



March 10th, 2019  
First Sunday of Lent

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### Faithfulness to God



All three readings are concerned with faithfulness to God. The first reading describes the ceremony of the offering to God of the first fruits of the harvest. It was an occasion for the people to thank God, not only for the blessings of the harvest, but for all he had done for them in the past, and especially in the Exodus. The creed which the offerer recited is a summary of Israel's early history and humble origin. The readings of the following Sunday will focus on the significant

moments of that history.

The second reading contains in its simplest form the Christian credo: Jesus is Lord; he died for our sins and was raised up for our justification. Obviously for this faith to be genuine, it must be professed not just with one's lips but also with one's life.

Luke's account of the temptations follows closely that of Matthew, except that he deliberately changes the order of the last two temptations so that the series ends in Jerusalem. This is in keeping with his theological interest in the holy city. The three scenes serve to correct a false understanding of Jesus' mission. Jesus repels the tempter by quoting from the Book of Deuteronomy, which stresses God's will for Israel.



### Parish Penitential Service:

Friday, April 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm. There will no Evening Mass on that day.



### 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.

### 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 11

7:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan

### Tuesday, March 12

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group  
8:00am Mass Private  
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Craft Group  
7:00pm Mass +Joan Robinson  
7:00pm Meeting Confirmation—Students & Parents

### Wednesday, March 13

8:00am Mass Private  
7:00pm Mass +Klemens Kujawa  
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)  
7:45pm Event Taizé Prayer Service

### Thursday, March 14

8:00am Mass Private  
9:00am Meeting St. Patrick's High School Administration  
6:45pm Meeting Baptismal Preparation  
7:00pm Mass

### Friday, March 15

8:00am Mass Private  
10:30am Meeting Circle of Friends Women's Prayer Group  
7:00pm Mass

### Saturday, March 16

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

### Sunday, March 17

**9:00am Mass**  
Food Collection  
**11:00am Mass**  
Food Collection  
**5:00pm Mass**  
Food Collection



## OFFERTORY

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 Sunday Envelopes: \$8,258.10  
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## Pope's message



"Blow the trumpet [...] sanctify a fast" (Joel 2:15), says the prophet in the first reading. Lent opens with a piercing sound, that of a trumpet that does not please the ears, but instead proclaims a fast. It is a loud sound that seeks to slow down our life, which is so fast-paced, yet often directionless.

It is a summons to stop – a "halt!" –, to focus on what is essential, to fast from the unnecessary things that distract us. It is a wake-up call for the soul.

This wake-up call is accompanied by the message that the Lord proclaims through the lips of the prophet, a short and heartfelt message: "Return to me" (v 12). To return. If we have to return, it means that we have wandered off. Lent is the time to rediscover the direction of life. Because in life's journey, as in every journey, what really matters is not to lose sight of the goal. If what interests us as we travel, however, is looking at the scenery or stopping to eat, we will not get far. We should ask ourselves: On the journey of life, do I seek the way forward? Or am I satisfied with living in the moment and thinking only of feeling good, solving some problems and having fun? What is the path? Is it the search for health, which many today say comes first but which eventually passes? Could it be possessions and wellbeing? But we are not in the world for this. Return to me, says the Lord. To me. The Lord is the goal of our journey in this world. The direction must lead to him.

Today we have been offered a sign that will help us find our direction: the head marked by ash. It is a sign that causes us to consider what occupies our mind. Our thoughts often focus on transient things, which come and go. The small mark of ash, which we will receive, is a subtle yet real reminder that of the many things occupying our thoughts, that we chase after and worry about every day, nothing will remain. No matter how hard we work, we will take no wealth with us from this life. Earthly realities fade away like dust in the wind. Possessions are temporary, power passes, success wanes. The culture of appearance prevalent today, which persuades us to live for passing things, is a great deception. It is like a blaze: once ended, only ash remains. Lent is the time to free ourselves from the illusion of chasing after dust. Lent is for rediscovering that we are created for the inextinguishable flame, not for ashes that immediately disappear; for God, not for the world; for the eternity of heaven, not for earthly deceit; for the freedom of the children of God, not for slavery to things. We should ask ourselves today: Where do I stand? Do I live for fire or for ash?

