



February 24th, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The values of the Kingdom



Because of his great successes on the battlefield, David was very popular with the people. As a result Saul saw him as a threat and sought to kill him. The first reading contains the moving story of how David had an opportunity to kill Saul, but refused to do so

because in his eyes Saul, king of Israel, was a sacred person.

This passage prepares us for the Gospel reading, which contains Jesus' injunction to love our enemies. Jesus goes on to stress the obligations of fraternal charity. The ideal of love to which his followers must aspire is that of God himself. We are to love as God loves.

Jesus' vision of human behaviour is at such variance with the view most people have, that many people regard it as humanly unachievable, and therefore ignore it. From a human point of view it is unachievable. Divine help is needed.

World Day of Prayer – March 1, 2019

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world, are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures, share the burdens of other people by praying with them and for them, and use our own talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Pope's Prayer Intention for March:

Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

This Week

Monday, February 25

6:30pm Meeting Catholic Women's League Executive
7:00pm Mass +Artemio Livelo

Tuesday, February 26

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
8:00am Mass +Filomena Gliceria Manuales
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Craft Group
6:30pm Meeting Spiritual Renovation Committee
7:00pm Mass +Helen Bruchet
7:30pm Meeting Scripture Study—Luke

Wednesday, February 27

8:00am Mass +Eleanor Russon
6:00pm Meeting Refugee Committee Dinner
7:00pm Mass +Joe Nardi
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Thursday, February 28

8:00am Mass +Bridget Finnie
6:30pm Meeting Parish Pastoral Council
7:00pm Event Keeping Kids Catholic
7:00pm Mass +Antonio Costosa

Friday, March 1

8:00am Mass +Mary Yim Cheung Fung
10:30am Meeting Circle of Friends Women's Group
6:00pm Event Altar Servers Dinner
7:00pm Mass +Maria Esperanza

Saturday, March 2

8:00am Mass
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
5:00pm Mass
Food Collection

Sunday, March 3

9:00am Mass
Food Collection
11:00am Mass
Food Collection
5:00pm Mass +Toshio Sato
Food Collection

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$9,280.10
 Loose: \$812.80

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Sophia Teresa ADOLPHS
daughter of
 Clemens ADOLPHS & Katherine CELLER

REST IN PEACE

Bridget Finnie

Pope's Message

"He receives sinners and eats with them". We just heard this in the Gospel reading (Lk 15:2). They are the words muttered by some of the Pharisees and scribes, doctors of the law, who were greatly upset and scandalized by the way Jesus was behaving.

With those words, they tried to discredit and dismiss Jesus in the eyes of everyone. But all they managed to do was point out one of his most ordinary, most distinctive, most beautiful ways of relating to others: "He receives sinners and eats with them". Now we are all sinners, all of us, and for that reason Jesus receives with care all of us who are here, and if anyone does not feel that they are sinners – among all of us who are here – they should know that Jesus is not going to receive them, and they would miss out on the best part.

Jesus is not afraid to approach those who, for countless reasons, were the object of social hatred, like the publicans – we know that tax collectors grew rich by exploiting their own people and they caused great resentment – or those on the receiving end of social hatred because they had made an error in their lives, because of their errors and mistakes, some fault, and now they were called sinners. Jesus does this because he knows that in heaven there is more joy for a single one of those who make mistakes, for a single converted sinner, than for ninety-nine righteous people who remain good (Lk 15:7).

And whereas these people were content to grumble or complain because Jesus was meeting people who were marked by some kind of social error, some sin, and closed the doors on conversion, on dialogue with him – Jesus approaches and engages, Jesus puts his reputation at risk. He asks us, as he always does, to lift our eyes to a horizon that can renew our life, that can renew our history. All of us, all have a horizon. All of us. Someone may say: "I do not have one". Open the window and you will find it, open the window of love which is Jesus and you will find him. We all have a horizon. They are two very different, contrasting approaches, Jesus' one, and that of the doctors of the law. A sterile, fruitless approach – that of complaining and gossip, the person who is always speaking badly about others and is self-righteous – and another, one that invites us to change and to conversion, which is the Lord's approach, a new life as you have just said a short while ago [turning to the young man who gave testimony].

The approach of complaining and of gossip

Now this is not something from a long time ago, it is current. Many people do not tolerate this attitude of Jesus; they don't like it. First by complaining under their breath and then by shouting, they make known their displeasure, seeking to discredit Jesus' way of acting and that of all those who are with him. They do not accept and they reject this option of drawing near to others and giving them another chance. These people condemn once and for all, they discredit once and for all and forget that in God's eyes they are disqualified and need tenderness, need love and understanding, but do not wish to accept it. Where people's lives are concerned, it seems easier to attach signs and labels that petrify and stigmatize not only people's past but also their present and future. We put labels on people: "this one is like that", "this one did that thing, and that's it", and he has to bear this for the rest of his days. That's how people are who mutter – the gossips – they are like this. And labels ultimately serve only to divide: good people over here, and bad ones over there; the righteous over here and sinners over there. And this Jesus does not accept; this is the culture of the adjective; we delight in "adjectivizing" people, it gives us delight: "What is your name? My name is 'good'". No, that is an adjective. "What is your name?" Go to the person's name: Who are you? What do you do? What dreams do you have? What does your heart feel? Gossips are not interested in this; they are quickly looking for a label to knock someone down off their pedestal. The culture of the adjective which discredits people. Think about that so as not to fall into what society so easily offers us.

