



April 14th, 2019

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Passion Sunday



Luke's passion narrative resembles that of Mark but has its own emphasis. The devil who departed from Jesus after the temptations returns now, entering Judas and demanding to sift Peter. Throughout his Gospel Luke portrays Jesus as the merciful and forgiving Savior of humankind; in death he forgives his executioners, and on the cross he brings salvation to a criminal.

Typical of Luke is his special attention to women in a society where they were downgraded. His story is that of a disciple who relives the drama of his master. Personal attachment to Jesus is expressed by the repeated affirmation of his innocence. He develops the personal relationships between Jesus and the various characters in the tragedy, especially Judas and Peter.

To understand the Passion message we have to keep in mind the other half of Luke's two-volume work, the Acts of the Apostles. The Jesus who is accused by the chief priests before the Roman governor prepares the way for Paul being brought before the same cast of adversaries. The innocent Jesus who dies asking forgiveness for his enemies and commending his soul to God the Father prepares the way for the first Christian martyr, Stephen, who will die voicing similar sentiments.

World Day of Youth – April 14



In 1984 at the close of the Holy Year of Redemption, over 300,000 young people from around the world responded to the invitation of His Holiness John Paul II for an International Jubilee of youth on Palm Sunday in St. Peter's square. Looking out to the crowds who answered his invitation he said, "What a

fantastic spectacle is presented on this stage by your gathering here today! Who claimed that today's youth has lost their sense of values? Is it really true that they cannot be counted on?" It was at this gathering that the Holy Father entrusted to the youth what is now known as the World Youth Day Cross, to be carried throughout the world as a symbol of the love of Christ for humanity.

The following Palm Sunday, coinciding with the United Nation's International Year of the Youth, Our Holy Father took the opportunity to welcome the youth of the world to Rome again. Later, announcing the institution of World Youth Day on December 20, 1985, and the first official WYD was held in 1986.

This Week

Monday, April 15

7:00pm Mass +Sr. Beda Kim

Tuesday, April 16

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
 8:00am Mass +John Anderson
 9:00am Event St. Augustine's School Confessions
 6:30pm Meeting ALPHA
 7:00pm Mass + Cecil Gleason

Wednesday, April 17

8:00am Mass
 7:00pm Mass +Mary & Leo Sweeney
 7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Holy Thursday, April 18

NO 8AM MASS TODAY

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall until 10:00pm

Good Friday, April 19

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 20

8:15pm Mass Easter Vigil begins

Easter Sunday, April 21

9:00am Mass +Mr & Mrs Bill Trainor
11:00am Mass
 1:00pm Event Private Function
5:00pm Mass



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We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$10,552.50
 Loose: \$804.90



Pope's message



"While he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him" (*Lk 15:20*).

Here the Gospel takes us to the heart of the parable, showing the father's response at seeing the return of his son. Deeply moved, he runs out to meet him before he can even reach home. A son long awaited. A father rejoicing to see him return.

That was not the only time the father ran. His joy would not be complete without the presence of his other son. He then sets out to find him and invites him to join in the festivities (*cf. v. 28*). But the older son appeared upset by the homecoming celebration. He found his father's joy hard to take; he did not acknowledge the return of his brother: "that son of yours", he calls him (*v. 30*). For him, his brother was still lost, because he had already lost him in his heart.

By his unwillingness to take part in the celebration, the older son fails not only to recognize his brother, but his father as well. He would rather be an orphan than a brother. He prefers isolation to encounter, bitterness to rejoicing. Not only is he unable to understand or forgive his brother, he cannot accept a father capable of forgiving, willing to wait patiently, to trust and to keep looking, lest anyone be left out. In a word, a father capable of compassion.

At the threshold of that home, something of the mystery of our humanity appears. On the one hand, celebration for the son who was lost and is found; on the other, a feeling of betrayal and indignation at the celebrations marking his return. On the one hand, the welcome given to the son who had experienced misery and pain, even to the point of yearning to eat the husks thrown to the swine; on the other, irritation and anger at the embrace given to one who had proved himself so unworthy.

What we see here yet again is the tension we experience in our societies and in our communities, and even in our own hearts. A tension deep within us ever since the time of Cain and Abel. We are called to confront it and see it for what it is. For we too ask: "Who has the right to stay among us, to take a place at our tables and in our meetings, in our activities and concerns, in our squares and our cities?" The murderous question seems constantly to return: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (*cf. Gen 4:9*).

At the threshold of that home, we can see our own divisions and strife, the aggressiveness and conflicts that always lurk at the door of our high ideals, our efforts to build a society of fraternity, where each person can experience even now the dignity of being a son or daughter.

The Gospel parable leaves us with an open ending. We see the father asking the older son to come in and share in the celebration of mercy. The Gospel writer says nothing about what the son decided. Did he join the party? We can imagine that this open ending is meant to be written by each individual and every community. We can complete it by the way we live, the way we regard others, and how we treat our neighbour. The Christian knows that in the Father's house there are many rooms: the only ones who remain outside are those who choose not to share in his joy.

Pope's Pray Intention for April

Universal: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Holy week



Holy Week is a very sacred time of the year, for it is when we commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely

important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with Palm Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms.

Especially important for Catholics is the **Easter Triduum**. This is the three days just before Easter.

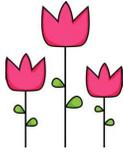
On Holy Thursday, we re-enact the Lord's Last Supper. At the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior.

