

Pick up your cross



The Gospel contains the conclusion of Matthew's missionary discourse. Jesus instructs his apostles on the sacrifices involved, and the priorities they must embrace, in being his envoys to the world. He tells them that they must be ready, if need be, to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between him and their own relatives.

The Gospel also stresses the profound dignity and implications of even the smallest act of hospitality to Christ's envoys. To receive a person's envoy is to receive the person himself. The first reading echoes what the Gospel says about the importance of showing hospitality towards the envoy of God.

Liturgical celebrations:

Monday – Saints Peter and Paul (solemnity)

Tradition says these two apostles, honoured since the earliest days, were martyred in Rome. Peter, a fisherman, was chosen by Jesus to be his disciple. After Simon confessed that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter and told him that it was on this rock (*petra*) that he would build his Church. Paul was born in Tarsus, a Roman citizen raised and educated as a Pharisee. His experience of the risen Christ resulted in his conversion from a zealous persecutor of Christians to an apostle. Paul called himself the "Apostle of the Gentiles."

Friday – St. Thomas, apostle (feast)

St. Thomas was born in Galilee Israel circa the 1st century. When he first heard of Jesus' resurrection, he questioned it, earning him the nickname "Doubting Thomas." As cited in John 20:28, he later proclaimed Jesus as "My Lord and my God" upon his resurrection. He spent the following years travelling and spreading the gospel. St. Thomas died on December 21, 72 in Mylapore, India.



**Happy
Canada
Day!**

This Week

Monday, June 29

7:00pm Mass (No Public Congregation)

Tuesday, June 30

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
8:00am Mass + Silmy Boursicot
7:00pm Mass (No Public Congregation)
7:30pm Meeting Adult Faith Study (Virtual meeting)

Wednesday, July 1 Canada Day

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass (No Public Congregation)

Thursday, July 2

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass (No Public Congregation)

Friday, July 3 First Friday Adoration

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass (No Public Congregation)

Saturday, July 4

8:00am Mass
2:00pm Baptism Private
5:00pm Mass
7:00pm Mass

Sunday, July 5

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass
12:30pm Baptism (Private)
5:00pm Mass



Pope's Prayer Intention for July

Universal: Our Families- We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Colin Nicholas David

Pope's Message

"The Lord loves His people"(cf. Ps 149:4), we sang, was the refrain of the Responsorial Psalm. And was also a truth that the people of Israel would repeat; they liked to repeat: "The Lord loves his people". And in difficult moments, always "the Lord loves"; one must wait for how this love will manifest itself. When, out of this

love, the Lord would send a prophet, a man of God, the people's reaction was: "The Lord has visited his people"(see Ex 4:31); because He loves them, He has visited them. And the multitude who followed Jesus, seeing the things that Jesus did, said the same: "The Lord has visited His people"(see Lk 7:16).

And here today we can say: 100 years ago the Lord visited His people. He sent a man; he prepared him to be a bishop and lead the Church. Remembering Saint John Paul II, we speak this up again: "The Lord loves His people"; "the Lord has visited His people"; He sent a pastor.

And what are the "traits", let us say, of a good pastor that we can find in Saint John Paul II? So many! But we shall only speak of three. Given that persons say Jesuits always say things in threes, we shall say three: prayer, closeness to the people, and love of justice. Saint John Paul II was a man of God because he prayed, and he prayed a lot. But how did a man who had so much to do, so much work to lead the Church..., have so much time to pray? He was well aware that a bishop's first task is to pray. And Vatican II did not say this; Saint Peter said it. When they made the deacons they said: "And to us bishops, prayer and the proclamation of the Word"(cf. Acts 6:4). A bishop's first task is to pray, and he knew this, he did this. A model bishop who prays, the first task. And he taught us that when a bishop examines his conscience in the evening he must ask himself: how many hours did I pray today? A man of prayer.

Did you know...**St. Paul**

St. Paul (d. A.D. 67/8) was born in the city of Tarsus in Cilicia, a provincial capital under Hellenistic influence. Tarsus was a noteworthy locale; a place of culture and learning. As a Tarsusian, the Apostle could claim citizenship from Tarsus and from Rome. This dual citizenship was a useful tool, later employed by St. Paul when he defended himself before the authorities as a Christian "troublemaker." It is not surprising that the Apostle's upbringing fostered both learning and piety.

St. Paul was known by two names: his Jewish name "Saul" which can be translated "asked of Yahweh," and the Roman name "Paulus," rendered simply as "Paul." Holding two names was a common practice among the Diaspora; those Jews who lived outside Palestine.

The Apostle was a descendent from the tribe of Benjamin, one of the famous "Twelve Tribes of Israel." This particular tribe brought forth King Saul; the first king of that chosen nation.

Having lived a strict life as a Pharisee, St. Paul stated that he had kept "the Law" to a great degree of perfection and enthusiasm. This Pharisaical life was nurtured by his teacher, Rabbi Gamaliel, considered the greatest master of his day. This teacher may have been the same Gamaliel who stood before the Sanhedrin and asked for tolerance on behalf of the Christians.