On this Lenten journey, back to what is essential, the Gospel proposes three steps which the Lord invites us to undertake without hypocrisy and pretence: almsgiving, prayer, fasting. What are they for? Almsgiving, prayer and fasting bring us back to the three realities that do not fade away. Prayer reunites us to God; charity, to our neighbour; fasting, to ourselves. God, my neighbour, my life: these are the realities that do not fade away and in which we must invest. Lent, therefore, invites us to focus, first of all on the Almighty, in prayer, which frees us from that horizontal and mundane life where we find time for self but forget God. It then invites us to focus on others, with the charity that frees us from the vanity of acquiring and of thinking that things are only good if they are good for me. Finally, Lent invites us to look inside our heart, with fasting, which frees us from attachment to things and from the worldliness that numbs the heart. Prayer, charity, fasting: three investments for a treasure that endures.

Jesus said: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Mt 6:21). Our heart always points in some direction: it is like a compass seeking its bearings. We can also compare it to a magnet: it needs to attach itself to something. But if it only attaches itself to earthly things, sooner or later it becomes a slave to them: things to be used become things we serve. Outward appearance, money, a career or hobby: if we live for them, they will become idols that enslave us, sirens that charm us and then cast us adrift. Whereas if our heart is attached to what does not pass away, we rediscover ourselves and are set free. Lent is the time of grace that liberates the heart from vanity. It is a time of healing from addictions that seduce us. It is a time to fix our gaze on what abides.

Where can we fix our gaze, then, throughout this Lenten journey? It is simple: upon the Crucified one. Jesus on the cross is life's compass, which directs us to heaven. The poverty of the wood, the silence of the Lord, his loving self-emptying show us the necessity of a simpler life, free from anxiety about things. From the cross, Jesus teaches us the great courage involved in renunciation. We will never move forward if we are heavily weighed down. We need to free ourselves from the clutches of consumerism and the snares of selfishness, from always wanting more, from never being satisfied, and from a heart closed to the needs of the poor. Jesus on the wood of the cross burns with love, and calls us to a life that is passionate for him, which is not lost amid the ashes of the world; to a life that burns with charity and is not extinguished in mediocrity. Is it difficult to live as he asks? Yes, it is difficult, but it leads us to our goal. Lent shows us this. It begins with the ashes, but eventually leads us to the fire of Easter night; to the discovery that, in the tomb, the body of Jesus does not turn to ashes, but rises gloriously. This is true also for us, who are dust. If we, with our weaknesses, return to the Lord, if we take the path of love, then we will embrace the life that never ends. And surely we will be full of joy.

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:dcamparmo@hotmail.com) or by purchasing after Masses March 17/18, March 23/24 & March 30/31.

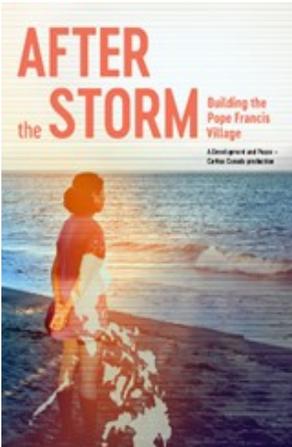
3) Donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or give during the Solidarity Sunday collection on the 5th Sunday of Lent on April 7. The funds collected are used to support over 162 projects in 37 countries around the world!

### Week 1: March 10

*Share the journey with poor coastal communities in Tacloban, the Philippines*

In 2013, poor coastal communities in the Philippines saw their homes ravaged by Super Typhoon Haiyan. Thanks to your donations, Development and Peace and its local partners formed a consortium for the purchase of a piece of land that affected communities were empowered to transform into the Pope Francis Village.

Watch the documentary *After the storm* to follow the inspiring journey of these communities:



[devp.org/en/philippines-documentary](http://devp.org/en/philippines-documentary).

