

March 31st, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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God's mercy



A clear theme runs through all three readings: God's mercy to sinners.

In the First Reading we have the beautiful words God spoke to his people: *'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.'* The shame of sin and the darkness of slavery are behind them. The years of wandering in

the desert are over; they have come home to the Promised Land. A new era was about to begin. They mark their homecoming by celebrating anew the feast of Passover.

This reminds us of the home-coming of the prodigal son (Gospel). His shame is also behind him. His years of wandering are over and he returns home to a warm welcome and a great feast. A new and bright future lies ahead of him. Jesus told this parable in response to the criticism of the Pharisees that he was too lenient towards sinners. They were meant to see themselves in the older son. For Luke the "Pharisees" are righteous Christians, for whom God's mercy to sinners is unfair and scandalous.

The Second Reading stresses how God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, not holding our faults against us. The task of the Church is to bring the benefits won by Christ to all people.

11:00 am Mass—second Scrutiny



The Gospel story is a lesson on growth in faith. The climax of the story comes when the man makes a profession of faith in Jesus, 'Lord, I believe.' His journey from blindness to sight symbolizes the journey from unbelief to faith, which is a journey from darkness to light.

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.

This Week

Monday, April 1

6:30pm	Meeting	Catholic Women's League Executive
7:00pm	Mass	
7:30pm	Meeting	Adult Faith Planning

Tuesday, April 2

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group
8:00am	Mass	+Rose Coenen
7:00pm	Mass	+Anna Fiorentina Stojanovic
6:30pm	Meeting	ALPHA

Wednesday, April 3

8:00am	Mass	
9:15am	Mass	St. Augustine's School
7:00pm	Mass	
7:30pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
7:45pm	Event	Taizé Prayer Service

Thursday, April 4

8:00am	Mass	Int Ronald Santos
9:00am	Meeting	St. Patrick's Regional Secondary
7:00pm	Mass	

Friday, April 5

8:00am	Mass	+Maria Esperanza Legara
10:00am	Meeting	Moms & Tots Play Group
10:30am	Meeting	Circle of Friends/Lectio Divina (Ladies)
7:00pm	Mass	+John Zadra

Saturday, April 6

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

Sunday, April 7

9:00am	Mass	+Rodolfo Balao
		Food Collection
11:00am	Mass	Third Scrutiny
		Food Collection
5:00pm	Mass	Int Anna Maria Hoborough
		Food Collection
6:00pm	Event	Solidarity Dinner

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$8,165.00
 Loose: \$727.65

REST IN PEACE

José Dino

Pope's message

It will do us good to consider carefully the great ecclesial responsibility to which these brothers of ours are being raised. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was sent by the Father to redeem the human race, in turn sent the Twelve Apostles into the world so that, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, they might proclaim the Gospel to all peoples and unite

them under one Shepherd, and that they might sanctify them and guide them to salvation.

In order to perpetuate this apostolic ministry from one generation to the next, the Twelve chose other men to share in their work. Through the laying on of hands, they passed on to them the gift of the Spirit which they themselves had received from Christ, thereby conferring the fullness of the Sacrament of Orders. Thus, through an uninterrupted succession of bishops this prime ministry has been preserved in the living Tradition of the Church, and the work of the Saviour continues and develops to our own day.

In the bishop surrounded by his priests, Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, is present in your midst. Indeed, it is Christ who, through the ministry of the bishop, continues to preach the Gospel of salvation and to sanctify believers by means of the sacraments of faith. It is Christ who, through the paternal role of the bishop, draws new members to his Body which is the Church. It is Christ who, in the wisdom and prudence of the bishop, guides the People of God on their pilgrimage until at last they reach eternal bliss.

Therefore, welcome with gratitude and joy these brothers of ours whom we bishops are about to receive into the Episcopal College by the laying on of hands. Render to them the honour that is due to the ministers of Christ and the dispensers of the mysteries of God, to whom the testimony of the Gospel and the ministry of the Spirit for sanctification have been entrusted. Remember Jesus' words to the Apostles: "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me" (*Lk 10:16*).

Now, dearest brothers, chosen by the Lord, consider that you have been chosen from among men and for men; you have been appointed to the things pertaining to God. Not for other things, not for business, not for worldliness, not for politics. Indeed, "episcopacy" is the name of a service, not of an honour, since a bishop must strive to serve rather than to rule, according to the Master's commandment: "whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all". Flee from the temptation to become princes.

