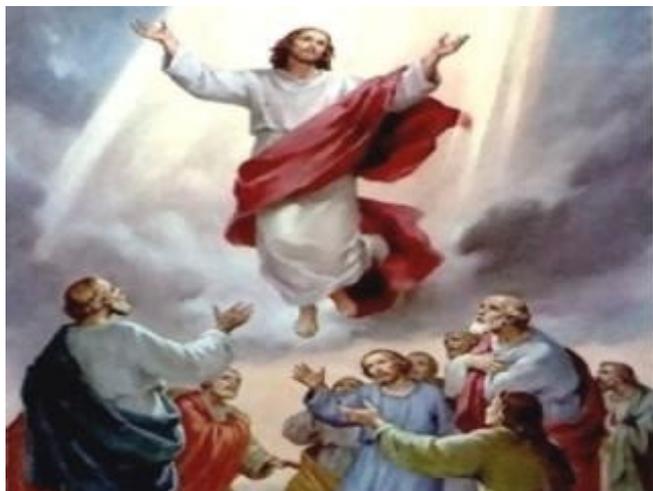




May 24th 2020
The Ascension of the Lord

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Ascension of the Lord

The resurrection, the ascension, and the giving of the Spirit are part of the same event. In one action that goes beyond earthly time, Jesus emerges from the tomb, returns to the Father, and gives the Spirit. However, from the viewpoint of the first disciples, who continued to live on within time, these actions are described as having taken place at different times: They found the tomb empty on Sunday morning; the risen Lord appeared to them on that day or subsequently; the termination of the appearances caused them to realise that Jesus was now permanently with God; and they received the Spirit.

The theological meaning of this feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

In both the First Reading and the Gospel Jesus gives a mission and makes a promise to his followers.

Liturgical celebrations:

Tuesday – St. Philip Neri (memorial)

Philip Neri was born in Florence in 1515 and educated by the Dominicans. He experienced conversion at the age of 18 and left for Rome, where he lived a life of seclusion and poverty. He studied philosophy and theology for three years before choosing to re-evangelize Rome. In 1548 he helped found a confraternity of laymen to minister to the needy pilgrims. Later he founded the congregation of the Oratorians. Philip Neri is the patron of home missions.

This Week

Monday, May 25

7:00pm Mass

Tuesday, May 26

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
8:00am Mass Int Paul Sharp
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Meeting Adult Faith Study (Virtual meeting)

Wednesday, May 27

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
(Virtual Meeting)

Thursday, May 28

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass

Friday, May 29

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass

Saturday, May 30

8:00am Mass +Giuseppino Nardi
5:00pm Mass +Giuseppino Nardi

Sunday, May 31

Pentecost Sunday

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass +Armand & Anna Maria Gimbrère
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.

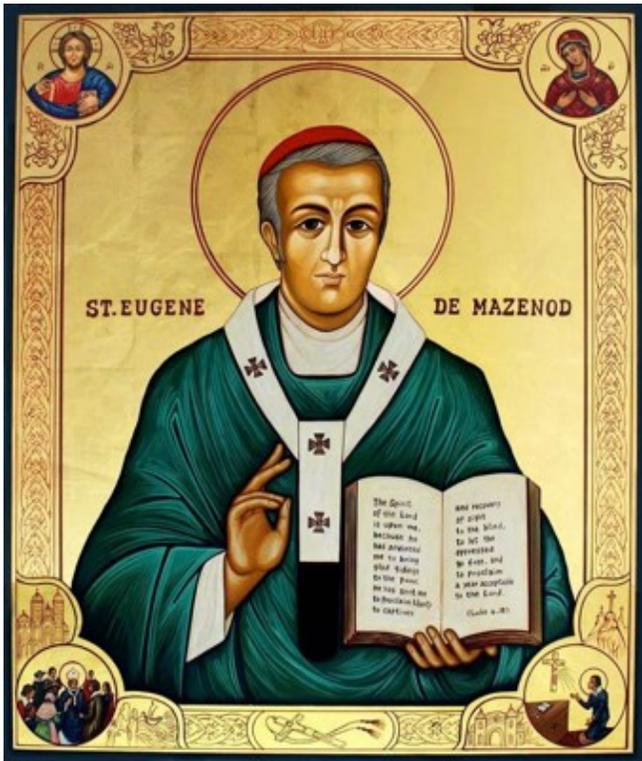
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“Lord of life and giver of all good, through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, St. Eugene and the blessed Oblates, we turn to you to ask for the grace of your protection for us and for every person in the world. We pray to you for all those who are affected by this virus so that they will recover. We entrust to you those who are most committed to dealing with the emergency of the epidemic: the rulers, scientists, doctors, nurses, law enforcement agencies and those who, in various ways, are involved in the collaboration. Support those who suffer most from the consequences of the economic damage, especially the poor, in your providence. In your goodness have mercy on all those who have died, and relieve the pain of those who suffer from the loss of their loved ones. Do not let us be discouraged, but give us the grace to trust you, and to contribute, as much as we can, to the good of others. To you we entrust our life and the life of the whole world and we pray that, in facing this moment together, people may grow in solidarity and peace.”