### 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.

### 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)

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### Visit [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) this Lent for a Lenten Study of Prayer "Into the Desert"

Our Lord teaches that prayer is a relationship and a vital necessity. And yet, many of us have difficulty committing to daily prayer. Follow Jesus into the desert this Lent and discover intimacy with God in this 6-week video-based study with daily meditations in the participants guide. Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. This series captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.

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



### Around the Archdiocese...

#### Permanent Diaconate Information Sessions

Do you feel called to be a Permanent Deacon? Men between the ages of 35 and 60 interested in ordained ministry, along with their spouses, can learn more about the permanent diaconate this spring! The Permanent Diaconate Office is hosting information sessions this April and May in Vancouver and Langley. For more information, or to register, please visit <http://stmarkscollege.ca/news-events/events/permanent-diaconate-information-sessions/> or email [deacons@rcav.org](mailto:deacons@rcav.org).

#### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

*"I said her name out loud for the very first time. I have not been to confession in 10 years and I thought I was fine. What a gift I have been given going to confession now. I am so happy now. I am at peace, and more importantly, now I know my child is at peace. I am empty of all pain. Now I can begin to forgive myself."* - Testimonial from retreat

Do you know what it would feel like to feel peace again? Your Rachel's Vineyard™ team understands that yearning and invites you to join them on the next retreat. The gift of his mercy and peace is awaiting you. Next Retreat is May 2019. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.

#### Quo Vadis – Men's Discernment Events

Day of Recollection with Archbishop Miller on Saturday, March 23, 10-3 p.m. at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Open to single Catholic men ages 18+ who want to answer the question: What is God calling me to do with my life? Please register at least one week in advance by contacting the Vocations Office at [vocations@rcav.org](mailto:vocations@rcav.org) or call 604-443-3254.

## Oblate Corner..



## ALEXANDRE DUPUY AND OUR FIFTH OBLATE FOUNDATION

Posted by Frank Santucci

Another of the early Oblates who left an impression on our story. Yvon Beaudoin writes:

Alexandre Dupuy was born in Aix on November 29, 1798. His parents have not been identified. Madame Joannis, Eugene de Mazenod's grandmother, paid for his upkeep and education until he entered the novitiate of the Missionaries of Provence on October 3, 1816.

His early years were spent in the care of a farmer's wife on a farm in the demesne of Madame Joannis in the area of Banon near Aix. When he was seven years of age, he was baptized

publicly in the Cathedral of St-Sauveur in Aix. His primary studies were made first with Roze-Joannis, the nephew of Madame Joannis, and then with the Frères Gris (Grey Brothers). For his secondary education he went to the minor seminary of Aix. Finally, he followed the formation given to the Oblate novices and scholastics at Aix and at Notre-Dame du Laus. He was ordained on June 16, 1821.

In 1830 he asked to leave the Oblates... It can be said that his departure was providential for the Congregation. It is thanks to him that the Oblates came to Notre-Dame de l'Osier in 1834, a place where they were still present until recently.

When he left Notre-Dame du Laus, the Abbé Dupuy entered the service of Bishop Philibert de Bruillard of Grenoble. The latter appointed him parish priest of Notre-Dame de l'Osier, also in the hope that he would give new life to the Marian shrine there; it had been abandoned since the French Revolution. In the beginning of 1834 the new parish priest purchased the former Augustinian monastery that was adjacent to the shrine and set about restoring it. Father T. Dassy, who was recovering from a serious illness and needed a change of air, came to spend the summer with him. Father Dassy was a good preacher and easily made contacts with people and he worked so well that he won the Bishop's confidence and obtained, with the Abbé Dupuy's consent, that the shrine and the parish of l'Osier be entrusted to the Oblates as early as the end of 1834.

In 1837 the Abbé Dupuy sold his properties at Notre-Dame de l'Osier to the Oblates and then transferred to the service of Bishop de Mazenod, who in that year had become the Bishop of Marseilles.

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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First Name	First Name
Spouse First Name	Spouse Last Name
Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth	
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