



February 10th, 2019  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### The call of the first disciples



The First Reading tells us of the call of Isaiah to the ministry of prophecy. In the vision in the Temple, God reveals himself to Isaiah as the All-holy One. The vision evokes in Isaiah a sense of his own sinfulness. But then, cleansed of his sins, he responds without hesitation to the divine call. This prepares us for the Gospel which deals with

the call of the first disciples. Here again we see that it is God who takes the initiative, and also the total response he requires.

The miraculous catch of fish convinces Peter of the holiness of Jesus. This evokes in him a sense of their own sinfulness and unworthiness, so much so that he asks Jesus to depart from him. Peter has not yet grasped the fact that it was to call sinners that Jesus came, to call them away from sin to a new way of life. Nevertheless, at the word of Jesus, Peter and his companions leave everything and follow him. The phrase 'they left everything' shows the importance for Luke of the detachment from possessions.

The Second Reading stresses the central belief of Christianity – the resurrection of Jesus. Paul declares that, in spite of his unworthiness, he is a witness to the resurrection.

### Liturgical celebrations:

**Thursday** – Saints Cyril and Methodius (memorial)

Cyril and Methodius are sometimes called the Apostles of the Slavs for their work as missionaries. The two brothers were born in Thessalonica, Greece, in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Because they could speak Slavic languages they were sent as missionaries first to what is now Ukraine, and then to Moravia. They worked to make the liturgy and Scripture available in the vernacular. And Cyril devised an alphabet which some feel is the precursor to the Cyrillic alphabet. While they encountered political opposition, they did enjoy the support of Pope Adrian II.

In 1980 Pope John Paul II declared Cyril and Methodius patrons of Europe.

### World Day of the Sick

Feb. 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

## This Week

### Monday, February 11

7:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan

### Tuesday, February 12

8:00am Mass +Ernestine Fronc  
6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group  
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Craft Group  
7:00pm Mass  
7:30pm Meeting Scripture Study–Luke

### Wednesday, February 13

8:00am Mass +Erlinda Rivera  
7:00pm Mass Int St. Antoine  
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)  
7:45pm Event Taizé Prayer Service

### Thursday, February 14

8:00am Mass +Rafael Jankowski  
7:00pm Mass +Nora & Vincent Finnegan

### Friday, February 15

8:00am Mass +Marjorie Hurley  
10:30am Meeting Circle of Friends Prayer Group  
7:00pm Mass

### Saturday, February 16

8:00am Mass Int Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI  
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary  
**5:00pm Mass** Private Intention  
Food Collection

### Sunday, February 17

**9:00am Mass** +Lois Frost  
Food Collection  
**11:00am Mass** +Concepcion Isidro  
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: \$8,465.25  
 Loose: \$528.70

**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

Alexander Kai Ho Lee  
 Nolan Kai Shing Lee

**MARRIED IN CHRIST**

Alison Maggi Beaumont  
 &  
 Karl Erik Mueller

**Pope's Message**

Today's Liturgy shows Jesus who goes out to meet his people. It is the feast day of encounter: the newness of the Child encounters the tradition of the temple; the promise finds fulfillment; young Mary and Joseph encounter the elderly Simeon and Anna. Everything,

therefore, meets as Jesus arrives.

What does this mean for us? Above all, that we too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice. And we do not meet the Lord virtually, but directly, we encounter him in our lives, in the concreteness of life. Otherwise, Jesus becomes only a nice memory of the past. When we welcome him as the Lord of life, however, as the centre and the beating heart of everything, then he is alive and lives anew in us. And what happened in the temple also happens to us: around him everything meets, and life becomes harmonious. With Jesus we find again the courage to carry on and the strength to remain firm. The encounter with the Lord is the source. It is important then to return to the source: to retrace in our mind the decisive moments of encounter with him, to renew our first love, perhaps writing down our love story with the Lord. This would be good for our consecrated life, so that it does not become a time that passes by, but rather a time of encounter.

If we call to mind our original meeting with the Lord, we become aware that it did not arise as something private between us and God. No, it blossomed in the context of a believing people, alongside many brothers and sisters, at precise times and places. The Gospel tells us this, showing how the encounter takes place within the people of God, in its concrete history, in its living traditions: in the temple, according to the law, in the context of prophecy, in young and old together (cf Lk 2:25-28, 34). It is like this too in the consecrated life: it blossoms and flourishes in the Church; if it is isolated, it withers. It matures when the young and elderly walk together, when the young rediscover their roots and the elderly welcome those fruits. When we walk alone, however, when we remain fixated on the past or jump ahead in trying to survive, then the consecrated life stagnates. Today, on the feast day of encounter, we ask for the grace to rediscover the living Lord amid a believing people, and to allow the charism we have received to encounter today's graces.

Simeon says: "My eyes have seen your salvation" (Lk 2:30). He sees the Child and he sees salvation. He does not see the Messiah who works miracles, but a small child. He does not see something extraordinary, but Jesus with his parents, who bring a pair of turtledoves or two pigeons to the temple, which is the most humble offering (cf. v. 24). Simeon sees God's simplicity and welcomes his presence.

