

March 3rd, 2019
 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The tree and its fruit



Just as an orchard is judged by the quality of its fruit, so a person's talk shows what kind of person he is. This links with what Jesus says in the Gospel: 'A tree is known by its fruit ... the words of the mouth flow out of what fills the heart.'

In the Gospel it is no longer a question of love of enemies, but of love of one's brothers and sisters in the community. A Christian is his brother's keeper. But one cannot undertake to guide others unless one has found the way oneself. Hence, self-criticism must precede criticism of others. This applies especially to Christian teachers.

But it had even more relevance for prophets. There were many prophets in the early Church. These were people who had received this gift from God and more or less guided the community. But the community had to be careful because there were also false prophets.

Just as we judge a tree by its fruit, so we judge a prophet by his actions. Any prophet who teaches the truth is none the less a false prophet if he does not himself practise what he teaches. The true prophet is one who behaves in the Lord's way.

Lent

"Lent" is an Old English that means "length," referencing the lengthening of daylight hours for the coming spring. The name is of stark contrast to the Latin name for Lent, "Quadragesima," which means "fortieth."

Lent is traditionally described as lasting 40 fasting days and commemorates the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the desert prior to beginning his public ministry. While in the desert, Jesus endured temptation by Satan. The story is told in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The number "40" occurs many times in the Bible, including the 40 days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God, the 40 days and nights of rain in the great flood survived by Noah, the 40 years of wandering by the Hebrew people in the desert while traveling to the Promised Land, and many more.

Lent is viewed as a time of introspection and prayer to bring oneself nearer to God.

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, March 4

7:00pm Mass +John McAdams

Tuesday, March 5

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
 8:00am Mass +Edna Bray
 7:00pm Mass
 7:30pm Meeting Scripture Study—Luke

Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday

8:00am Mass Int Vincent Tan
 9:15am Mass St. Augustine's School
 7:00pm Mass

Thursday, March 7

8:00am Mass
 7:00pm Mass +Murray Stanley

Friday, March 8

8:00am Mass +Maria Perotta
 10:30am Meeting Moms &Tots Parent Group
 7:00pm Mass

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

9:00am Mass Int Olivia Tin Hla
 10:00am Meeting Catholic Women's League
11:00am Mass Introduction of Catechumens & Candidates (RCIA)
5:00pm Mass



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Share Lent 2019



For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada encourages us to reach out to forcibly displaced persons and to share their journey. How?

1) Read the Development and Peace Share Lent materials as a way to encounter children, women and men who have been forcibly displaced and to learn how their partners are making a difference. Go to devp.org/sharelent

2) Join us for a Solidarity Supper on **April 7th at 6 pm** in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$5 and can be obtained by e-mailing

dcamparmo@hotmail.com or by purchasing after Masses March 17/18, March 23/24 & March 30/31.

3) Donate online at devp.org/give or give during the Solidarity Sunday collection on the 5th Sunday of Lent on April 7. The funds collected are used to support over 162 projects in 37 countries around the world!

Message from the CCCB

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is in solidarity with the 68.5 million displaced children, women, and men throughout the world that we invite you to embark on a journey of faith, love, and hope. *"Hope is the force that drives us to 'share the journey,' because the journey is made jointly: by those who come to our land, and by us, who go towards their heart, to understand them, to understand their culture, their language,"* stated Pope Francis during a general audience on September 27, 2017. He added that, *"It is a joint journey by two parties; but without hope, that journey cannot be made. Hope is the drive to share the journey of life."*

Through this journey, rooted in the inherent dignity of each human person, Pope Francis invites us to meet the other and to see the humanity of each migrant. In following the teachings of the Beatitudes, we should recall the message given to us in the Letter to the Hebrews (13:1-3): *"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves are being tortured."*

On May 3rd, during a panel at the United Nations, Cardinal Tagle, the president of Caritas Internationalis, also reminded us that we are challenging our own faith, and this gives us the opportunity to prove, through the support we offer to those who come to us, that we recognize Jesus in each of them. The meeting with the other is a great journey that starts inside of us and enables us to connect with our profound humanity, to undo stereotypes, and to combat prejudice, fear of the other, racism and xenophobia.

It is therefore in the name of Jesus Christ that I ask you to accept this invitation from the Church and to share the journey with Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the official international solidarity organization of the Church in Canada. Do not hesitate to take part in the Share the Journey campaign by spreading the word in your community, actively participating in the actions proposed to you, raising funds for Development and Peace and supporting efforts made by your community to welcome migrants and refugees.

May the Lord bless your generosity and faithfulness.

