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 Third Sunday of Easter

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### Emmaus

The Emmaus story is a sophisticated Eucharistic catechesis: a 'liturgy of the Word' is followed by a 'liturgy of the Eucharist'. The expression 'breaking of bread' is a technical term for the Eucharist. Luke deliberately uses Eucharistic language: Jesus took bread, blessed, broke, gave it to them.

By the time Luke wrote his Gospel half a century had gone by since the Lord's death and resurrection. So his readers might look back with envy at the people who were fortunate enough to have seen the risen Lord with their own eyes. But in this story Luke makes the point that those who were in that enviable position did not truly know Jesus until the Scriptures were expounded and the bread was broken.

The Christians of Luke's time had those same means of recognizing the Lord – the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread. And so have Christians ever since, for the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the essential components of our Sunday service. In the matter of encountering Jesus with faith, a past generation is no more privileged than the present one.

### A Word From Fr. Andrzej...

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As we continue our journey throughout this difficult time of isolation and social distancing let us keep our hearts and minds focussed on the faith that Jesus embodied not only during His life on Earth but in the legacy of His Eucharist. Know that I continue to pray for all of you; that each time the Mass is celebrated it is with you and for you regardless of whether or not you are physically present. Adversity strengthens faith and our commitment to each other as a community continues as always.

Our on line connections continue to evolve and I am determined to stay in touch with as many of you as possible. I am pleased that our many Catechumens and Candidates that would have normally been welcomed into the Church at the great feast of Easter are still active and enquiring. Please keep them in your prayers, as I do you.

Easter Blessings, **Fr. Andrzej**

## This Week

### Monday, April 27

17:00pm Mass

### Tuesday, April 28

6:00am Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)

8:00am Mass +Pam Trainor

7:00pm Mass

7:30pm Adult Faith Study (Virtual meeting)

### Wednesday, April 29

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass +Fr. Andrzej & Natalie Anagnostou

### Thursday, April 30

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass +Amanda Jayamanna

### Friday, May 1

First Friday Adoration

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

### Saturday, May 2

8:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass

### Sunday, May 3

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass

### Pope's Prayer Intention for May

**Evangelization For Deacons**—We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



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## Pope's Message

### *Urbi et Orbi...*



"When evening had come" (Mk 4:35). The Gospel passage we have just heard begins like this. For weeks now it has been evening. Thick darkness has gathered over our squares, our streets and our cities; it has taken over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void, that stops everything as it passes by; we feel it in the air, we notice in people's gestures, their glances give them away. We find ourselves afraid and lost. Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying "We are perishing" (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this.

It is easy to recognize ourselves in this story. What is harder to understand is Jesus' attitude. While his disciples are quite naturally alarmed and desperate, he stands in the stern, in the part of the boat that sinks first. And what does he do? In spite of the tempest, he sleeps on soundly, trusting in the Father; this is the only time in the Gospels we see Jesus sleeping. When he wakes up, after calming the wind and the waters, he turns to the disciples in a reproaching voice: "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" (v. 40).

Let us try to understand. In what does the lack of the disciples' faith consist, as contrasted with Jesus' trust? They had not stopped believing in him; in fact, they called on him. But we see how they call on him: "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" (v. 38). *Do you not care* they think that Jesus is not interested in them, does not care about them. One of the things that hurts us and our families most when we hear it said is: "Do you not care about me?" It is a phrase that wounds and unleashes storms in our hearts. It would have shaken Jesus too. Because he, more than anyone, cares about us. Indeed, once they have called on him, he saves his disciples from their discouragement.

The storm exposes our vulnerability and uncovers those false and superfluous certainties around which we have constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities. It shows us how we have allowed to become dull and feeble the very things that nourish, sustain and strengthen our lives and our communities. The tempest lays bare all our prepackaged ideas and forgetfulness of what nourishes our people's souls; all those attempts that anesthetize us with ways of thinking and acting that supposedly "save" us, but instead prove incapable of putting us in touch with our roots and keeping alive the memory of those who have gone before us. We deprive ourselves of the antibodies we need to confront adversity.

In this storm, the façade of those stereotypes with which we camouflaged our egos, always worrying about our image, has fallen away, uncovering once more that (blessed) common belonging, of which we cannot be deprived: our belonging as brothers and sisters.

