



May 3rd 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Christ the Good Shepherd



In his address to slaves (second reading), Peter urged them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore his sufferings for the love of us. Slavery was a fact of life in New Testament times. The New Testament writers do not, as might have been expected, lead a campaign against it. Even if

they had wanted to do so, they must have been aware that such a stance could only be judged subversive and would imperil the tenuous foothold Christianity was gaining in the world of the day. Peter's words have a wider application. He singled out slaves only because their burden of suffering was heavier than that of others.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations- May 3



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.

A Word from Fr. Andrzej...



As we continue to persevere through this time of social distance and isolation, let us pause and thank God for the many blessings still to be found- for longer, balmier days, kind neighbours and the unexpected smile of a stranger.

I want to thank all of you who continue to so generously remember us here at St. Augustine's with your prayers and donations. It is heartening to have people come for confession and spend time reflecting quietly in the Church. I miss each and every one of you.

Currently we are organizing a school Mass celebration via Zoom, connecting once again our network of students and parents. We are working harder than ever to improve and continue our Ministry meetings. We are constantly developing new ways for all of us to connect as a group. Please contact us if you have an idea which may benefit the community. Let us continue to emulate the patience of Jesus and rest assured that, as your Pastor, I remain with you in heart and spirit.

Fr. Andrzej

This Week

Monday, May 4

17:00pm Mass

Tuesday, May 5

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

8:00am Mass +Heather Colin

7:00pm Mass +Larry Battle

7:30pm Meeting Adult Faith Study (Virtual meeting)

Wednesday, May 6

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

7:30pm Meeting Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, May 7

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

Friday, May 8

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

Saturday, May 9

8:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, May 10

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass +John Barry

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

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Pope's Message



Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Our sons have been called to the order of priests. Let us consider the position to which they are to be promoted in the Church. It is true, brothers and sisters, that God has made his entire people a royal priesthood in Christ. But our High Priest, Jesus Christ, also chose some of his followers to carry out publicly in the Church a priestly ministry in his name on behalf of mankind. They were elected by the Lord Jesus, not to further their careers, but to offer this service.

He was sent by the Father, and he in turn sent the apostles into the world; through them and their successors, the bishops, he continues his work as Teacher, Priest, and Shepherd. Priests are coworkers of the order of bishops. They are joined to the bishops in the priestly office and are called to serve God's people.

Our brothers have seriously prayed and considered this step, and are now to be ordained to priesthood in the presbyteral order. They are to serve Christ the Teacher, Priest, and Shepherd in his ministry which is to make his own body, the Church, into the people of God, a holy temple of the Holy Spirit.

They are called to share in the priesthood of the bishops and to be molded into the likeness of Christ, the supreme and eternal Priest. By consecration, they will be made true priests of the New Testament, to preach the Gospel, sustain God's people, and celebrate the Liturgy, above all, the Lord's sacrifice.

My beloved sons and brothers, you are now to be advanced to the order of the presbyterate. You must apply your energies to the duty of teaching in the name of Christ, the chief Teacher. Share with all mankind the Word of God you received with joy as children. Meditate on the law of God, believe what you read, teach what you believe, and put into practice what you teach.

Let the doctrine you teach be nourishment for the people of God; let it be simple, as the Lord spoke, so as to touch the heart. Do not preach homilies that are too intellectual and elaborate. Speak in a simple way; speak to hearts. And this preaching will be true nourishment. Let the example of your life— because the Word without the example of life is ineffective. It is better to turn back. A double life is a serious disease in the Church — attract the followers of Christ so that by word and action you may build up the house which is God's Church. In the same way you must carry out your mission of sanctifying in the power of Christ. Your ministry will perfect the spiritual sacrifice of the faithful by uniting it to Christ's sacrifice, the sacrifice which is offered sacramentally through your hands.

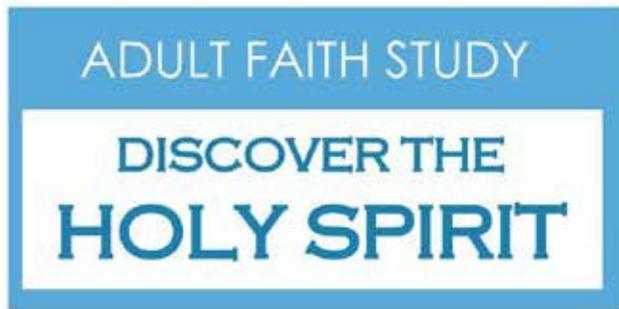
Know what you are doing and imitate the mystery you celebrate. In the memorial of the Lord's death and resurrection, make every effort to die to sin and to walk in the new life of Christ. A presbyter who has studied perhaps a lot of theology and has one, two, three degrees, but has not learned to carry Christ's Cross, is ineffective. He will be a good scholar, a good professor, but not a priest.

When you baptize, you will bring new men and women into the people of God. In the sacrament of penance, you will forgive sins in the name of Christ and the Church. I ask you, please, in the name of Christ and the Church, to always be merciful; do not encumber the faithful, nor yourselves, with unbearable burdens. For this Jesus reproached the doctors of the law and called them hypocrites. With holy oil you will relieve and console the sick. One of the tasks— perhaps the most tedious, even painful one— is to visit the sick. Do this. Yes, it is good that the lay faithful and deacons go, but do not neglect to touch the flesh of the suffering Christ in the sick. This sanctifies you; it brings you closer to Christ. You will celebrate the liturgy and offer thanks and praise to God throughout the day, praying not only for the people of God but for the whole world.