During St. Paul's life, the Apostle practiced the skill of tentmaking, a trade he utilized in his missionary efforts as a means of financial support. Fittingly, St. Paul placed a strong emphasis on honest manual labor.

St. Paul's conversion to Christianity is one of the most decisive landmarks in history. Acts 9:1-9 records this monumental event during the Apostle's travel to Damascus; a story recounted on two other occasions. St. Paul heard the actual voice of the Lord Jesus Christ; an encounter with a lasting influence. The Savior's words concerning His relationship to the Church, recorded in Acts 9:4 ("why do you persecute Me?") is a theme St. Paul would expound in the future: the doctrine of the "Mystical Body of Christ."

St. Paul's influence on Christianity is immeasurable. His tireless work as a missionary to spread the Gospel, and his writing of a sizeable portion of the New Testament, will be examined in the future. No doubt, the faithful can appreciate the greatness of this inspired Apostle, God's chosen vessel in the nascent years of the Catholic Church.

Faith Blood Drive – August 1 to 31, 2020

We are inviting all faith-based organizations to be a part of *Canada's Lifeline*. Please partner with us, so we can all support the community we live in and meet our hospital needs.

The NEED FOR BLOOD is RISING In BC

A single blood donation can make a lifesaving difference to someone in need.

**We need over 12,500 blood donations each month
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1 in 2 people are eligible to donate, only 1 in 60 do!

During COVID-19 we are only accepting **donors with appointments**. Before booking we ask donors to take the eligibility quiz in advance of booking: <https://myaccount.blood.ca/en/eligibilityquiz>.

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

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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 fcheung@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 Urgently 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.

Many of our current volunteers will not be available during July and August.

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 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 20th of each month.

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Around the Archdiocese...

St. Mark's College Summer Institute

Take advantage of the St. Mark's Summer Institute. In just two weeks, you can complete 3-credit courses with daily classes. Classes run from July 6/7, 2020 with the option of completing a Catholic Core course, an elective course or both. Register online at registrar.stmarkscollege.ca

Sessional Instructors, Corpus Christi College

Corpus Christi College invites applications for Sessional instructors to teach the following subject areas: English, Psychology, Languages (French, Spanish, etc.), Business, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Computer Science, History. Interested candidates should submit their curriculum vitae to hr@stmarkscollege.ca

Oblate Corner**The Blessed Virgin kept her promise**

During his second voyage to Lake Athabaska, in 1848, Fr. Alexandre Taché had the pleasure of baptizing a young Montagnais orphan to whom he gave the name of John. "From today the Blessed Virgin will replace your deceased mother," said the Oblate missionary. "Is this true?" asked the child. "Well, what must I do to prove my love to her?" "It is easy, answered the priest, recite the rosary every day and when you think of Mary, say mom, as you said it to your mother when you were younger. Do that, John, and your mother in heaven will be pleased with you; she will help you in need, until the hour of your death."

The years passed and John remained faithful to this prayer. He was eighty years old when he became seriously ill. His son Peter, also a good Catholic, was saddened that he could not have a priest come to be with his father in his last moments. The nearest mission was 40 miles away and the missionary came there only once every two years. A few days before Christmas, the state of the poor fellow became alarming. "Dad, said Peter, I believe that you will soon die." "No, no, the sick man answered feebly, I will not die." "But yes, added his relatives and friends, you are about to die; prepare yourself to appear before God." "No, insisted the old Amerindian, don't worry about me; I will not die, I am sure." "My God, why such obstinacy? The dear old man must have lost his mind? O Virgin Mary, have pity on him, help us."

It was now December 24. Outside, the snow swirled. A storm was raging. Suddenly, someone knocked at the door of the poor hut. Peter opened it. A foreigner, stiff from the cold, appeared in the ray of light. "Can you show me the way to Fonddu-Lac? I lost my way in this horrible storm." "Of course, but first come in and warm yourself." "Thank you, said the visitor, I cannot refuse; I am so tired." After entering, he saw the sick man, lying on his cot in a corner of the room. One quick glance and he realized that the old man was at the point of death. Approaching the dying man, he suggested softly: "My good friend, death seems very close; you must prepare to die." "No, no, began again the old grandfather, I will not die." "But it is God who decides the hour of our death; we can do nothing about it." "I know all that, my good sir, but listen to me well." Then showing proudly his rosary: "I have recited it for a very long time every day and the Blessed Virgin promised me that I would not die before seeing a priest..."

Touched by such faith, the visitor then opened his caribou skin parka and showed his Oblate cross. "Well, my friend, your confidence is rewarded. I am a priest. It is surely the Blessed Virgin who sent me to you. She allowed me to lose my way to find you here."

He then administered the last sacraments to him and in the early hours of Christmas Day John, the old Amerindian, died quietly while murmuring with the missionary and all his family: "Holy Mary, pray for us, now... and at the hour of our death."

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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