He is not looking for anything else, is not asking or wanting for something more; it is enough to see the Child and take him in his arms: "nunc dimittis, now let me depart" (cf. v. 29). God, as he, is enough for him. In God he finds the ultimate meaning of his life. This is the vision of consecrated life, a vision that is simple and prophetic in its simplicity, where we keep the Lord before our eyes and between our hands, and not to serve anything else. He is our life, he is our hope, he is our future. Consecrated life consists in this prophetic vision in the Church: it is a gaze that sees God present in the world, even if many do not notice him; it is a voice that says: "God is enough, the rest passes away"

**Around the Parish...****Volunteer Appreciation Evening****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.

### 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

### Income Tax Receipts

Income Tax Receipts from the year 2018 will be available for pick up after the Sunday Masses this weekend and next. Please help us save postage and pick up your receipt after Mass or at the Front Office Monday to Friday.

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Starting this month, Liturgy of the Word for Children will be offered at the 11 am Mass once a month on the last Sunday of the month in addition to each Sunday at the 9 am Mass. If your child is 3 years old to Gr. 3 they will be invited up after the opening prayer to go to have their own Liturgy of the Word in the Sacristy with two LWC presiders. Children will come back to the main assembly after the prayers of the faithful at the start of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Parents may come with 3 & 4 year olds but are encouraged to send their children on their own if they are of school age (second year of pre-school and up). Email questions to: [lwc@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:lwc@staugustineschurch.ca)

### Ash Wednesday Palms



We will be collecting last year's palms starting today until Sunday March 3rd. Palms from last year may be placed in the basket in the Church foyer. In the Catholic tradition, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are remnants of the palm leaves distributed from the prior year on Palm Sunday.

Catholics keep the palm leaves throughout the year and return them to the Church before Ash Wednesday of the next year. The leaves are then turned into ashes for use in the Ash Wednesday services. During the service, the parishioners proceed to the front of the church and the ashes are placed on each person's forehead in the shape of a cross. The ashes are not to be washed off but are to remain on the forehead throughout the day of Ash Wednesday

### 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](mailto:faithformation@staugustineschurch.ca)

(604) 736-4455 Ext.200

"Coming soon to St. Augustine's! We are revving up to start our next Alpha course and looking forward to having you join us. Stay tuned for a Spring date! If you would like to reserve your spot, please contact the Alpha Team at [alpha@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:alpha@staugustineschurch.ca) or register at St. Augustine's - Alpha site, [www.staugustineschurch.ca](http://www.staugustineschurch.ca).

If you would like to join or support the Alpha Team, please contact us at [alpha@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:alpha@staugustineschurch.ca)."



### 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.*

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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...

#### 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](mailto:mcgowanj@dccnet.com); Linda Dixon – 604-946-7268 / [gldsd@eastlink.ca](mailto: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? 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](http://rcav.org) Questions?: [wwwmevancoverbc@gmail.com](mailto:wwwmevancoverbc@gmail.com) or

Sharon & Glen 778 386 2908.

## Oblate Corner..

**The Victim of a Government Intrigue**

Posted by Frank Santucci

Eugene had dropped everything in Marseilles to rush to Rome to respond to the Pope's urgent call. Yet, when he arrived in Rome, it took the Pope two weeks before he received Eugene in audience.

Gradually it became clear to Eugene that he was the victim of the political intrigues of the French government, and also of lack of communication between two of the Vatican dicasteries. The details are too complicated to deal with in this blog, but I refer you to the article "Icosia" in the Oblate Historical Dictionary <https://www.omiworld.org/lemma/icosia-bishop-of/> and chapter 5 of the book by Hubenig and Motte, *Living in the Spirit's Fire*

<https://www.omiworld.org/wp-content/uploads/Living-in-the-Spirits-Fire.pdf>

Eugene explained the discovery of the reason for his call to Rome to Fr Tempier:

The Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda... welcomed me with his usual kindness. He confirmed my suspicions of Saturday, namely that I am the victim of a governmental intrigue...

The whole thing is nothing but an intrigue of the French Government which wished to suppress the diocese of Marseilles and fears my influence in the country. It is a poor government that does not realize what it owes me precisely by reason of that influence it so foolishly dreads.

Complaint was laid before the Pope, threats made to charge me before the courts on the ground that I had been ordained bishop without consultation. How I wish I had known about this charge before leaving!

...It is by means of harassments of this sort that these gentlemen think to win the support of the clergy! I have just been told that the "Gazette du Midi" (one of the local Provence newspapers) reports certain other facts which prove that someone has set about subverting in particular the ecclesiastical administration at Marseilles. This, in the light of moves made elsewhere, is proof of the method that they wish to adopt, namely, the suppression of this ancient diocese to the confusion of a great and predominantly Catholic population

*Letter to Henri Tempier, 20 August 1833, EO VIII n 454*

Jesus also faced this problem – and his followers continue to experience it today in many parts of the world.

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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Monday is the Priest's day off.

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**RECONCILIATION**

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

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