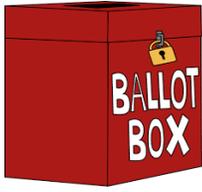
This attitude spoils everything, because it erects an invisible wall that makes people think that, if we marginalize, separate and isolate others, all our problems will magically be solved. When a society or community allows this, and does nothing more than complain, gossip and backbite, it enters into a vicious circle of division, blame and condemnation. Strange that these people who do not accept Jesus, and what Jesus is teaching us, are people who are always on bad terms with each other, among those who call themselves righteous. And what's more, it is an attitude of discrimination and exclusion, of confrontation leading people to say irresponsibly, like Caiaphas: "It is better that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish" (Jn 11:50). Better that they should all be kept over there, so that they will not give trouble; we want to live in peace. This is hard-hearted, and Jesus had to confront this; and we are also confronted with this today. Normally the thread is cut at the thinnest part: that of the poor and the defenceless. And it is they who suffer the most from this social disapproval that does allow them to raise themselves up.

How painful it is to see a society concentrate its energies more on complaining and backbiting than on fighting tirelessly to create opportunities and change.

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 March 3rd. To be eligible for election potential candidates must be registered and active parishioners of St. Augustine's Parish and agree to be nominated.

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 presidors. 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

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.

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.

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

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FORMED Pick of the Month



Episode 1: God Is With Us

What's So Special about the Eucharist?

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life.

Explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.

"I wish the whole world could watch this!" –Rachel Q., Lafayette, LA

Alpha returns to St. Augustine's

Starts: April 2, 2019 (Tuesday)

Ends: June 4, 2019 (Tuesday)

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Whether you are seeking answers to questions about the Christian faith or have no Church background at all, you are welcome!

Alpha is a way to explore life's big questions in a casual, open and non-judgemental setting.

A meal, a video, and good conversation.

There's no pressure, no follow up, and it's free to register.

For more info or to register on line: <http://www.staugustineschurch.ca/>

Contact: alpha@staugustineschurch.ca



Around the Archdiocese...

Young Professionals' Lounge:

Meet Alissa Golob Co-founder of Right Now

Welcome back to another exciting season of the Young Professionals' Lounge – a life and career mentorship for young adults. Most young adults who attend are active faith-filled Catholics, with a handful from Protestant denominations. Meet Alissa Golob, co-founder of Right Now: Good news from the political front on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at UBC-Robson Square Room C.400. Alissa will share the exciting and effective political strategies in the pro-life movement for the upcoming 2019 federal election and across B.C. and the amazing successes that have happened so far. Register today at <https://lifecollective.io/vancouver>

Theology of the Body

Discover human nature as the "Gift of Self" in our relationship with God and one another through Theology of the Body. Using the teachings of Christ on marriage, St. John Paul II reveals our true human nature in the image and likeness of God as a "communion of persons in the sincere gift of self," giving us the authentic meaning of our humanity now and in eternal life. Sessions begin this Spring: April 1- June 24 at St. John the Apostle Parish, Vancouver, and March 26-June 18 at St. Anthony Parish, West Vancouver.

Register at rcav.org/tob.

Oblate Corner..

**A YEAR OF ANGUISH FOR THE FOUNDER**

Posted by Frank Santucci

Yvon Beaudoin continues the narrative.

"In consequence Bishop de Mazenod renounces his action and keeps as much as possible out of the public eye. Even so he does preside at some religious ceremonies in Marseilles and conducts some pastoral visitations in the diocese of Avignon. Even this is too much.

Paris is kept informed of everything and the Government takes the steps necessary to force him into leaving the country, striking out his name from the electoral list, as an alien. The Bishop of Icosia comes to know of this step at the beginning of September 1834, and, without delay, he lodges a fresh appeal against this decision; at the same time he informs the French bishops of the persecution he is suffering. He also writes to Rome to explain the reason for his re-opening the case notwithstanding the representations previously made to him. Bishop Capaccini immediately replies, in the name of the Pope, that he must again renounce his action. The prelate's letter even contains some expressions that would lead one to think that the Pope is not pleased."

Yvon Beaudoin EO 8 pages XXV-XXVI

Eugene wrote to the Pope through his Cardinal Secretary of State:

However since His Holiness does not wish me to make use of the supportive declarations of the Bishops, I renounce it. And furthermore: the pain with which the Holy Father views the continuation of the process brought against me and the desire I have to abstain from anything that could displease him, determine me to desist from my appeal, come of it whatever God wills; all the lawyers I have consulted guaranteed me a successful outcome; by my desisting, I am submitting to an iniquitous judgment rendered against me and to the baneful consequences it may have, but neither the advantages promised me, nor the drawbacks I have to fear could make me hesitate when it is a question of the will or even of a mere desire of the Head of the Church. I will inform the French Minister without delay of my desisting and then he will no longer have any pretext for evading the appeals of Your Court. It remains only for me to entrust myself to the benevolence of the Holy Father into whose hands alone I place my interest and my honour.

Letter to Cardinal Thomas Bernetti, Secretary of State, 19 November 1834, EO XV n 174

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	
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Comments	

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Saturday 4:00pm—4:30pm

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