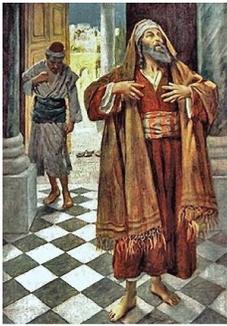


October 27th 2019
 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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How to Pray



Today's readings continue the theme of prayer. In society where money and power are everything, the 'little people' don't have a chance. The first reading states that God treats all people fairly. He shows no partiality to the rich and powerful. He listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly.

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector makes the same point even more forcefully. The proud Pharisee is relying on his good works. Because of these he thinks that God owes him salvation. The tax-collector has nothing to rely on. He knows he is a sinner. So

he throws himself on the mercy of God. His words are few, but the attitude of his heart makes him pleasing to God. His humble prayer wins him forgiveness.

The parable was aimed at those who pride themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Although he was boastful, the Pharisee was not a hypocrite. His problem was that he had no concept of his need of God or grace or forgiveness.

Liturgical celebrations

Monday – Saint Simon and Saint Jude (feast)

The names of Simon and Jude appear in New Testament lists of the apostles but little else is known about either. Since there are two apostles named Simon and two named Judas, these are distinguished as Simon the Zealot and Judas the son (or the brother) of James, the others being Simon Peter and Judas Iscariot. Simon is surnamed the Cananaean or the Zealot, names which refers to his zeal for the Law. Jude is also called Thaddeus. Traditionally, both these apostles suffered martyrdom. In a later tradition, Jude became a patron of so-called hopeless causes.

Friday – All Saints (solemnity)

This feast honours all the saints of the Church, known and unknown. The occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on the nature of sainthood and to celebrate the exemplary faithfulness of holy men and women of every place and time whose lives and deeds continue to inspire us.

Saturday – All Souls' Day (memorial)

Since the early Church, Christians prayed for the dead. By the 7th century, some monastic foundations reserved this day to pray for deceased members and benefactors. By the 14th century, the commemoration had spread through Europe and was universally accepted in the Latin Church.

This Week

Monday, October 28

6:30pm Meeting CWL Executive meeting
 7:00pm Mass +David Galitzky

Tuesday, October 29

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
 8:00am Mass Int Kathy Picard
 3:30pm Meeting Catechism of the Good Shepherd
 7:00pm Mass +Dominic Ubaldino De Souza
 7:30pm Meeting Our Lady Bible Study

Wednesday, October 30

8:00am Mass +Martin Perez
 7:00pm Mass +Mary Battle, Sr.
 7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, October 31

8:00am Mass +Patricia Proudfoot
 7:00pm Mass Int Michael Garay & Lisanne Goiti

Friday, November 1

8:00am Mass +Pio & Primitiva Sison
 10:15am Meeting Circle of Friends / Lectio Divina
 10:30am Meeting Moms & Tots Play Group
 7:00pm Mass +Sivi Elena Robredo de Velasco

Saturday, November 2

8:00am Mass
 8:30am Meeting Development & Peace Fall Workshop
 10:30am Funeral +Patricia Proudfoot
 2:00pm Event Motet Choral Concert
5:00pm Mass
 Food Collection
 6:15pm Meeting Legion of Mary Junior Praesidium

Sunday, November 3

8:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
9:00am Mass Int Olivia & Andrew Tin Hla
 Food Collection
11:00am Mass
 Food Collection
5:00pm Mass
 Food Collection

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$11,378.55
 Loose: \$860.55

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Lucas Antonio Felicio Paisana
 Isabelle Irena Diamandiev

REST IN PEACE

Gina Greco
 Wilfred La Pointe

Pope's Message...

I would like to reflect on three words taken from the readings we have just heard: a noun, a verb and an adjective. The noun is the mountain: Isaiah speaks of it when he prophesies about a mountain of the Lord, raised above the hills, to which all the nations will flow (cf. *Is 2:2*). We see the image of the mountain again

in the Gospel when Jesus, after his resurrection, tells his disciples to meet him on the mount of Galilee; the Galilee inhabited by many different peoples: "Galilee of the Gentiles" (cf. *Mt 4:15*). It seems, then, that the mountain is God's favourite place for encountering humanity. It is his meeting place with us, as we see in the Bible, beginning with Mount Sinai and Mount Carmel, all the way to Jesus, who proclaimed the Beatitudes on the mountain, was transfigured on Mount Tabor, gave his life on Mount Calvary and ascended to heaven from the Mount of Olives. The mountain, the place of great encounters between God and humanity, is also the place where Jesus spent several hours in prayer (cf. *Mk 6:46*) to unite heaven and earth, and to unite us, his brothers and sisters, with the Father.

