

May 12th 2019
 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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The Good Shepherd



The reading from Acts of the Apostles shows that Paul's policy was to preach to the Jews first, because they were the chosen people. But when they rejected his message, he turns to the Gentiles. In this way the prophecy that the light of salvation would reach the ends of the earth was fulfilled.

In today's Gospel Jesus, the Good Shepherd, says to us, 'My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.' The image of Jesus as the Shepherd of the Father's flock is one of the most beautiful images we have of him. And we owe it to Jesus himself. This is how he described himself and his mission.

Jesus is no hireling. The hireling doesn't own the sheep, and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf approaching. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. The sheep belongs to him, and he is ready to die for them.

Jesus also made the most wonderful promise to those who belong to him. He said that none of them would ever be lost. No one would succeed in snatching from his care the sheep the Father has entrusted to him. The sheep that belong to him will be safe with him because the Father's power is in him. And he will lead them to the pastures of eternal life.

The feeling of belonging to Jesus, and of being known and loved by him, is enormously comforting and reassuring. So, what does belonging entail? Essentially three things.

The first and basic requirement is to believe in him, the second is to listen to his voice and the third is to follow him.

The privilege of belonging is not something that is offered to a chosen few, but to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

Liturgical celebrations:

Tuesday – St. Matthias, Apostle (feast)

It is generally believed that Matthias ministered in Judaea and then carried out missions to foreign places. Greek tradition states that he Christianized Cappadocia, a mountainous district now in central Turkey, later journeying to the region about the Caspian Sea, where he was martyred by crucifixion and, according to other legends, chopped apart. His symbol, related to his alleged martyrdom, is either a cross or a halberd. St. Helena, mother of the Roman emperor Constantine the Great, reputedly transported Matthias' relics from Jerusalem to Rome.



This Week

Monday, May 13

7:00pm Mass +Bob Battle

Tuesday, May 14

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
 8:00am Mass
 6:30pm Meeting ALPHA
 7:00pm Mass +Brian Bruchet

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

8:00am Mass
 5:30pm Meeting Ministries Leadership Teams
 7:00pm Mass +Mirtala Davison-Barria

Friday, May 17

8:00am Mass
 10:30am Meeting Lectio Divina/Circle of Friends (Ladies)
 7:00pm Mass

Saturday, May 18

8:00am Mass
 11:00am Wedding
5:00pm Mass +Pam Trainor
 Food Collection

Sunday, May 19

9:00am Mass Int Bernie & Grace Hensel & family
 Food Collection
 10:00am Meeting CWL General Meeting/Crowning of Mary
11:00am Mass +Dung Van Ngo
 Food Collection
5:00pm Mass
 Bapt
 Food Collection

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.

Sunday Envelopes: \$10,877.00

Loose: \$706.00

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Maia Africa Aguilar Diaz
Gianna Lucia Miranda Russo

MARRIED IN CHRIST

Wyncel Joy Chan
&
James Howard Clifford

REST IN PEACE

Lee LORD

Helmut August WENZEL

Pope's message

The Gospel of Luke, which we just heard, makes us relive the excitement of that moment when the Lord made his own the prophecy of Isaiah, as he read it solemnly in the midst of his people. The synagogue in Nazareth was filled with his relatives, neighbours, acquaintances, friends... and not only. All had their eyes fixed

on him. The Church always has her eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, the Anointed One, whom the Spirit sends to anoint God's people.

The Gospels frequently present us with this image of the Lord in the midst of a crowd, surrounded and pressed by people who approach him with their sick ones, who ask him to cast out evil spirits, who hear his teachings and accompany him on the way. "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (*Jn 10:27-28*).

The Lord never lost that direct contact with people. Amid those crowds, he always kept the grace of closeness with the people as a whole, and with each individual. We see this throughout his public life, and so it was from the beginning: the radiance of the Child gently attracted shepherds, kings and elderly dreamers like Simeon and Anna. So it was on the cross: his Heart draws all people to himself (*Jn 12:32*): Veronicas, Cyreneans, thieves, centurions...