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.



CWL news

April 14 10:00 am General Meeting

This will be a short meeting ending at 10:45

April 17 to 25 Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena

Save the date

Spring Fair Sunday May 5

We are accepting donations for the fair....

- jewelry, raffle items/baskets, small treasures and/or donations of cash - please drop off at the parish office. If you have questions contact Karen [604-879-9744](tel:604-879-9744) or kzawortny@gmail.com

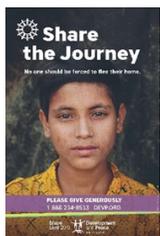
- **home-baked goodies** (such squares, tarts, loafs, pies, scones, biscuits, biscotti, cookies, soda bread, etc.etc); homemade jams, chutneys and preserves (fruits & vegetables); etc. Please contact Geri for instructions concerning drop-off place and times at 604-738- 1155 or gerifuji@telus.net.

St. Augustine's Solidarity Supper



Parishioners gathered on Solidarity Sunday for a meal of rice and lentil stew and to engage in what Pope Francis has called a "culture of encounter." Participants "encountered" one another through discussion and fellowship over dinner and they "encountered" refugees and migrants through the stories told by Development & Peace - Caritas Canada's *Share the Journey* videos (www.devp.org/en/education/fall2018/materials?field_material_type_public_value=videos). The *Share the Journey* campaign raises money for the work of Development & Peace with their global partners to support people who are refugees, migrants, or asylum seekers due to war, violence, poverty, genocide, or oil exploitation. If you missed the **Share Lent** collection last week, you may still donate by using one of the envelopes in the pews and marking it "Share Lent". Thank you to all who helped with the dinner!

Share Lent 2019



Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Share Lent campaign!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, \$7,634.40 was collected in our parish. This sum will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

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



The *Community Life* team thanks the Parishioners who purchased tickets for the April 27th Parish Pasta Dinner. Please ensure that you place your \$10 dinner ticket payment in the Collection basket at Church in an envelope marked "Parish Pasta Dinner". We look forward to this evening of Community Life at St. Augustine's.

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.



St. Augustine's School Senior's Luncheon

St. Patrick's Regional Secondary School Fundraiser Raffle

Tickets for this **all-cash prize** raffle will be sold after all mass on **Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th**. The prize money totals \$18,000. Tickets are only \$2 each. We can only accept cash. The funds raised from the raffle will directly benefit the students; including *but not limited to* the school choir, the school play, sports and grad events. For more information about this fundraiser, please view the school website: stpats.bc.ca. For specific questions about the raffle, please direct them to: stpatsraffletix@gmail.com.

This year, the draw will be held at the annual St. Patrick's Secondary Mother's Day Tea on **Friday, May 10th @ 2pm**.

Thank you for supporting our Regional Secondary School.

First Prize = \$10,000

Second Prize = \$5,000

Around the Archdiocese...

The Catholic Faith – in plain English

Learn the teachings and practices of the Catholic Faith in this robust course. This course is suitable for all adult learners including Catholics and non-Catholics. You can attend all sessions or drop in for specific topics as you please; there is no cost or pre-registration required.

Drop in 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre).

For more information and for the list of topics and dates, visit

<https://rcav.org/adult-catechesis-course>.

Oblate Corner..



IT WOULD TAKE A MIRACLE FOR HIM TO ACQUIRE THE RELIGIOUS VIRTUES

Posted by Frank Santucci

Being the one ultimately responsible for the spirit and mission of the Oblates and for the welfare of each one, Eugene, as Superior General, had vetted two of the young men who wanted to enter the novitiate and become Oblates. He wrote to the novice master, Casimir Aubert, to give his impressions and warnings.

... I happened to be at Calvaire when the two Italians arrived there. After a long conversation with them, I came to the conclusion that the one lacked the capacity while the other was lacking in virtue. Father Albini, in whose hands I left them, is sending them on to you for you to make a definitive judgment. I don't want you to

have the wool pulled over your eyes, which is why I am writing again this evening. In the first place I see no possibility of admitting the one who is sub-standard in intelligence. He did very badly in school, he was sent away from the Jesuit college for the precise reason that he did not succeed in his studies. It is some teacher in the town who pushed him through his studies in double quick time. What is more he expresses himself with great difficulty. I don't think he is cut out for us.

The other one has a bad appearance, a crooked smile, a fastidiousness about his grooming that makes one suppose he thinks he is an attractive young man. I don't think he has the least idea about the religious virtues and it could well be has come for some ulterior motive...

In short, it seems to me it would take a miracle for him to acquire the religious virtues and it would worry me a lot to introduce to the novitiate a young man infected with vice, especially when he shows not the least sign of religious fervour, in case it should prove harmful to men who have a real need of good example.

After all these warnings, Eugene advised:

Even so, I am not making a definite pronouncement for his exclusion. If you think you have the courage to set about his conversion, trusting in a miracle, you are free to try, but be on your guard, don't deceive yourself, and above all exclude any idea of admitting him before he has had an intensive trial for one month.

Letter to Casimir Aubert, 2-3 October 1834, EO VIII n. 487

Nothing upsets me more than having to send anyone away after the ceremonies of entry into the novitiate. Why not give ourselves enough time to form a reasonable judgment on them? In this case it is clear that the young man in question cannot be admitted.

Letter to Hippolyte Courtès, 30 November 1834, EO VIII n 496

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

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