Proclaim the Word on every opportune and inopportune occasion. Admonish, reproach, exhort with all magnanimity and doctrine. And, through preaching and offerings of the Sacrifice for your people, draw from the fullness of the sanctity of Christ the manifold richness of God. The Bishop's prayer is the first task of the Bishop. When the Hellenist widows went to the Apostles to complain that they were being neglected, the latter gathered together and with the power of the Holy Spirit they created the diaconate. And when Peter explains this, what does he say? "Do this, this and this; it is up to us to pray and proclaim the Gospel" (cf. Acts 6:1-7). The first task of a Bishop is prayer. A bishop who does not pray, does not fulfil his duty, does not carry out his vocation.

In the Church entrusted to you, be faithful custodians and dispensers of the mysteries of Christ. As the Father has placed you at the head of his family, always follow the example of the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep and is known by them and who did not hesitate to lay down his life for them.

Love with a fatherly and brotherly love all those whom God entrusts to you. First the presbyters and deacons, your co-workers in the ministry. Please be close to the presbyters, please: may they find the bishop on the same day that they seek him, or at most, the following day. Closeness to priests. But also closeness to the poor, to the defenceless and to those in need of acceptance and help. Encourage the faithful to work with you in your Apostolic task; be ready to listen to what they have to say.

Pay careful attention to those who do not belong to the one fold of Christ, because they too have been entrusted to you in the Lord. Remember that in the Catholic Church, made one by the bond of charity, you are united to the College of Bishops and you must carry within you the solicitude for all the Churches, generously helping those who are most in need of assistance.

And watch, watch lovingly over the whole flock, among whom the Holy Spirit places you in order to support the Church of God. And do this in the name of the Father, whose image you make present; in the name of Jesus Christ his Son, by whom you were constituted teachers, priests and shepherds and in the name of the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the Church and whose power sustains us in our weakness.

FORMED

Looking for good, wholesome Catholic content...tired of searching the internet? Check out formed.org a virtual library with video and ebooks for adults and children! Find comprehensive and inspiring content. Share with your

friends and family! Simply sign up for FREE by visiting formed.org and entering our Parish access code **4FX3T6**. You may then create your personal account.

Visit Formed.org this Lent for a Lenten Study of Prayer

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

Solidarity Supper - April 7th

Come and be part of a Culture of Encounter!

The Share Lent Solidarity Supper will be on April 7th at 6 pm. in the Parish Centre. This event will be a way to participate in what Pope Francis is calling "a culture of encounter". Come encounter the stories of refugees around the world supported by Development & Peace. Come encounter your fellow parishioners over a meal of solidarity with all who have been displaced from their homes. Come and encounter Christ as we learn, pray, and eat together on Solidarity Sunday. Tickets available after Mass in the Arcade and by e-mailing Eileen at dcampamro@hotmail.com.

Week 4: March 31



Share the journey with those forcibly displaced in Colombia

In Colombia, over 6.5 million people have been forcibly displaced due to conflict, violence, natural disasters, and development projects. With your support, Development and Peace's partner the National Agrarian Coordination (NAC) is working with Indigenous women, many of whom are victims of forced displacement, to help them gain the skills and confidence to be intermediaries with the authorities. By promoting inclusive and participatory democracies, we are addressing one of the root causes of forced migration!

Next week is Solidarity Sunday, when the Share Lent collection in support of the work of Development and Peace will take place. Your generosity has a real impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Global South!

Next Sunday is Solidarity Sunday. How can you stand in solidarity with the 68 million refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers around the world?

