

Trinity



There is a beautiful Russian icon of the Blessed Trinity painted by a monk by the name of Rublev. It depicts the three Divine Persons sitting at a table. A dish of food lies on the table. But the thing that immediately strikes you is the fact that at the front of the table there is a vacant place. The vacant place is meant to convey openness, hospitality, and welcome towards the stranger.

That vacant place is meant for each of us, and for all the human family. It signifies God's invitation to us to

share in the life of the Trinity. God invites us to come in and sit at God's table. In the words of the Gospel for this feast we hear: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son ..."

God has already given us a place at the banquet of earthly life. But God wants us to have a place at the banquet of eternal life too. Only at God's table can we find the nourishment our hearts are hungering for.

From all this we see that God is a God of love. Our response can only be one of trust in God and love towards one another. What St. Paul said to the Corinthians is meant also for us: "Help one another, be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."

Liturgical celebrations:

Thursday – Saint Barnabas (memorial)

Barnabas, a Jew from Cyprus, came to Jerusalem, where he joined the Christian community. The apostles changed his name from Joseph to Barnabas, or "man of encouragement." Our knowledge of Barnabas is recorded by Luke in Acts: he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. It was Barnabas who accepted Paul into the community after his conversion and who was at Paul's side for many years as his partner evangelizing the Gentiles. Tradition says he was stoned to death in Cyprus about the year 61.

Saturday – Saint Anthony of Padua (memorial)

Anthony was born in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal, although the Italian city of Padua claims him as his own. At 15 he joined the Canons Regular of St. Augustine. For eight years he studied intensely and became an accomplished biblical scholar. His contact with some Franciscans inspired him to join the Franciscans. He was sent by Francis to preach and teach his fellow friars throughout northern Italy. He died at the age of 36, so beloved and revered he was canonized within the year. His help is invoked to help find lost objects.

This Week

Monday, June 8

7:00pm Mass

Tuesday, June 9

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

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

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

Wednesday, June 10

8:00am Mass +Armand Gimbrère

7:00pm Mass +Sivi Elena Robredo de Velasco

Thursday, June 11

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan

Friday, June 12

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

Saturday, June 13

8:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, June 14

9:00am Mass

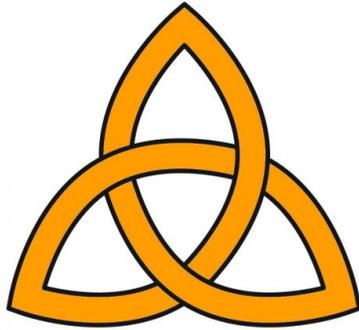
11:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass



Pope's Prayer Intention for June

Evangelization: *The Way of the Heart* - We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the heart of Jesus.



The greatest dogma of the Christian faith is the mystery of the Holy Trinity. (Mystery, in this connection, means a supernatural fact revealed by God which in itself transcends the natural power of human reasoning.) During the first thousand years of Christianity there was no special feast celebrated in honour of this mystery, but,

as Pope Alexander II (1073) declared, every day of the liturgical year was devoted to the honor and adoration of the Sacred Trinity.

However, to counteract the Arian heresy, which denied the fullness of divinity to the Son, a special Mass text in honor of the Holy Trinity was introduced and incorporated in the Roman liturgical books. This Mass was not assigned for a definite day but could be used on certain Sundays according to the private devotion of each priest. From the ninth century on, various bishops of the Frankish kingdoms promoted in their own dioceses a special feast of the Holy Trinity, usually on the Sunday after Pentecost. They used a Mass text that Abbot Alcuin (804) is said to have composed.

Thus the custom of observing a special feast in honor of the Trinity became increasingly popular in the northern countries of Europe. Several synods prescribed it for their respective territories in France, Germany, England, and The Netherlands. In the thirteenth century the orders of the Benedictines and Cistercians adopted the annual celebration of the feast. It was kept on different Sundays in different places, until in 1334 Pope John XXII accepted the festival into the official calendar of the Western Church and ordered that henceforth it should be held everywhere on the Sunday after Pentecost.

A new Mass text was written and published. It is interesting to note that the beautiful Preface of the Trinity as read today is the same one that appeared in the first text of the Sacramentary of Saint Gregory the Great. Most of the other prayers are of later origin.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity now belongs among the great annual festivals of Christianity. Although it is not observed with additional liturgical services outside the Mass, its celebration quickly took root in the hearts and minds of the faithful, and in all countries of Europe popular traditions are closely associated with this feast.

A Word from Fr. Andrzej...



As we move forward in these ever changing times, it is with great enjoyment that I welcome more of you each week into our beautiful Church building. I know that many of you have missed attending Mass and that a number of you, especially those of you living with young children or with potentially compromised elders, are still unable to physically join us as we celebrate Mass. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you also; it is better to err on the side of caution than to rush into an uncertain situation too soon. Although frustrating, this too shall pass.

As you can see from the schedule printed below, we are adding more weekday Masses in the hopes of serving everyone as best as possible. We are also asking for additional Volunteers as those who are currently helping out are in need of a well deserved break.