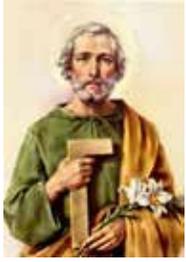
"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith? Lord, your word this evening strikes us and regards us, all of us. In this world, that you love more than we do, we have gone ahead at breakneck speed, feeling powerful and able to do anything. Greedy for profit, we let ourselves get caught up in things, and lured away by haste. We did not stop at your reproach to us, we were not shaken awake by wars or injustice across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor or of our ailing planet. We carried on regardless, thinking we would stay healthy in a world that was sick. Now that we are in a stormy sea, we implore you: "Wake up, Lord!"

"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith? Lord, you are calling to us, calling us to faith. Which is not so much believing that you exist, but coming to you and trusting in you. This Lent your call reverberates urgently: "Be converted!", "Return to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12). You are calling on us to seize this time of trial as *a time of choosing* It is not the time of your judgement, but of our judgement: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others. We can look to so many exemplary companions for the journey, who, even though fearful, have reacted by giving their lives. This is the force of the Spirit poured out and fashioned in courageous and generous self-denial. It is the life in the Spirit that can redeem, value and demonstrate how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people— often forgotten people— who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines nor on the grand catwalks of the latest show, but who without any doubt are in these very days writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves. In the face of so much suffering, where the authentic development of our peoples is assessed, we experience the priestly prayer of Jesus: "That they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). How many people every day are exercising patience and offering hope, taking care to sow not panic but a shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday gestures, how to face up to and navigate a crisis by adjusting their routines, lifting their gaze and fostering prayer. How many are praying, offering and interceding for the good of all. Prayer and quiet service: these are our victorious weapons.

## 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.

### May 1—Joseph, the Worker.



“Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God,”  
- Pope John Paul II

There is very little about the life of Joseph in Scripture but we know that he was the chaste husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus, a carpenter and a man who was not wealthy. We also know that he came from the royal lineage of King David.

We can see from his actions in scripture that Joseph was a compassionate man and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph had probably died before Jesus entered public ministry.

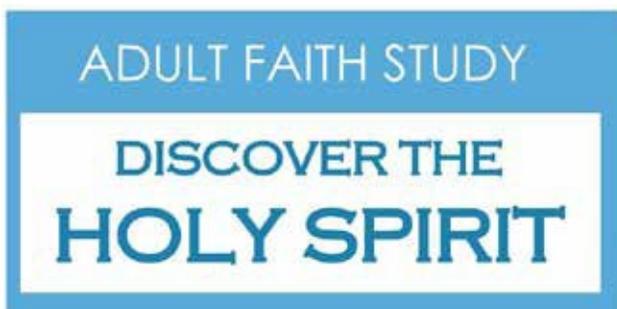
Joseph is the patron of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, the dying and social justice.

### Stewardship Reflection

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*"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)*

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.



### Virtual Faith Study - Discover the Holy Spirit

Join us online Tuesday evenings at 7:30 starting for a weekly virtual gathering to learn more about the Holy Spirit and build community so we can become better disciples of Christ. We will be watching and discussing videos of The Wild Goose series by Fr. Dave Pivonka. For more information or to register e-mail: [biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca)



### Phishing or E Mail Requests

Once again, there have been reports of “phishing” using Fr. Andrzej’s name. Please do not respond to any on line or Email request purporting to be from Fr. Andrzej and asking for a cheque, donation of money or gift cards. To protect yourself, always scrutinize the address line of any Email you are not expecting or are unsure of. If you are still uncertain, please telephone the Parish Front Office for verification. **604 736-4455 Ext. 221**

### Weekly Sunday Donations

Weekly offering envelopes may be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

If you wish, you can make your Sunday and Special donations using Mastercard, Visa or Pre-authorized Debit. Please complete the authorization form which can be picked up at the Parish Office or complete online at [www.staugustineschurch.ca](http://www.staugustineschurch.ca)

The amount you authorize will be processed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Thank you for your generous financial support.**

### Message for our Senior Lunch Community

Due to the current health challenges we all face, the **June 8th** date for our much loved **School Hosted Seniors' Lunches** is cancelled. You are in our prayers as we do all we can to keep everyone safe. We will be communicating with your Grade 7 prayer partners to seek their prayers for your intentions, and ask that you do the same for our young people.