The term "crowd" is not disparaging. Perhaps to some people's ears, it can evoke a faceless, nameless throng... But in the Gospel we see that when the crowd interacts with the Lord – who stands in their midst like a shepherd among his flock – something happens. Deep within, people feel the desire to follow Jesus, amazement wells up, discernment grows apace.

I would like to reflect with you on these three graces that characterize the relationship between Jesus and the crowd.

The grace of following

Saint Luke says that the crowds "looked for Jesus" (4:42) and "travelled with him" (14:25). They "pressed in on him" and "surrounded him" (8:42-45); they "gathered to hear him" (5:15). Their "following" is something completely unexpected, unconditional and full of affection. It contrasts with the small-mindedness of the disciples, whose attitude towards people verges on cruelty when they suggest to the Lord that he send them away, so that they can get something to eat. Here, I believe, was the beginning of clericalism: in this desire to be assured of a meal and personal comfort without any concern for the people. The Lord cut short that temptation: "You, give them something to eat!" was Jesus' response. "Take care of the people!"

The second grace that the crowd receives when it follows Jesus is that of joy-filled amazement. People were amazed by Jesus (*Lk 11:14*), by his miracles, but above all by his very person. People loved to meet him along the

way, to receive his blessing and to bless him, like the woman in the midst of the crowd who blessed his Mother. The Lord himself was amazed by people's faith; he rejoiced and he lost no opportunity to speak about it.

The grace of discernment

The third grace that people receive is that of discernment. "The crowds found out [where Jesus had gone], and followed him" (*Lk 9:11*). They "were astounded by his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority" (*Mt 7:28-29; cf. Lk 5:26*). Christ, the Word of God come in the flesh, awakens in people this charism of discernment, which is certainly not the discernment of those who specialize in disputed questions. When the Pharisees and the teachers of the law debated with him, what people discerned was Jesus' authority, the power of his teaching to touch their hearts, and the fact that evil spirits obeyed him (leaving momentarily speechless those who tried to trap him by their questions; the people liked that; they were able to distinguish this and they liked it).

Let us take a closer look at the way the Gospel views the crowd. Luke points out four large groups who are the preferred beneficiaries of the Lord's anointing: the poor, the blind, the oppressed and captives. He speaks of them in general terms, but then we are glad to see that, in the course of the Lord's life, these anointed ones gradually take on real names and faces. When its beneficial effect is felt throughout the entire body. So too, the Lord, taking up the prophecy of Isaiah, names various "crowds" to whom the Spirit sends him, according to what we may call an "inclusive preferentiality": the grace and the charism given to one individual person or a particular group then redounds, like every action of the Spirit, to the good of all.

Pope's Pray Intention for May

Evangelization: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people throughout the year.

Canada Health Day – May 12

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country.

This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

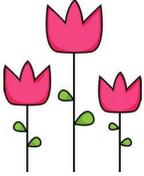
St. Augustine's Oblate Parish is a Catholic community centered in Christ and the Eucharist that has a shared mission to – welcome and invite all to participate – celebrate in Word and Sacrament – foster evangelization and spiritual formation – advocate for social justice – care for our common home.

CWL Strawberry Tea—Sunday June 23rd

Save the Date—CWL Strawberry Tea

Sunday June 23 at 12:30—Tickets \$20. More details to come....

Spring Fair Thank you



A big thanks to you all who came out to support our fair last Sunday. The Spring Fair raised \$4,774.60! A lot of work went into it to make it the success it was and for this, I thank each and every volunteer from the CWL, parishioners, St. Augustine's School, friends and family. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated items for the fair. Be blessed.