I thank all of you for your patience and understanding as we strive to provide the best experience for everyone, no matter where they may be as they continue their spiritual journey. There have been a few glitches along the way but we are slowly getting a grip on providing the requisite technology for a seamless community experience.

Until next week, in the Peace of Christ,

Fr. Andrzej

As of June 6th 2020 there will be an additional

Saturday evening Anticipated Mass at 7:00pm.

Beginning Tuesday June 9th, there will be four week day Masses:

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday mornings at 8:00am.

All sign up and regulation procedures will be observed as per the Saturday/Sunday weekend Masses.

Volunteers Needed

If you sign up to attend a weekend or weekday Mass, please consider adding your name to our list of Church volunteers. The number of Masses we celebrate is incumbent upon the number of volunteers we can recruit to assist in Registration and Sanitization before and after each Mass.

To Volunteer to assist at a Mass please see the website or contact **Ferial Khan: 604 736-4455 Ext 224**

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



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Around the Archdiocese...**The new community for Catholics in Vancouver**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pentecost, which celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, this year marks a fresh beginning for the Archdiocese of Vancouver. After 18 months of prayer, planning and preparation, the good Lord has led us to create a new way to encounter Him and to connect with one another. Today we are launching "Behold," a new online initiative to serve as a gathering place for our parishioners and their friends.

This is not just a routine website launch. It is the beginning of a movement which will help you share the Gospel and discover how God is working in your life. "Behold" is a place where you are invited to deepen your relationship with the Lord and engage with your faith, both online and in your parish, in your Sunday worship and in your home.

So why "Behold"? The word means "to pause before, and to ponder majesty." It is my deepest hope that these articles, resources, and events will enable you to discover and, to proclaim, with Mary, the greatness of the Lord.

I encourage you to visit beholdvancouver.org. Please also sign up for the *Behold Newsletter*; it will keep you updated on ways to encounter Jesus and connect with the Catholic community.

With my blessing and the assurance of my prayers for you and your family, as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit to the Church on Pentecost, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

Oblate Corner**From the Devil to God**

he collaboration of lay people in the apostolate of the Oblates in the Canadian Northwest was priceless. White and Métis were very often invaluable helpers of the missionary in spreading the Gospel. They were essential guides in his dangerous voyages, his masters in the study of the Amerindian languages, sometimes even the rescuers of his life. Among these precursors of our current lay associate missionaries, one figure stands out above all the others. He is a Métis of the Dene nation who, after his conversion, won the recognition of all the missionaries of Athabaska-Mackenzie. He was an old man with long white beard, quite unusual for a Métis. He was known as "Patriarch Beaulieu". His many and extraordinary feats could be the scenario for a captivating western entitled: From the Devil to God.



His mother, a Montagnais, raised him in paganism. His extraordinary strength was the reason why the Hudson Bay Company hired him to protect its providers of furs. Although he was a Métis, the Amerindians of the area had chosen him as their chief. All trembled before him. From time to time, in order to maintain the prestige of this fear, he would show up in an enemy camp. With a blow of his large knife he would cut open the side of the tent and, in a few seconds, stab a couple of victims, leaving the other spectators numb with terror. He was particularly angry with the tribe of the Plats-Côtés-de-Chiens, because they had killed his brother.

Of God and religion Beaulieu knew nothing. How did he become a believer and lay apostle? Let's let Fr. Duchaussois tell us: "One spring, a young Canadian Frenchman from Montreal named Dubreuil arrived at Fort Resolution and was placed under Beaulieu. Dubreuil was a kind, charitable, person, always respectful of his masters. That struck Beaulieu. He watched him. Surprised to see him kneel morning and evening near his cot and intrigued by the large sign of cross which began and finished this ceremony, Beaulieu asked about it. Dubreuil told him that he was praying to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary. But, could I also know God and the Blessed Virgin, and like them, and pray to them? he asked. Dubreuil then started to instruct his impetuous catechumen. It was not long before he discovered a good heart, avid of truth under the hard appearances of this braggart.

Meanwhile, a missionary arrived at Portage La Loche. He is the man of prayer, said Dubreuil, go meet him. He will tell you what to do to serve God and to save your soul. Beaulieu prepared a big bark canoe, put his seven wives and children in it and left for the Portage. His conversion was as fast as it was total. The rest of his life was devoted to continuous penance and the apostolate. He made himself the protector, servant and often the provider for the missionaries who passed through the area. Nothing was too good nor too expensive for the Oblate, the man of prayer, who was his guest. He was the sacristan, the cook, the private teacher and commentator of their sermons. Bishop Vital Grandin himself went to improve his knowledge of the Montagnais language with Beaulieu. At his request, the venerable prelate blessed a large cross for him above the beach. Beaulieu made a daily pilgrimage to this cross until his death. Even on the coldest days he could be seen kneeling, bare-headed, reciting his beads for the dead of the tribe, his family, and all those to whom he had caused some harm. He cried the every day over his past faults. Oh! that I had known the good God earlier, he would say. How I would have loved Him! Oh, my God, forgive me my sins. Beaulieu was more than a hundred years old when he died in the peace of the Lord.

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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Postal Code	Email
Comments	

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