What does the mountain say to us? We are called to draw near to God and to others. To God, the Most High, in silence and prayer, avoiding the rumours and gossip that diminish us. And to others, who, from the mountain, can be seen in a different perspective: that of God who calls all peoples. From on high, others are seen as a community whose harmonious beauty is discovered only in viewing them as a whole. The mountain reminds us that our brothers and sisters should not be selected but embraced, not only with our gaze but also with our entire life. The mountain unites God and our brothers and sisters in a single embrace, that of prayer. The mountain draws us up and away from the many transient things, and summons us to rediscover what is essential, what is lasting: God and our brothers and sisters. Mission begins on the mountain: there, we discover what really counts. In the midst of this missionary month, let us ask ourselves: what really counts in my life? To what peaks do I want to ascend?

A verb accompanies the noun "mountain": the verb to go up. Isaiah exhorts us: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord" (2:3). We were not born to remain on the ground, to be satisfied with ordinary things, we were born to reach the heights and there to meet God and our brothers and sisters. However, this means that we have to go up: to leave behind a horizontal life and to resist the force of gravity caused by our self-centredness, to make an exodus from our own ego. Going up requires great effort, but it is the only way to get a better view of everything. As mountain-climbers know, only when you arrive at the top can you get the most beautiful view; only then do you realize that you would not have that view were it not for that uphill path.

And as in the mountains we cannot climb well if we are weighed down by our packs, so in life we must rid ourselves of things that are useless. This is also the secret of mission: to go, you have to leave something behind, to proclaim, you must first renounce. A credible proclamation is not made with beautiful words, but by an exemplary life: a life of service that is capable of rejecting all those material things that shrink the heart and make people indifferent and inward-looking; a life that renounces the useless things that entangle the heart in order to find time for God and others. We can ask ourselves: how am I doing in my efforts to go up? Am I able to reject the heavy and useless baggage of worldliness in order to climb the mountain of the Lord? Is mine a journey upwards or one of worldliness?

If the mountain reminds us of what matters – God and our brothers and sisters – and the verb to go up tells us how to get there, a third word is even more important for today's celebration. It is the adjective all, which constantly reappears in the readings we have heard: "all peoples", says Isaiah (2:2); "all peoples", we repeated in the Psalm; God desires "all to be saved", writes Paul (1 *Tim 2:4*); "Go and make disciples of all nations", says Jesus in the Gospel (*Mt 28:19*). The Lord is deliberate in repeating the word all. He knows that we are always using the words "my" and "our": my things, our people, our community... But he constantly uses the word all. All, because no one is excluded from his heart, from his salvation; all, so that our heart can go beyond human boundaries and particularism based on a self-centredness that displeases God. All, because everyone is a precious treasure, and the meaning of life is found only in giving this treasure to others. Here is our mission: to go up the mountain to pray for everyone and to come down from the mountain to be a gift to all.

Going up and coming down: the Christian, therefore, is always on the move, outward-bound. Go is in fact the imperative of Jesus in the Gospel. We meet many people every day, but – we can ask – do we really encounter the people we meet? Do we accept the invitation of Jesus or simply go about our own business? Everyone expects things from others, but the Christian goes to others. Bearing witness to Jesus is never about getting accolades from others, but about loving those who do not even know the Lord. Those who bear witness to Jesus go out to all, not just to their own acquaintances or their little group. Jesus is also saying to you: "Go, don't miss a chance to bear me witness!" My brother, my sister, the Lord expects from you a testimony that no one can give in your place. "May you come to realize what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life.... lest you fail in your precious mission." (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 24).

Pope's Prayer Intention for November

Universal: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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.



Join a workshop on Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's new campaign, For our Common Home

The Amazon produces 20% of the oxygen we breathe. Yet its forests, streams and people are threatened because of the resources there. Join a workshop on Development and Peace's new campaign For our Common Home: A future for the Amazon, a future for all to learn about the vital role the Amazon plays for the entire planet and the importance of standing alongside those who protect the

Amazon. A future for the Amazon is a future for all!

The workshop will be held at St. Augustine Parish Centre on November 2nd at 9 am. For more information, contact :

Eileen Cervi at dcamparmo@hotmail.com. For more information about the campaign see: devp.org/camp

Community Life

On behalf of St. Augustine's Community Life Committee, we wish to let you know of an upcoming initiative to enhance our Parish Family community. At all Masses on the weekend of November 16th/17th we will be inviting parishioners to wear name tags displaying their first name only. Materials for the name tags will be provided at the entrance to Church before service begins. Of course, this invitation is voluntary and there is no obligation to participate. We do encourage everyone to take part in this and other Parish initiatives aimed at allowing us to all become one family in Church during the celebration of Mass.

CWL News



Flu shots are now available in Vancouver at pharmacies or primary health care providers. There has been a slight delay with availability this year after manufacturers had to recalibrate the vaccine to better protect against the dominant flu strains that are expected with this year's flu season.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



RCIA meets Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at St. Augustine's Parish Centre. If you are interested in the Catholic faith or know someone who is, please contact Linda Arnold: 604 736-4455 Ext 229 or rcia@staugustineschurch.ca to register.



