



July 5th 2020
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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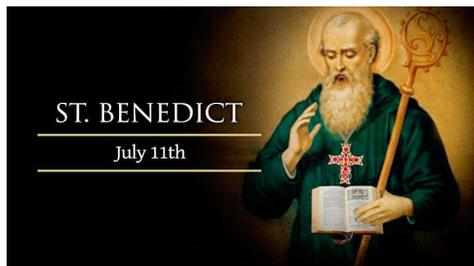
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Come to me all you who labour...



The prophet Zechariah foretells the coming of the messianic king who will put an end to war and establish peace. It was as such a Messiah that Jesus entered Jerusalem before his passion. Matthew sees Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy. Jesus lightens the burdens of the poor and brings peace to the humble. His life is based on his unique relationship with the Father, a relationship which he wants to share with his disciples.

Liturgical celebrations:



Saturday – St. Benedict (memorial)

Benedict, Father of Western monasticism, lived circa 480 to 547. He was born in Nursia in central Italy. Benedict was educated in Rome. After a few years, convinced that God was

calling him to be a monk or hermit, Benedict fled to a local village. After a brief stay with some holy men, he decided on a life of solitude. He received the monastic habit at Subiaco, and retired to a cave, where he lived alone in the tradition of the Desert Fathers. Soon, he began to attract followers and he built 12 small monasteries.

Between 520 and 530, he and a few companions founded the great monastery of Monte Casino, where Benedict spent the rest of his life and wrote his Rule. He emphasized moderation, humility, obedience, prayer and manual labour as the way to holiness.

This Week

Monday, July 6

7:00pm Mass (No Public Congregation)

Tuesday, July 7

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

Wednesday, July 8

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass +Sivi Elena Robredo de Velasco (No Public Congregation)

Thursday, July 9

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

Friday, July 10

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

Saturday, July 11

8:00am Mass +Pupio & Primativa Sisson
5:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan
7:00pm **Mass**

Sunday, July 12

9:00am **Mass**
11:00am **Mass**
5:00pm **Mass** +John & Grace Santos-Ocampo



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

Kai Aurny Souza
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Pope's Message

On the feast of the two Apostles of this City, I would like to share with you two key words: unity and prophecy.

Unity. We celebrate together two very different individuals: Peter, a fisherman who spent his days amid

boats and nets, and Paul, a learned Pharisee who taught in synagogues. When they went forth on mission, Peter spoke to Jews, and Paul to pagans. And when their paths crossed, they could argue heatedly, as Paul is unashamed to admit in one of his letters (cf. Gal 2:11). In short, they were two very different people, yet they saw one another as brothers, as happens in close knit families where there may be frequent arguments but unflinching love. Yet the closeness that joined Peter and Paul did not come from natural inclinations, but from the Lord. He did not command us to like one another, but to love one another. He is the one who unites us, without making us all alike. He unites us in our differences.

Today's first reading brings us to the source of this unity. It relates how the newly born Church was experiencing a moment of crisis: Herod was furious, a violent persecution had broken out, and the Apostle James had been killed. And now Peter had been arrested. The community seemed headless, everyone fearing for his life. Yet at that tragic moment no one ran away, no one thought about saving his own skin, no one abandoned the others, but all joined in prayer. From prayer they drew strength, from prayer came a unity more powerful than any threat. The text says that, "while Peter was kept in prison, the Church prayed fervently to God for him" (Acts 12:5). Unity is the fruit of prayer, for prayer allows the Holy Spirit to intervene, opening our hearts to hope, shortening distances and holding us together at times of difficulty.

Let us notice something else: at that dramatic moment, no one complained about Herod's evil and his persecution. No one abused Herod- and we are so accustomed to abuse those who are in charge. It is pointless, even tedious, for Christians to waste their time complaining about the world, about society, about everything that is not right. Complaints change nothing. Let us remember that complaining is the second door that closes us off from the Holy Spirit, as I said on Pentecost Sunday. The first is narcissism, the second discouragement, the third pessimism. Narcissism makes you look at yourself constantly in a mirror; discouragement leads to complaining and pessimism to thinking everything is dark and bleak. These three attitudes close the door to the Holy Spirit. Those Christians did not cast blame; rather, they prayed. In that community, no one said: "If Peter had been more careful, we would not be in this situation". No one. Humanly speaking, there were reasons to criticize Peter, but no one criticized him. They did not complain about Peter; they prayed for him. They did not talk about Peter behind his back; they talked to God. We today can ask: "Are we protecting our unity, our unity in the Church, with prayer? Are we praying for one another?"

What would happen if we prayed more and complained less, if we had a more tranquil tongue? The same thing that happened to Peter in prison: now as then, so many closed doors would be opened, so many chains that bind would be broken. We would be amazed, like the maid who saw Peter at the gate and did not open it, but ran inside, astonished by the joy of seeing Peter (cf. Acts 12:10-17). Let us ask for the grace to be able to pray for one another. Saint Paul urged Christians to pray for everyone, especially those who govern (cf. 1 Tim 2:1-3). "But this governor is..." and there are many adjectives. I will not mention them, because this is neither the time nor the place to mention adjectives that we hear directed against those who govern. Let God judge them; let us pray for those who govern! Let us pray: for they need prayer. This is a task that the Lord has entrusted to us. Are we carrying it out? Or do we simply talk, abuse and do nothing? God expects that when we pray we will also be mindful of those who do not think as we do, those who have slammed the door in our face, those whom we find it hard to forgive. Only prayer unlocks chains, as it did for Peter; only prayer paves the way to unity.

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
to serve hospital patients.**

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>.

Prayer for Vocations

The Vocations Ministry of St. Augustine's parish invites you to join them on Wednesday after 8:00AM Mass to pray for our Priests and those in Consecrated life. We pray particularly for Vocations to the Oblate community. These leaders of our Church need our prayers and support. We sincerely hope you can join us.

Contact: Ben Hume email: bhume03@gmail.com
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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.



Looking for good, wholesome Catholic content....tired of searching the internet? Check out formed.org a virtual library with video and ebooks for

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Into the Breach

Don't miss this ground breaking series from the Knights of Columbus that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world.

GIVEN Forum Talks

Watch Sr. Miriam James, SOLT discuss the Church's vision of female dignity. She reminds us that every woman is a beloved daughter of God.

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

Other New Releases on FORMED

The Poco à Poco Podcast— Join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal for their weekly podcast. Find rest, encouragement and renewal throughout your week with the Friars.

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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 atf-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 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 2nd 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

