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.

Around the Archdiocese...

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.

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

\$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 Encounter Weekend with each other.

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

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

Sharon & Glen 778 386 2908.

Oblate Corner..

25 January 1816 – Recalling Our Founding Story

Posted by Frank Santucci



The all-important first day of community life for the Missionaries was obviously a story often repeated in all its details.

Here Eugene is writing to the novices and scholastics who were in Billens, Switzerland, to escape the dangers of the anti-religious persecution by the government of Louis Philippe. He narrates the story of the beginning of their religious family, and draws a conclusion linked with the vow of poverty and the call to simplicity.

Tomorrow I celebrate the anniversary of the day, sixteen years ago, I left my mother's house to go and set up house at the Mission. Father Tempier had taken possession of it some days before. Our lodging had none of the splendour of the mansion at Billens, and whatever deprivations you may be subject to, ours were greater still. My camp-bed was placed in the small passageway which leads to the library: it was then a large room used as a bedroom for Father Tempier and for one other whose name we no longer mention amongst us. It was also our community room. One lamp was all our lighting and, when it was time for bed, it was placed in the doorway to give light to all three of us.

The table that adorned our refectory was one plank laid alongside another, on top of two old barrels. We have never enjoyed the blessing of such poverty since the time we took the vow. Without question, it was a foreshadowing of the state of perfection that we now live so imperfectly. I highlight this wholly voluntary deprivation deliberately (it would have been easy to put a stop to it and to have everything that was needed brought from my mother's house) so as to draw the lesson that God in his goodness was directing us even then, and really without us having yet given it a thought, towards the evangelical counsels which we were to profess later on. It is through experiencing them that we learnt their value.

I assure you we lost none of our merriment; on the contrary, as this new way of life was in quite striking contrast with that we had just left, we often found ourselves having a hearty laugh over it. I owed this tribute to the memory of our first day of common life. How happy I would be to live it now with you!

Letter to Jean-Baptiste Mille and the novices and scholastics,

24 January 1831, O.W. VIII n.383

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	

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

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