Amen

A Word from Fr. Andrzej...

It is with great joy that I share with you the news of the Church opening to the public for Masses this weekend, albeit with a limited number of signed up and registered Parishioners.

As you know, all Churches must adhere strictly to Provincial regulations regarding crowd capacity, physical distancing and sanitation measures. Your health and safety is of paramount importance to all of us here at St. Augustine's.

I know that you are as happy to participate fully in the Mass as I will be to see you again.

I have been able to connect with over forty families via Zoom this past week. Many of our families are involved in various Ministries; it has been rewarding to chat with them and to find out what everyone has been up to over the past few weeks.

We are working hard to ensure that those of you who missed the opportunity to attend Mass this weekend will be prioritized to attend next weeks' Mass. The on line sign up through our website will be updated daily and renewed each Monday for registration the following week. Please call the Front Office if you have any questions or concerns.

For those of you to whom health or other issues are a concern, please be aware that our Sunday 11am Mass will continue to be streamed via Facebook. You do not have to have an account or be registered on Facebook to join me as I celebrate the Mass each Sunday at 11:00am. Stay safe, stay healthy and keep praying!

Fr. Andrzej

"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand. Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

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.

Please note...

Throughout the past few weeks, St. Augustine's Church has remained open during regular office hours for private prayer and meditation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available for those who request it. Please call the Parish Front Office to make an appointment should you wish to meet with Fr. Andrzej regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ADULT FAITH STUDY

DISCOVER THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

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.

The amount you authorize will be processed on the 20th of each month.

Thank you for your generous financial support.

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

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 f-cheung@hotmail.com. Conversations can take place via Skype or Teams; whichever works best for you.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE POOR

EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

**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_QmK09oPvC2-MT2gcFobtRjQyRZvG5dssz-21rg/viewform?usp=sf_link

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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.

Oblate Corner



Having arrived in Temiscaming at the age of twenty, Brother Joseph Moffet stayed in that area for fifty-seven years (1872-1929). He became famous especially for his contribution to the development of Ville-Marie and the surrounding parishes. Throughout his career, he showed himself to be an ingenious organizer and clever overseer, never at a loss for means to carry out the most difficult jobs and successfully complete even the most daring undertakings. His many services to the colonists earned him the title of "Father of Temiscaming", while the Amerindians called him Maïakisis, "The man who rises before the sun."

Times were hard and the roads dreadful. During his many trips between Mattawa and Ville-Marie, in summer as in winter, the Brother had to face all kinds of difficulties. Known for a hundred miles around, for twenty years he was the supplier of the colonists and logging companies of the area. Everyone relied on his competence for the purchase and transport of fodder, grains and other goods. Having no branches in Temiscaming, the managers of the Bank of Mattawa were accustomed to entrusting Bro. Moffet with the delicate mission of transporting the money necessary for the wages of the several thousands of loggers in the North. To thwart possible swindlers, the Oblate had recourse to a trick. On his sledge, mingled with bags of grain, one could see what appeared to be ordinary round bundles which, however, his sharp eyes watched attentively. The porters suspected nothing of these precious deposits. At the various relays, the brother himself removed the bags of money from his load and entrusted them to the hotelkeeper with this ruse: "Put them in a safe place. It is medicine for the horses." The instructions were scrupulously respected and relay after relay the money made its way without a hitch.

An agent of the McLaughlin Company came one day to ask Bro. Moffet if he would agree to transport from the end of Lake Temiscaming to Lac des Quinze an immense boiler for a steamboat. Fr. Eugene Nadeau tells us of the adventure in these terms: "The distance was 75 miles (120 km), including 50 on the lake and the remainder by land. He offered the brother 50 dollars. He, considering the wages little in proportion to the risks of the job, asked for 75. The company thought of granting the contract to another. The following day, however, the agent returned and promised the requested price. "Sir, answered the Oblate, you know that one day less in March means a lot: it is now a hundred dollars!" A new refusal. So someone else was found for the project. But they had hardly set out when a breakdown left the boiler stranded on the lake. Our man thus, with some embarrassment, had to approach the brother for a third time. They would pay the hundred dollars now if all arrived in time and in good condition. "Sir, retorted the brother, wrinkling his eyebrow, this is serious business! This failure frightens me. It is now 200 dollars!" "Agreed, you will get it!"

Responsible for the boiler, the brother started by hermetically sealing it at both ends, inserting as many pegs as there were openings. This way, if the ice suddenly yielded, the kettle would float. Then he tied a whole series of strong tree trunks over the runners of his sledge, thus transforming it into a kind of large snowshoe to support the load if one of the blades suddenly cut the ice. Four horses pulled the heavy load of cast iron. In three days, the kettle arrived at its destination and the company was happy to give the Oblate his 200 dollars, convinced in the end that his daring had saved thousands for the McLaughlin Company!"

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