

June 21st 2020
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Do not be afraid



When Jesus sent his apostles out to proclaim his teaching openly and to witness to him before the world, he knew that they were fearful. And they had good reason to be fearful, knowing that they would have to face hardship and persecution. So then he said to them, 'Do not be afraid.'

Jesus understood their fears and took them seriously. He was trying to give them courage. He was trying to move them beyond fear knowing that fear could make them so timid as to unable to fulfil their mission.

Jesus urged them to have complete trust in God, who lovingly watches over life and death of even the smallest of his creation. Jesus assured them that God knew every detail of their lives, and would support them in every difficulty.

The prophet Jeremiah lived out his vocation during a time of great turmoil, which saw the destruction of Israel and Jerusalem. He lived with constant threats to his life. Yet, in spite of everything, he remained faithful to his calling. What helped him was his conviction that God is on his side.

Liturgical celebrations:

Wednesday – Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (solemnity)

The birth of John the Baptist was one of the earliest feasts to be named to a particular day on the Church calendar. June 24 was chosen as it is six months before the birth of Christ. With its proximity to the summer solstice, it signifies the waning of the light, while the birth of Jesus near the winter solstice marks the coming of the light. When John was born, his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, called him John in accordance with an angel's instruction.



Happy Father's Day!

This Week

Monday, June 22

7:00pm Mass Int Oblate Associates
(No Public Congregation)

Tuesday, June 23

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
8:00am Mass +Mary Dorothy Landry
7:00pm Mass +Luis Adolfo Blanco (No Public Congregation)
7:30pm Meeting Adult Faith Study (Virtual meeting)

Wednesday, June 24

8:00am Mass Private Intention
7:00pm Mass +Phyllis Ho (No Public Congregation)

Thursday, June 25

8:00am Mass +Terry Navin
7:00pm Mass +Tommy Woon (No Public Congregation)

Friday, June 26

8:00am Mass Int Fr. Kenneth D'Souza, S.J.
7:00pm Mass +Roel Ramirez (No Public Congregation)

Saturday, June 27

8:00am Mass
2:00pm Wedding (Private)
5:00pm Mass
7:00pm Mass

Sunday, June 28

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass
2:00pm Baptism (Private)
5:00pm Mass Int Dianne Hanchiruk

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WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

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Saint John the Baptist's Story

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John..." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (*Luke 7:28*).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would

come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (*John 3:30*).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by you" (*Matthew 3:14b*). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (*Matthew 3:15b*). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

(from *Franciscan Media*)

Pope's Message

"Remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you" (*Deut 8:2*). Today's Scripture readings begin with this command of Moses: Remember! Shortly afterwards Moses reiterates: "Do not forget the Lord, your God" (*v. 14*). Scripture has been given to us that we might overcome our forgetfulness of God. How important it is to remember this when we pray! As one of the Psalms teaches: "I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old" (*77:11*). But all those wonders too, that the Lord has worked in our own lives.

It is vital to remember the good we have received. If we do not remember it, we become strangers to ourselves, "passers-by" of existence. Without memory, we uproot ourselves from the soil that nourishes us and allow ourselves to be carried away like leaves in the wind. If we do remember, however, we bind ourselves afresh to the strongest of ties; we feel part of a living history, the living experience of a people. Memory is not something private; it is the path that unites us to God and to others. This is why in the Bible the memory of the Lord must be passed on from generation to generation. Fathers are commanded to tell the story to their sons, as we read in a beautiful passage. "When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances which the Lord our God has commanded you?', then you shall say to your son, 'We were slaves... [think of the whole history of slavery!], and the Lord showed signs and wonders... before our eyes'" (*Deut 6:20-22*). You shall hand down this memory to your son.

But there is a problem: what if the chain of transmission of memories is interrupted? And how can we remember what we have only heard, unless we have also experienced it? God knows how difficult it is, he knows how weak our memory is, and he has done something remarkable: he left us a memorial. He did not just leave us words, for it is easy to forget what we hear. He did not just leave us the Scriptures, for it is easy to forget what we read. He did not just leave us signs, for we can forget even what we see. He gave us Food, for it is not easy to forget something we have actually tasted. He left us Bread in which he is truly present, alive and true, with all the flavour of his love. Receiving him we can say: "He is the Lord; he remembers me!" That is why Jesus told us: "Do this in remembrance of me" (*1 Cor 11:24*). Do! The Eucharist is not simply an act of remembrance; it is a fact: the Lord's Passover is made present once again for us. In Mass the death and resurrection of Jesus are set before us.