October 19th Harvest Dinner Celebration

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE POOR

EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

"For I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25:35



This 2 November, MOTET sings a concert to mark the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. The triduum of days beginning with the Eve of All Saints and followed by All Saints and All Souls are sometimes collectively called "Hallowtide,"* serving as a season to remember and honour all the faithful departed.

In homage to these complementary contrasts, this concert programme features *Missa Omnes Sancti* by the contemporary English composer Malcolm Archer, and *Missa pro Defunctis* by the 16th-century Spanish composer Tomás Luis de Victoria.

2 November, 2:00pm @ St. Augustine's, 2028 W 7th Avenue, Vancouver
Admission is by donation (suggested amount: \$10 - 20), and all ages are warmly welcomed!

Legion of Mary Junior Praesidium

Cause of Our Joy (COOJ) is the Junior Praesidium (age 18 and under) at St. Augustine's under the guidance of Spiritual Directors, Fr. Andrew Stendzina and Bishop David Monroe. We meet weekly in the Parish library after 5pm Saturday Mass (6:15pm-7pm). Info: 604.767.8087

School News

Broadway Subway Project

There will be a community open house on the extension of the Millennium Line that will result in a station at the northeast corner of Arbutus and West Broadway with a connecting bus loop at the same site.

You are encouraged to attend and register your comments at the open houses the first of which will be Wednesday, October 30 between 4 and 7pm at **Kits Neighbourhood House, 2305 West 7th Avenue.**

The school has held a preliminary meeting with the project and outlined its concerns, with further meetings to be held.

Around the Archdiocese...

Visiting the Sick Workshop

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and volunteer visitors are the eyes, hands and heart of our parish in the community, reaching out to those who may experience pain and isolation during times of illness. This workshop will educate volunteers to be aware of what quality palliative care is and how to access it for people who should be receiving it.

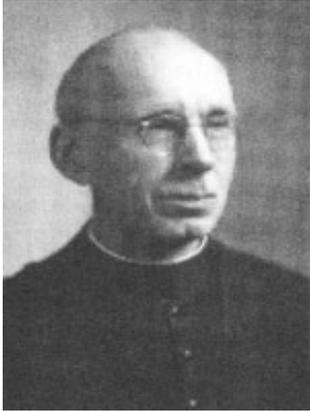
Open to all Eucharistic Ministers and Parish Visitors to the Sick. Come join us on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mark's Chapel, Vancouver. Workshop Director is Romaine Gallagher, MD. Registration fee is \$25 including lunch. Please register on Eventbrite or contact St. Mark's Parish Office at parish.smarm@rcav.org or call 604-822-0261.

Vocation Live-In

On the weekend of November 15 - 17, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8975.



Oblate Corner



One of a kind - Honorius CHABOT, OMI

Due to the temperament, habits, and manner of behaving of people, we can never find two persons who are absolutely alike. It's the same for Oblates. When one of them seems to distinguish himself from the others we tend to say of him that he is original. This designation is without malice. It is merely to underline that in one aspect he stands out from the ordinary. We could say that he is unique in his kind. Father Honorius Chabot was one of these.

Model priest and religious

Honorius was born on January 13, 1881, at Saint-Constant, in Laprairie county. In 1900 he entered the Oblate Novitiate at Lachine. Six years later he was ordained to the priesthood in Ottawa. For sixty-two years

he remained a model religious and a serious priest. His piety was sincere, and he had an overflowing zeal for the salvation of souls. He could adapt himself anywhere. His simple and familiar homilies were easily understood by every level of the population: children, adults, old people, the sick, the poor, the nuns. Even at the age of eighty-five he endeavored to respond to the spiritual needs of those who sought him in the confessional. Shortly before his death he used to say: "I don't think of death, but of life" He wanted to live so as to better serve his brothers. "I will most gladly spend myself for your souls" could he say with Saint Paul.

Absent-minded on occasion

As absent-minded as Father Chabot! This was the proverbial saying among Oblates. Many times he was looking for his glasses when they were right on his nose. While pastor of Holy Family Parish in Ottawa, he was living at St. Joseph Scholasticate, which was near the Church. One day the phone rang and no one was answering. Father Cabot picked up the telephone and heard someone ask for the pastor of the church. Confusedly he replied: "One moment." After walking away for a few steps to look for the Pastor of Holy Family, he suddenly realized: "But, that's me!"

Father Donald Poulet, who was available for preaching on Sundays, had been asked to preach at the Parish. Ten days ahead of time, he sent a well edited copy of his sermon to the Pastor for his approval. Father Chabot accepted the text and read it twice. Two days later, absent-minded as usual, he preached this sermon almost word for word to his parishioners.

But the high point of his absent-mindedness was on the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, when Father Chabot presided at a solemn procession through the streets of his Parish, piously holding an empty monstrance... He had simply forgotten to insert the Luna containing the Sacred Host!

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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