



Rejecting the Prophet

The First Reading tells us of the call and commissioning of the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet and was so overwhelmed by the sheer burden of it. He stands out as a lonely figure whose mission seemed to have failed. He is the supreme example, until Jesus, of the triumph of failure.

The Gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's reading. We see the reaction to the homily Jesus gave in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people can't believe that the words of Isaiah could apply to him, the humble son of Joseph. On hearing that the benefits they have rejected will be offered to the Gentiles, the people rise up in fury and attempt to do away with Jesus. This foreshadows the ultimate fate of Jesus; but his hour has not yet come.

St. Paul has been speaking of gifts and charisms. But here (Second Reading) he stresses the supreme importance of love. Without love all these gifts are useless.

Liturgical celebrations:

Tuesday – Saint Agatha (memorial)

Agatha is known mainly through legend. She died during the time of the Decian persecution. After she was tortured, the apostle Peter is supposed have appeared and cured her. The following day she died in prison of new cruelties. She is considered a patron of miners, alpine guides and nurses.

Wednesday – Saint Paul Miki and Companions (memorial)

Jesuit seminarian Paul Miki went to his martyrdom professing his faith. On February 6, 1597, he and 25 companions, clergy and lay, were killed for their faith in Nagasaki, Japan. Paul Miki is the patron saint of Japan.

This Week

Monday, February 4

11:00am Funeral +Thomas Powers
7:00pm Mass +Aldo Gambini

Tuesday, February 5

8:00am Mass +Souls of all Priests
6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
6:00pm Confessions Grade II First Communion
7:00pm Mass +John Kevin O'Donnell

Wednesday, February 6

8:00am Mass +Dung Van Ngo
9:15am Mass St. Augustine's School
7:00pm Mass +Dao Van Nguyen
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Thursday, February 7

8:00am Mass Int Joe Boileau
7:00pm Mass +Myra Gateley & Mother

Friday, February 8

8:00am Mass Private Intention
10:00am Meeting Moms & Tots Play Group
7:00pm Mass +Laurette Marie Des Roches

Saturday, February 9

8:00am Mass Private Intention
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
2:00pm Wedding
5:00pm Mass
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Event CWL Meet & Greet

Sunday, February 10

9:00am Mass CWL General Meeting
11:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass +Jerry Burke

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: \$8,222.00
 Loose: \$722.20

REST IN PEACE

Audrey Schindelka
 Thomas Powers

Pope's Message

"The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them: 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing'" (Lk 4:20-21).

With these words, the Gospel presents the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It started in the synagogue that saw him grow up; he was in the midst of neighbours and people he knew, and perhaps even some of his childhood "catechists" who had taught him the Law. It was an important moment in the life of the Master: the child who was educated and grew up in that community, stood up and took the floor to proclaim and put into action God's dream. A word previously proclaimed only as a future promise, but now, on the lips of Jesus alone, could be spoken in the present tense, as it became a reality: "Today it has been fulfilled".

Jesus reveals the now of God, who comes to meet us and call us to take part in his now of "proclaiming good news to the poor... bringing liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, setting at liberty those who are oppressed, announcing the year of the Lord's favour" (Lk 4:18-19). This is the now of God. It becomes present with Jesus: it has a face, it is flesh. It is a merciful love that does not wait for ideal or perfect situations to show itself, nor does it accept excuses for its appearance. It is God's time, that makes every situation and place both right and proper. In Jesus, the promised future begins and becomes life.

When? Now. Yet not everyone who was listening felt invited or called. Not all the residents of Nazareth were prepared to believe in someone they knew and had seen grow up, and who was now inviting them to realize a long-awaited dream. Not only that, but they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" (Lk 4:22).

The same thing can also happen with us. We do not always believe that God can be that concrete and commonplace, that close and real, and much less that he can become so present and work through somebody like a neighbour, a friend, a relative. We do not always believe that the Lord can invite us to work and soil our hands with him in his Kingdom in that simple and blunt a way. It is hard to accept that "God's love can become concrete and can almost be experienced in history with all its painful and glorious vicissitudes" (BENEDICT XVI, General Audience, 28 September 2005).

Often we too behave like the neighbours in Nazareth: we prefer a distant God: nice, good, generous, well depicted, yet far-off, and above all a God who does not inconvenience us, a "domesticated" God. Because a close and everyday God, a God who is friend and brother, demands that we be concerned with our surroundings, everyday affairs and above all fraternity. God chose not to reveal himself as an angel or in some spectacular way, but to give us a face that is fraternal and friendly, concrete and familiar. God is real because love is real; God is concrete because love is concrete. Indeed, this "concrete manifestation of love is one of the essential elements in the life of Christians" (BENEDICT XVI, Homily, 1 March 2006).

We can also run the same risks as the neighbours at Nazareth, when within our communities the Gospel seeks to be lived concretely. We begin to say: But these young people, aren't they the children of Mary, Joseph, aren't they the brothers and sisters of... related to...? Are these not the youngsters we saw grow up? They should keep quiet; how can we believe them? That one over there, wasn't he the one who kept breaking windows with his ball? What was born as prophecy and proclamation of the kingdom of God gets domesticated and impoverished. Wanting to domesticate the word of God is a daily temptation.