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.

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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.

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.

As of June 6th 2020 there is an additional

Saturday evening Anticipated Mass at 7:00pm.

Beginning Tuesday June 9th, there are 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.

Notice

St. Augustine's 11:00am Sunday Mass is livestreamed each Sunday.

If privacy is a concern for you or your family, please arrange to attend an alternative weekend Mass.

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

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.

Update: Broadway Subway On-line Petition

Thank you!

With the help of school parents, other parishioners and their friends we were able to recruit over 1600 supporters to our petition last week. This, along with our mitigation proposals, was provided to the Broadway Subway Project team and its partner organizations. Our Parish Advisory Committee is continuing its discussions with the Project team and we will provide more information as developments unfold.

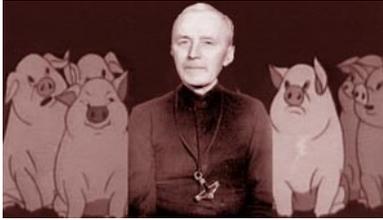
Pope's Prayer Intention for June



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.

Oblate Corner

Brother Anthony and his docile pigs



When Brother Anthony Kowalczyk arrived at Saint-Paul-des-Métis, in 1897, this small place in Alberta had just been born. It numbered about fifty families at most. The "Blacksmith of God", as Fr. Paul-Emile Breton so aptly called him, was far from being a robust missionary. Small in stature, shy and timid, this Polish Brother spoke French with difficulty and, furthermore, had only one arm. The previous year, while working a sawmill in Lake La Biche, the belt of the mill had grabbed his right arm and crushed all the bones of his hand. To avoid the worst, it had been necessary to amputate his forearm. On the moral and religious plane, however, the acquisition of Brother

Anthony was invaluable for this young colony of Métis. His reputation of holiness had preceded him. He had been given the nickname of "Brother Ave", because he had the custom of kneeling and reciting an Ave to obtain success before undertaking a difficult task. On several occasions he had been seen doing extraordinary things. In spite of his unfortunate handicap, the little Oblate Brother set himself resolutely to the task. For ten years he served the Cris and the Métis of the area. Engineer, mechanic, gardener, blacksmith, he helped one and all. Thanks to his clever work, the mission progressed. Soon the Sisters of the Assumption arrived and opened a boarding school for a hundred children. Fr. Adeodat Therien, the superior, felt responsible for these newcomers. In order to provide them with abundant and cheap food he decided to raise pigs. The pig-keeper was soon found: the humble Brother Anthony.

Our one-armed brother accepted gracefully these new boarders. When necessary, he would sacrifice even some of his sleep to care for the pigsty. The superior also counted on the farm to supplement the food of his four-footed gluttons. Unfortunately, hail destroyed part of the seeds that year. Summer was ending and there was no more grain for the pigs. The poor animals barely got by. There was a turnip field nearby, excellent food for animals, which was ready to be eaten. But to reach it, one had to pass through a field of oats that was not yet ripe enough to be cut. What to do? To wait would be to condemn the pigs to die of famine. Release them in the turnip field? Yes, but how to get there without destroying the oats harvest?

After deep consideration, Fr. Therien decided to take the risk. He called Brother Anthony and told him to lead the pigs to the turnip field. "Be careful, he added, I don't want to see your animals stop on the way to touch the oats." "But, Father, it is impossible." "Impossible? The word does not exist in French. Go!" "Very well, my Father, you want, I take pigs."

The brother went to the pigsty. Before entering, he knelt and recited his Ave. He got up, opened the barrier: "Kiou, Kiou, Kiou! follow me, come to eat." The pigs rushed out of the enclosure. There were approximately a hundred and fifty of them moving towards the almost ripe oats field. "Kiou, Kiou! I forbid you to touch these oats. Let us go, we must go further; follow me." Then the superior, the Sisters and the Métis who watched this procession of famished piglets from a distance, witnessed a quasi miraculous spectacle. Brother Anthony turned into a narrow path between two rows of oats. For a moment, the piglets hesitated, as if consulting each other. Then one after the other they followed submissively behind their master. They didn't even touch one stalk of oats. All of them followed into the turnip field where they happily gorged themselves like pigs!

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