

July 26th 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The search



Since the dawn of time people have been looking for treasure. If only they could find gold or pearls they would be happy.

In one way or another, all of us are treasure-hunters. All of us are looking for something that will make us completely happy. There is nothing wrong with this. Christ encourages

us in our searching as the two stories in today's Gospel show.

Christ compared the Kingdom of God to a rare pearl or a priceless treasure. In other words, the Kingdom of God is worth everything we have. Those who find it are truly fortunate.

The Kingdom of God is a very simple concept. It means to know that one is a child of God, with a divine dignity and an eternal destiny. It means to know the meaning of life, and how to live it.

Our chief task in life is not to be successful or even to be fulfilled. It is to live properly. The only question that really matters is how best to live in this world. Those who find the answer to this question have found the pearl.

Liturgical celebrations:

Wednesday – St. Martha (Memorial)

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters feel free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seems almost certain death. Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'"

Friday – St. Ignatius of Loyola (memorial)

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Spanish San Ignacio de Loyola, baptized Iñigo (born 1491, Loyola, Castile, Spain – died July 31, 1556, Rome, Italy; canonized March 12, 1622; feast day July 31), Spanish theologian and one of the most influential figures in the Catholic Reformation of the 16th century, founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in Paris in 1534.

Saturday – St. Alphonsus Liguori (memorial)

St Alphonsus was born in 1696 in Naples. A lawyer who became a priest, St Alphonsus founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists). He was a fervent preacher, and a moral theologian of eminence, who opposed the rigours of Jansenism. He was much in demand as a confessor, seeking to win back the sinful by gentle and direct appeal to the Gospel. He wrote many works of devotion which became very popular. He was made bishop of Santa Agata dei Gotti, but after thirteen years returned to his congregation. He died in 1787.

This Week

Monday, July 27

7:00pm Mass (No Public Congregation)

Tuesday, July 28

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
8:00am Mass +Erlinda Torres
7:00pm Mass (No Public Congregation)

Wednesday, July 29

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

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

8:00am Mass +Ceferina Pria
7:00pm Mass +Eutiquio Peraada
(No Public Congregation)

Saturday, August 1

8:00am Mass +Julian Wlosinski
(No Public Congregation)
5:00pm Mass +Julian Wlosinski
7:00pm Mass

Sunday, August 2

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass Int Graham Sharp
12:30pm Baptism (No Public Congregation)
5:00pm Mass Int Bosco Lee



Pope's Prayer Intention for August

Universal: *The Maritime World* - We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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REST IN PEACE
 Ryan Andrew Zago

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY
 Timothy Jack Livingston
 Lucy Elizabeth Lee



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Candidates & Catechumens - July 5th, 12th & 19th 2020



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.

Congratulations to our RCIA Candidates & Catechumens

Liam Fergusson	Elizabeth Chang	Emma Tang
Carmen Berretta	Brooklyn Antilla	Ross Skaken
Selina Taylor	Craig Meier	Roberta Borgen
Isaac Antilla	Ilsa Rolfsen	Sophia Dvorisak
Jacky Tang	Stephanie Law	

Over the last three Sundays we have been able to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation with our RCIA candidates. Please welcome them into our faith community and keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.



Join **St. Augustine's Adult Faith Group** to learn more about the mystery of the Eucharist and grow in fellowship with one another. We will be watching and discussing the video series called PRESENCE by the

Augustine Institute. In this 6-session study we will explore the Truth and Beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

We invite you to join us virtually (via ZOOM*) on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9 PM starting August 18th. There is no cost, but registration is required - email biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca for more info or to register.

*No prior zoom experience needed.

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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

Join Dr. Ruberu as she discusses her career to live as a Catholic woman in the medical field, fulfilling her vocation as a physician to care for the human person.

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

Other New Releases on FORMED

Lukas Storyteller – think of the children and let them go on an adventure with Lukas, our friend who met Jesus! They will discover the greatest stores of all time.