- donate to Development and Peace special collection (see the Share Lent Campaign envelopes in your set or the special collection envelopes in the pews)

- come to the Solidarity Supper on April 7th at 6 pm (after the 5 pm Mass) in the Parish Hall - tickets available in the Arcade after Mass or by contacting Eileen at dcamparmo@hotmail.com

RCIA AND THE SCRUTINIES



Every year on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent the Church solemnly celebrates the scrutinies with the elect (catechumens) who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The gospel readings are all from the gospel of

John. For the first Scrutiny, the gospel reading is the Samaritan woman at the well, the second scrutiny's gospel is the man born blind and the third scrutiny's gospel is the raising of Lazarus. Here at St. Augustine's these scrutinies are celebrated at the 11:00AM Mass. The purpose of these rites is 'self-searching and repentance'; they are intended 'to uncover', and then heal all that is weak or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

Parish Pasta Dinner ~ Saturday, April 27, 2019, 6:00 PM



The *Community Life* team is hosting a spring Pasta dinner and you are cordially invited to come and join us! Tickets are \$10.00/adult and \$5.00 for children over 5 years of age. We are planning for 100 guests and the meal will consist of Lasagna (meat or vegetari-

an), garlic bread, fresh salad and dessert.

You may register by sending an email to coberndorf@shaw.ca stating family name, names of those attending, adult or child, phone number, and the type of lasagna you wish to have.

We ask that you then submit the correct amount in an envelope with the collection with PASTA DINNER on the front of the envelope.

Tickets will be available at the weekend masses on March 23-24 if you wish to sign up in person.

Welcome everyone, and come and join us for this Parish Community Dinner!

Understanding Wills and Estate Planning

Everything you wanted to know... but were reluctant to ask about wills and planning your estate. St. Augustine's has the benefit of parishioners with expert knowledge on these matters who have volunteered to explain the practical realities of organizing your will and related estate issues:

Do I need one? What do I need to think about? Do I need a lawyer? How often should I update my will? When is it time to get a will? Is a hand-written will sufficient?

These and other questions will be answered for you at the following information session at the Parish Centre, second floor meeting room:

Sunday, April 14th at 12:15pm

(after the 11:00am Mass)

Excellent handouts and resource materials will be shared. Please RSVP:

Colleen at 604-736-4455 Ext. 231

Email Scams



We are asking parishioners to beware and cautious of email phishing scams that appear to be coming from St. Augustine's Parish or from Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI requesting financial help or purchase of items in the way of money transfers, gift cards or by Credit Card. Under no circumstances would these requests

to parishioners be made by Fr. Andrzej or anyone employed at St. Augustine's Parish. **Please delete such emails immediately.**

School News...



Fifteenth Luncheon for all the Seniors of St. Augustine's Parish

Venue – The School

Monday April 8th at 12:00 pm

Cost – No cost

As there is maximum seating, please RSVP – by April 2nd to

Geru Fujisawa at 604-738-1155 or

gerufuji@telus.net Some parking will be available at the School.

Oblate Corner..



THERE WILL BE MORE EDIFICATION THROUGH FIDELITY THAN FROM AN OVER-POLITENESS

Posted by Frank Santucci

“Regularity” refers to following the Oblate Rule of Life (“regula” – hence “regularity” is following the Rule and guiding one’s life by it).

A young and dynamic community would attract many people to the sanctuary devotions and sacraments, but also to visit with the Oblates. Eugene here gives an important piece of advice: do not let an exaggerated number of visitors become a distraction to their religious lifestyle.

If the number of visitors is found to be a disturbing factor, steps should be taken to preserve regularity,

notwithstanding that. There will be more edification through fidelity like that than from an over-politeness that would entail wasting a considerable amount of time and a lot of disturbance.

Letter to Fathers Guigues and Dassy, 18 August 1834, EO VIII n 484

Advice that continues to be relevant for today: while being close to people we need to keep focused on the witness we should be giving and WHY we are close to them.

THE RULE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED IN ALL ITS DETAILS AND BY EVERYONE.

Eugene had placed great responsibility on the shoulder of the 29 year -old Fr Guigues: to assume responsibility for the Marian shrine and to work at increasing the number of pilgrims and to ensure that the Oblate community ran smoothly in accordance with the Oblate Rule.

I want Father Guigues to have a thorough grasp of all the obligations incumbent upon him.

If he fails to institute perfect regularity in his community, he will have to answer for it to God and the Society. I permit no re-interpretation.

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To make up for his inexperience he was to ensure that the three young Oblates lived according to all the prescriptions of the Constitutions and Rules. Thus it would be the Rule of Life that would be the guide, and not the whims and ideas of the superior. Good advice that is still pertinent today in our communities.

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.

New Parishioner Need Envelopes 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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RECONCILIATION

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

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