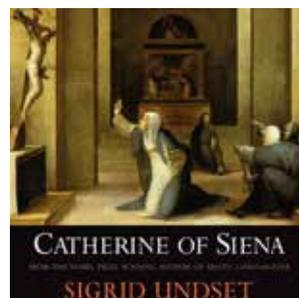
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*"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."*  
- Pope Saint John Paul II

Now more than ever, we must hold fast to the great virtue of Hope. Please go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) for many resources on Catholic faith formation, prayer, Catholic movies and many other resources.

If you are a parent with children home from school, there are many original resources available.



### Featured this week on FORMED.org

**Catherine of Siena**

by Sigrid Undset

With sensitivity to the zealous love of God and man that permeated the life of Saint Catherine, Undset presents a most moving and memorable portrait of one of the greatest women of all time.

## Oblate Corner

### Brother Biggan Discovers a Secret Cache



The Oblates first established themselves in the British Isles back in 1843. At the time of the Founder's death, some sixty members of Irish origin could be counted. Among these, Brother Laurent Biggan was remarkable, especially for his important role in education.

#### An inflexible Catholic

He was born in Cootehill, Ulster province, on February 14, 1810. During his entire life he professed the Catholic Faith, as transmitted by his parents. An intelligent boy of 15, young Laurent won the Mathematics prize in a public contest open to students of all ages. This achievement opened a promising future before him, providing he renounced his Faith. He preferred to remain faithful to his Baptismal promises and refused to accept these temporal advantages. He began by teaching in his native land. About ten years

later, when he learned that the children of his compatriots living in Scotland lacked teachers, he requested and obtained, in spite of the fact that he was both Irish and Catholic, a teaching position in the National School of Edinburgh. In the course of a mission preached by Father Robert Cooke he came to know the Oblates, and decided, at the age of 45 to enter the novitiate. When he became an Oblate, in 1856, he was given the responsibility of directing the schools at Inchicore, a post that he occupied to everyone's satisfaction. During his stay of a few years at Leith, in northern Scotland, he witnessed a rather bewildering incident that embarrassed the local Presbyterians.

#### The Protestants in panic

The first religious to reappear in Scotland, after three centuries of banishment, were the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1852. Eight years later, when they began the construction of a second residence, at Leith, the Protestants became fearful. "Heaven will punish us" said the fanatical disciples of John Knox "if we do not object to this monkish invasion." But, how to carry out this objection? After much hesitation, a long protest was written on parchment. It explicitly condemned the papists who were invading their region. Since the use of force was out of the question, at least they wanted future generations to know that against their will the "enemy" implanted its home in this city. Their protest, drawn up and boldly signed by all the members of the sect, was now ready. But what to do with it? They hesitated to publish it in the papers, for fear of those Irish Catholic devils, most of whom were robust dock workers.

Prudence rather advised recourse to a clever expedient. They hid the precious document, along with a Protestant Bible and violent anti-Catholic pamphlets, in a tin box. A workman took it upon himself to conceal the container in one of the walls of the building under construction. This saved their honor! In a few centuries, when this house falls into ruins, their posterity will learn, with legitimate pride, that in the past there had been intrepid people at Leith!

#### The ploy uncovered

But the Immaculate Mother of God watched over the house of her Oblates. The architect, while inspecting the progress of the work, noticed that one of the walls had not been correctly placed. He ordered to take it down and reposition it a meter further. It was precisely during this demolition, on August 15, 1860, the very feast of Our Lady's Assumption (a date to be noted), that Brother Biggan, accompanied by Father Patrick Kirby, noticed something shining between the partitions of the wall. They approached...separated the boards, and laid hold of the suspicious object. They forced it open and withdrew the content. Their astonishment gave rise to a burst of laughter. The news of the "tin box" spread like wildfire throughout the city. Everywhere, in the drawingrooms, in the pubs, and on the docks people spoke of the famous discovery. The signers didn't know where to hide their shame and displeasure. Truly, their descendants would have reason to be proud!

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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