Shade: The Series - Check out this new acoustic series, featuring the music of Brother Isaiah, CFR. Remember, we're pilgrims on this earth – "*poco a poco, vamos a llegar*".

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 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.

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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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.





Thirty-three years of paralysis could not stop him

Nicolas Laverlochère, O.M.I. (1811-1884)

I would like to bear witness to some Oblates who, in spite of the handicap of illness, carried out or still carry out a fruitful apostolate. Their great spirit of faith gave the quality of pure gold to lives lived in the crucible of suffering. I think, for example, of Fr. Lionel Labrèche who had to go "from his dogsled to a wheelchair," of Fr. Irénée Aube who, as the result of an accident, had to exchange "the pedals of his organ for the keyboard of suffering" and Fr. Lionel Saint-Amour, whose hospital bed replaced the director's chair of the Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate. Hats off to these valiant confreres!

Fr. Nicolas Laverlochère, one of our great missionaries, deceased nearly a hundred years ago, will certainly go down in history. Thirty-three years of paralysis could not dampen his zeal for the Amerindians.

Born in Saint-George-D'Espérance, in France, on December 4, 1811, Nicolas entered the Oblates first as a lay brother. He was sacristan in Aix when a few months after his first vows he requested and received permission from the Founder to study for the priesthood. At the age of twenty-seven he began his studies under the direction of a kind priest in the suburbs of Marseilles. Two years later, Brother Laverlochère began the novitiate again, but this time as a scholastic. Ordained a deacon, he was chosen for Canada in the autumn of 1843.

With Fr. Jean-François Allard and Bro. Alexandre-Auguste Brunet, he was part of the second Oblate team to reach Montreal. It was in the small church of Acadia that he was ordained a priest on May 5, 1844. Nine days later, the new priest set out from Lachine, on his first apostolic journey to Upper Outaouais in the company of Fr. Hippolyte Moreau. This first trip lasted four months and brought him as far as Lake Abitibi.

Each year thereafter, for the next seven years, the one who is rightly called "the founder of the James Bay missions," made the same journey, going even as far as Albany. He had the joy of baptizing hundreds of children and of converting dozens of adults to Catholicism.

In 1850, at the request of Bishop de Mazenod, he left for France. He undertook a preaching tour for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith to make known to his countrymen the distress of the native children. His evangelical word stirred up whole dioceses. Louis Veillot would say of him one day: "No missionary has so impressed me as Fr. Laverlochère."

Returning to Canada, he went back to the Bay from the summer of 1851. He had only one desire: to live and die for his dear Amerindians. Alas! A hard trial awaited him during his return voyage. Making his way back towards Montreal, exhausted he rolled up one night in his blanket without paying much attention to the wet ground. His companions had the painful surprise of discovering him the next morning paralysed in his tent. They were six hundred miles from Ottawa in the middle of the forest. The thirty-nine year old missionary, lying immobile on the bottom of a canoe and carried over the portages by the men, reached Montreal a few weeks later. From now on this strong soul would live in nothing more than a broken body. The saintly missionary would however survive thirty-three years with this harsh handicap. With much energy and determination he was able to celebrate Mass, hear confessions, and hobbling along visit the sick and bring words of encouragement and comfort to the poorest. It was by dint of courage that he dragged his invalid legs to Maniwaki and then to Temiscamingue, where he arrived in 1868. He died there sixteen years later, on October 4, 1884, at the age of seventy-three.

He who the Amerindians called "Mino-Tagossite" (The One We Like To Hear) still continues in the hush of death to proclaim aloud the value of a life devoted to the Lord and to the poor. He rests in the Amerindian cemetery at the old man Fort Ville-Marie, where a tablet was put up in his honor. Nicolas Laverlochère, brave handicapped missionary, thus continues to take care of his dear chosen children after a life of suffering and merit.

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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Spouse First Name	Spouse Last Name
Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth	
Mailing Address	
City	Phone
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Comments	

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