Easter Taize Prayer & Lighting Candles at St. Augustine's Parish

May 15, 2019 @ 7:45 pm – 9:00 pm



Surrexit Christus Alleluia! Christ's love is a fire that never goes out. Please come join us on this special Easter Taize evening to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! There will be the Easter candle lighting and each individual will have an opportunity to light a candle as a concrete gesture of celebrating the Risen of the Lord and pray for oneself and others for His mercy and act of gratitude for his salvation. It will be a spiritual and meditative evening with music, chant, scriptures, silence and prayers. All are welcome.

Project Advance

The annual appeal provides critical funding to key ministries and projects in our Archdiocese. Last year you helped raise \$7.47 million for our entire faith community. This year our goal is \$65,000. We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal. For more information stop by at the back of the Church and see one of our appeal committee members or visit www.projectadvance.ca to give online.

Parish Education Committee (PEC) Elections

The PEC has 2 seats coming up for election and are asking for nominations. The elections will be held on the weekend of May 25th and 26th with voting occurring 1 hour after each mass (Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am, 11am and 5pm). The PEC has formed an Elections Nomination Committee consisting of the following members:

Chairperson: Adam Beaudin-Ball

Members: Father Andrew, Carolyn Wong Levesque and Liz Flores.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the PEC please go to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4i9Nxzle051a2pRZ0lwMzBVNlk/view> and read, fill out and sign all the forms then Email them to pec.elections@staugustineschool.ca

All nominations must be received by May 16th. Note: The Voters List will be available to those wishing to see it. Please Email

pec.elections@staugustineschool.ca with your request.

Around the Archdiocese...

Birthright Vancouver

Special Mass, Prayers and Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please join us Saturday, May 18 for Mass at 12:10 p.m. preceded by the Rosary followed by the "Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary" at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Reception to follow in Rosary Hall, 650 Richards Street. Donations of refreshments appreciated. All are welcome. For more info. please contact Birthright Vancouver at 604-687-7223 or birthrightvancouver@gmail.com

Birthright Vancouver is a downtown crisis pregnancy centre. Birthright's efforts are to support pregnant women and their children by offering them the love, care and support they need.

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..



LET'S GO STRAIGHT FOR OUR OBJECTIVE BY THE SIMPLICITY OF OUR MINISTRY

Posted by Frank Santucci

The cooler months of the year were the period when the Oblate parish missions were preached – especially in the rural villages where the inhabitants were busy in the spring, summer and fall with their crops. Although Eugene could not directly participate in these activities, he was the one who coordinated the personnel and spirit of the missions. This was especially important as the majority of the Oblates were very young. Several of his letters in early 1835 deal directly with the missions.

What you tell me about the effect produced by occasional sermons given at Grenoble confirms me in the attitude I have always adopted of dissuading our men from this type of activity which has never been the cause of a single act of love of God, let alone produce a conversion.

Let's stick to our missions, retreats, catechetical instructions, this is the way grace communicates itself to souls.

Let's go straight for our objective by the simplicity of our ministry and leave human considerations to those who seek something other than God.

Letter to Bruno Guigues, 17 January 1835, EO VIII n 502

IN OUR RESURRECTED STATE, WE WILL DIE NO MORE

Our Lord wanted to experience in his mortal life all the fortunes mortals are heir to, the fortunes of that mortal nature he had assumed in his mysterious Incarnation [...] He espoused our cause to the extent of identifying with us. [...]

In this wonderful union of Jesus Christ and our souls lies the mystery of our participation in his grace, his glory. [...] [The feast of Easter] is ratification of the dignity of other feasts. [...] What the Church desires is that we should enter into the spirit of other feasts. They are a sort of journeying toward the great solemnity of the Resurrection; they lay before us the entire life of our Lord who was bound to be born, live and die in order to resurrect; they are distributed throughout the year like wayside stations so that we can restore our strength from time to time on our pilgrimage toward the happy destination where, in our resurrected state, we will die no more."

Bishop Eugene de Mazenod, Lenten pastoral of February 1846.

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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