Remember that you are chosen from among God's people and appointed to act for them in relation to God. Do your part in the work of Christ the Priest with genuine joy and love. Be joyful, never sad. Joyful, with the joy of Christ's service, even amid suffering, misunderstandings, and your own sins. Keep your gaze ever fixed on the example of the Good Shepherd who did not come to be served but to serve. Please, do not be "lords". Do not be "state clerics", but rather shepherds of the people of God.

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.



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

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 Preauthorized Debit. Please complete the authorization form which can be picked up at the Parish Office or complete online at www.staugustineschurch.ca

The amount you authorize will be processed on the 2nd of each month.

Thank you for your generous financial support.



This time of lock down and uncertainty may well be a stimulus to seek God in a new way or share with him what thoughts and feelings are around. Frances Cheung is a parishioner of St. Augustine's Church and has been trained in the tradition of Ignatian spirituality. She would like to offer the opportunity to have a spiritual conversation. If you are interested, please email Frances at tf-cheung@hotmail.com. Conversations can take place via Skype or Teams; whichever works best for you.



Movies Make Sense



A contemporary way to find Christ at the movies, reflect on films through the lens of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Movies are social media. They relate closely to our lives. To contemplate a movie is to encounter the Lord who is deep in your heart. It is to become aware of God's presence, reflecting your life experiences. You bring your feelings, emotions in conversation with Christ; the likelihood to be transformed.

Name of Movie: "The Lion King" (2019)

Date: May 23, 2020 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Facilitators: Frances Cheung and Katherine Tam are spiritual directors who have been trained in the tradition of Ignatian spirituality. They provide spiritual direction, give Spiritual Exercises and retreats.

Media: Microsoft Teams

No charge: There is no charge for this workshop. A donation to your Parish or a charity organization is appreciated.

You watch the movie at home. The movies will be viewed through the lens of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Prayer material will be sent upon acceptance. Each meeting will include prayer, presentation, sharing and discussion. Follow with individual spiritual direction (limited space).

Reserve your spot today and attend from the comfort and privacy of your home. Registration is required at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhYZV4zg_QmK09oPvC2MT2gcFobtrJqyRzVg5dssz-21rg/viewform?usp=sf_link

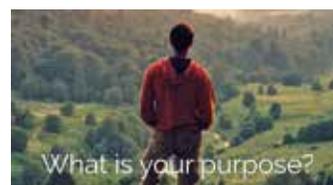


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Please go to formed.org for many resources on Catholic faith formation, prayer, Catholic movies and many other resources.

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



We are all Searching for Something

Why am I here? Where did I come from? What happens when I die? We find the answers to life's big questions when we wrestle with them in faith. In fact, the story of human history has largely been a story of faith. We need a relationship with our maker—a relationship with life—to make sense of all of this.

Where am I going? Who am I journeying with along the way?

The Search is a powerful new Catholic evangelization experience hosted by Chris Stefanick and featuring scientists, astronauts, artists, and fellow searchers who uncover the answers to life's big questions on happiness, purpose, meaning, and faith. *The Search* video series has something for all of us, even those who are away from the Church but are still seeking, and those who have never considered faith before.

Learn more at www.theSEARCHbegins.org

Oblate Corner



And the Immaculate stopped the epidemic

In our days, scourges still decimate our populations. Fratricide wars, as Rwanda and Bosnia, are disastrous and interminable. Cancer and Aids are severe threats for humanity. In the last century, people were more worried about the calamities caused by cholera and typhus fever.

As soon as they arrived in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) in 1847, the Oblate missionaries had to combat a long epidemic of cholera. From 1850 to 1855, this terrible scourge devastated almost all their missions. The professional fishermen in the large city of Jaffna were the first to be afflicted. One thousand Catholics of the 6,000 who could be counted in that city were carried away. Christians were ceaselessly directing their ardent supplication toward heaven.

Bishop de Mazenod worried about his Oblates laboring under this calamity. On December 8, 1854, he had assisted, in Rome, at the Proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. When he returned to Marseille, he immediately wrote to Father Etienne Semeria. His enthusiasm overflowed as he suggested a redoubling of fervor in devotion to the Virgin Mary. "Have confidence," he wrote "exhort your faithful to a greater devotion toward our patroness who is all gentle and all powerful." Three days of Marian prayers were declared to ask for the cessation of this overly prolonged epidemic.

Father Duchaussois, in his book *Sous les Feux de Ceylan* (Under the Fires of Ceylon) recalls this Marian triduum: "There was a procession each day. The prayers rose fervently, but the cholera persisted. On the afternoon of the third day, as two more victims had been buried, the final procession began. Catholics, Protestants, and pagans had decorated their dwellings along the route where Mary passed. As Father Semeria, in the name of all the people, ended the Act of Consecration to Mary, a wave of bliss seemed to flow from the throne of Mary and envelop the assembly. People ran to the hospitals. All the cholera patients were smiling. On the next day 40 of them were released, soon followed by 300 others". The miracle of the Immaculate Conception had brought back life. The proclamation was unanimous.

"Much later, on certain occasions, cholera would return. But it would never again attain regions as vast as in 1850. If epidemics continue to strike the bodies, at least the missionaries will always have the time to save the souls."

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	
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