You too, dear young people, can experience this whenever you think that your mission, your vocation, even your life itself, is a promise far off in the future, having nothing to do with the present. As if being young were a kind of waiting room, where we sit around until we are called. And in the "meantime", we adults or you yourselves invent a hygienically sealed future, without consequences, where everything is safe, secure and "well insured". We don't want to offer you a laboratory kind of future. This is a "make-believe" happiness, not the happiness of today, of what is concrete, of love. And so, with this "make-believe" happiness, we "tranquilize" you, we numb you into keeping quiet, so that you don't make too much of a nuisance, so that you don't question yourselves or question us; and in that "meantime" your dreams lose their buoyancy, they seem to move slowly, they begin to become flat and dreary, petty and plaintive (cf. Palm Sunday Homily, 25 March 2018). Only because we think, or you think, that your now has not yet come, that you are too young to be involved in dreaming about and working for the future. And that's how we keep procrastinating... And do you know something? A lot of young people like this. Please let us help them to not like this, to rebel, and to want to live the "now" of God.

Brothers and sisters, the Lord and his mission are not a "meantime" in our life, something temporary, they are not only a World Day of Youth, they are our life today, our life of journeying ahead!

In a special way throughout these days, Mary's fiat has been whispering like a kind of music in the background. She not only believed in God and in his promises as something possible, she believed God himself and dared to say "yes" to taking part in this now of the Lord. She felt she had a mission; she fell in love and that decided everything. May you feel that you have a mission, may you fall in love; the Lord will decide everything.

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...***Catholic Women's League (CWL) News**

February 9 & 10 weekend - CWL recruitment weekend

February 10 after the 9 am Mass - General meeting with speaker Sr. Nancy Brown on the topic of Human Trafficking.

March 4 - Sister's Appreciation Dinner

Invitation to all the women in the Parish,**February 10th after the 9 am Mass.**

The CWL is having a meet & greet and a talk on Human Trafficking, February 10th after the 9am Sunday Mass. The presenter is Sr. Nancy Brown Sister Nancy Brown, a Sister of Charity of Halifax, who was awarded the Order of British Columbia in recognition of her dedication to women, homeless youth and young people at risk for human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Community Life

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) 736-4455 Ext.200

Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council

Nomination forms for upcoming Parish Pastoral Council elections will be available at the back of the Church from Saturday February 9th to Sunday evening February 28th. To be eligible for election potential candidates must be registered and active parishioners of St. Augustine's Parish and agree to be nominated.

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Opening up the Treasures of the Mass

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of thirty-one beautifully produced short videos. Because each episode comes with a discussion guide with references, Elements of the Catholic Mass is ideal for personal faith formation or group discussion.

Presenter Bio

Fr. Douglas Martis is the featured expert in the first season of "Elements of the Catholic Mass." He has a doctorate in Sacramental Theology from the Institut Catholique in Paris and a Ph.D. in History of Religions and Religious Anthropology from the University of Paris (Sorbonne). He is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet and a former Associate Professor of Sacramental Theology and Chairperson of the Department of Liturgy and Music at Mundelein Seminary. From 2004-2016 he served as Director of the Liturgical Institute of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake.

*Around the Archdiocese...***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.

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

A Morning of Recollection

Come and let us reflect on '*Cultivating a Discerning Heart*' using Ignatian *Spirituality* with Madonna House.

Come join us for a talk and a time of silent reflection, followed by fellowship, sharing, and mid-day prayer.

When: Saturday, February 16th from 9:30 am to 12 noon

Where: St. John the Apostle Parish Hall (5457 Trafalgar St, Vancouver)

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 JPPI Pastoral Centre, Vancouver, BC.

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

Sharon & Glen 778 386 2908.

Oblate Corner..

At the voice of the Sovereign Pontiff



Posted by Frank Santucci

Before I interrupted the chronological exploration of St Eugene's letters we were reading the events of 1832. The anti-religious government had decided to suppress the Diocese of Marseilles once Bishop Fortuné de Mazenod would pass on. In order to ensure an episcopal presence in Marseilles for the sacraments, a plot was hatched between the Pope and Marseilles to ordain Eugene as a Bishop-visitor to North Africa, with the titular diocese of Icosia. This happened and Eugene returned to Marseilles, where he did episcopal ministry for his aging uncle undisturbed or so he thought...

A letter had arrived, nine months after his episcopal ordination, summoning him to Rome to meet the Pope, and giving no reason for the urgency. Eugene responded:

The Holy Father has put my obedience to a severe test: to set out and set out immediately, to leave the diocese in the middle of the pastoral visitation, to set out I might say notwithstanding an uncle very advanced in age, who in his old age leans on me and relies on my judgment in the government of his diocese, the length of the journey, the expense, family opposition, and who knows what besides? I have thought it my duty to impose silence on all these considerations at the voice of the Sovereign Pontiff who invites me urgently to set out immediately to receive some news which touches the good of the Church.

Short of coming on the wings of the wind, it would not be possible to hasten faster than I have done. As soon as your letter and that of the Cardinal prefect of Propaganda were delivered, I booked a place on the first steamship ready to depart.

Letter to Bishop L. Frezza, secretary of the Congregation for Ecclesiastical Affairs, in Rome, July 1833, EO XV n 171

Eugene recognized who the Pope represented for him in faith and he responded immediately, at great personal discomfort. Today the Pope continues to represent for us an important dimension of our faith understanding and expression.

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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