*Fraternally in Our Lord, † Lionel Gendron, P.S.S. Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil
 President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Faith-based Reflection:

Forced migration and the culture of encounter: Imagine if you had to flee your home, right now, because of armed conflict or a natural disaster. Where would you go? What would you do? Most of us living in Canada today can only imagine what it would be like to be forced to leave our homes. Yet, many of us have our own histories of migration, our own journeys. Who welcomed us or our ancestors? Who was it who encountered us on our own journey of migration? When Pope Francis launched the Share the Journey campaign in 2017, he invited us to open our hearts to hope and to spread a culture of encounter.

As Cardinal Tagle reminds us, *"We do not necessarily need to do extraordinary and extravagant things to make a difference in the lives of people. Small gestures, ordinary gestures, when done with sincerity, with the light of human understanding and compassion, can do extraordinary things."* Take time to truly encounter migrants and refugees and through this experience you will also encounter Jesus.

"We are all migrants in this world, we are all just passing through."

– Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, President of Caritas Internationalis

Stations of the Cross



Beginning Friday, March 8th at 7:30pm—and for every Friday in Lent—we will have the Stations of the Cross led by one of our Parish Groups. Please note that each group will **choose** the format they wish to use, e.g. the CWL and Legion of Mary may choose to use Mary's Way of the Cross, the Knights may choose a different one. A full list will be posted in the foyer of the Church.

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.

Ash Wednesday - March 6, 2019 - The first day of Lent



Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust

from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, *"Repent and believe in the Gospel."*

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.

In some cases, ashes may be delivered by a priest or a family member to those who are sick or shut-in.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Why we receive the ashes

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

Share Lent 2019

Lent is a time of preparation and introspection. It is a moment to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. For 40 days and 40 nights, we walk together with Jesus.

This year, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is adding its voice to those of Pope Francis and Caritas Internationalis by inviting Canadians to share the journey with the 68.5 million forced migrants in the world today.

As we begin our journey toward Easter and prepare our hearts to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, let us take the time to share the journey with our sisters and brothers who have had to flee their homes. Let us pray for them. May we learn to walk together with them in solidarity, united in the conviction that we are one global human family.

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.

St. Augustine's Parish Donations

St. Augustine's is thankful for your donations. If you prefer, you can support St. Augustine's by making an automatic gift each month from either your Bank account or your Credit Card. You may sign up for a Debit or Credit Card donation by downloading the fillable PDF pre-authorization form found on our web-site and returning it to the Parish Office. The pre-authorization form can also be found in the foyer of the Church.



NOTE: If you have trouble remembering to bring your food donation, try placing it at your door the night before. Thank you from the Food Collection Group.

CWL News

Sunday March 10 after 9 am Mass - General Meeting with guest speakers from the UBC Pharmacy students. The students always give an informative talk and this topic may help alleviate some tummy troubles. Hope to see you there.



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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

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



Oblate Corner..

**A Painful Conclusion**

Posted by Frank Santucci

The Pope and the authorities at the Vatican were steering a delicate political situation with the French government because they saw the larger picture of maintaining relations between Church and State. In the process they "sacrificed" Eugene, who wrote to the Vatican:

[...] So as not to cause the least distress to the Holy Father, I have instructed my advocate to abandon my action and withdraw my appeal...

Eugene feels misunderstood and abandoned by those in the Church whom he had served so faithfully:

Bishop Capaccini is happily undisturbed in the Quirinal, he pays no heed to the quality and immensity of the sacrifice made by a Bishop who abandons his rights and disarms in the face of an astute and powerful enemy, quite ready to abuse his victory and walk all over me as he likes.

Eugene had always been loyal to the Pope, in the face of fierce opposition as being "ultramontane." The extent of his sense of abandonment by the Vicar of Christ, leads him to write these bitter words:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to the Ministry of Worship. In it you will see I leave everything and abandon myself to Divine Providence. I wish I could add "and to the benevolence of the Holy Father", but I hope for little from that quarter. The Holy Father, if I understand him correctly, has placed no value on either my character or my services, which gave me a right to his protection, nor on the affection accorded me by Leo XII and Pius VIII. If persecution drives me into exile from my country and to withdraw to Rome, I know I may not count on either grace or favour; my reward must come from God.

We touch the fullness of his pain in this letter.

I wish I had a less sensitive heart, I would love less, be less tied up in a host of things which affect me very deeply within and I would be happy.

Letter to Bishop Frezza, Secretary of the Congregation for Extraordinary Affairs at the Vatican, 28 November 1834, EO XV n 175

Beaudoin concludes the narrative:

"He passes the winter of 1834-1835 at Marseilles, but in the spring he sees that his position is untenable... and leaves for L'Osier and N.-D. du Laus. There he will stay until the end of October." (EO 8 pages XXV-XXVI)

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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