

August 2nd 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Food for the hungry

In the miracle of the loaves and fishes, we cannot get back to what actually happened. But we can see what it meant to Matthew and his readers. For them the miracle recalled the Old

Testament story of manna in the desert. Jesus is the new Moses feeding his people in the desert. In this feeding they saw the anticipation of the Eucharist. The gestures and words used are those of the Last Supper, and of the Eucharist: 'He took the bread ... blessed it ... broke it ... and gave it to them.' The Eucharist in turn anticipates the final banquet of the Kingdom.

### Liturgical celebrations:

#### Tuesday – St. Jean-Marie Vianney (memorial)

St. John Vianney, in full Saint Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, also called Curé d'Ars, (born May 8, 1786, Dardilly, France—died August 4, 1859, Ars; canonized May 31, 1925; feast day August 4, French priest who was renowned as a confessor and for his supernatural powers. He is the patron saint of parish priests.

#### Thursday - The Transfiguration of the Lord (feast)

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:18; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the weeklong Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall. Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

#### Saturday – St. Dominic (memorial)

At the end of the twelfth century the Church in France was ravaged by the Albigensian heresy, a doctrine which was not only entirely unchristian but which, in addition, constituted a social evil. Effective measures were required to be taken to combat it. Where others had failed, a Spanish canon, Dominic Guzman, succeeded. He was notable for his learning and love of poverty. The Order of Friars Preachers, which he founded about the year 1215, was endowed by him with these two characteristics; instead of manual labor, as practiced by the Cistercian monks, he required his friars to work with their minds by preaching and teaching. He died at Bologna on August 6, 1221. His friend, Gregory IX, canonized him three years later.

## This Week

### Monday, August 3

7:00pm Mass +Teresita Katigbak  
(No Public Congregation)

### Tuesday, August 4

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)  
8:00am Mass +Peter Davey  
7:00pm Mass +Ingrid Schulze  
(No Public Congregation)

### Wednesday, August 5

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

### Thursday, August 6

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

### Friday, August 7

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

### Saturday, August 8

8:00am Mass Int Lucia Cheung  
(No Public Congregation)  
+Murray Stanley  
5:00pm Mass Private Intentions  
7:00pm Mass

### Sunday, August 9

9:00am Mass  
11:00am Mass  
2:00pm Baptism  
5:00pm Mass



### 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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**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

Jacob Alexander Fuhrman

**Pope's Message**

To seek the face of God is an assurance that our journey through this world will end well. It is an exodus towards the Promised Land, our heavenly home. The face of God is our destination and the guiding star that helps us not to lose our way.

The people of Israel, as described by the prophet Hosea in the first reading (cf. 10:7-8.12), had gone astray. They had lost sight of the Promised Land and were wandering in the desert of iniquity. Abundance, prosperity and wealth had caused their hearts to drift away from the Lord and had filled them instead with falsehood and injustice.

We too, as Christians today, are not immune to this sin. "The culture of comfort, which makes us think only of ourselves, makes us insensitive to the cries of other people, makes us live in soap bubbles which, however lovely, are insubstantial; they offer a fleeting and empty illusion which results in indifference to others; indeed, it even leads to the globalization of indifference. In this globalized world, we have fallen into globalized indifference. We have become used to the suffering of others: it doesn't affect me; it doesn't concern me; it's none of my business!" (Homily in Lampedusa, 8 July 2013).

Hosea's words reach us today as a renewed summons to conversion, a call to turn our eyes to the Lord and recognize his face. The prophet says: "Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you" (10:12).

Our efforts to seek the face of God are born of the desire for an encounter with the Lord, a personal encounter, an encounter with his immense love, with his saving power. The twelve apostles described in today's Gospel (cf. Mt 10:1-7) received the grace to encounter him physically in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God. Jesus – as we heard – called each of them by name. He looked them in the eye, and they in turn gazed at his face, listened to his voice and beheld his miracles. The personal encounter with the Lord, a time of grace and salvation, entails a mission: "As you go", Jesus tells them, proclaim the good news: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand' (v. 7). Encounter and mission must not be separated.

This kind of personal encounter with Jesus Christ is possible also for us, who are the disciples of the third millennium. In our effort to seek the Lord's face, we can recognize him in the face of the poor, the sick, the abandoned, and the foreigners whom God places on our way. This encounter becomes also for us a time of grace and salvation, and summons us to the same mission entrusted to the Apostles.

Whatever you did..." for better or for worse! This admonition is all the more timely today. We ought to use it as a basic starting point for our daily examination of conscience. Here I think of Libya, detention camps, the abuses and violence to which migrants are subjected; I think of journeys of hope, rescue operations, and cases of rejection. "Whatever you did... you did to me."

I remember that day, seven years ago, in the very south of Europe, on that island... A number of people told me their stories and all that they had gone through to get there. There were interpreters present. One person was telling me about terrible things in his language, and the interpreter seemed to translate well, but this person spoke so long and the translation was brief. "Well", I thought, "their language must require more words to express an idea". When I returned home that afternoon, in the reception area there was a lady – God bless her, she has since passed away – who was a daughter of Ethiopians. She understood the language and she had seen our conversation on television. She said this to me. "Listen, what the Ethiopian translator told you is not even a quarter of the torture and suffering that those people experienced". They gave me the "distilled" version. This is what is happening today with Libya: they are giving us a "distilled version". The war is indeed horrible, we know that, but you cannot imagine the hell that people are living there, in that detention camp. And those people came only with hope of crossing the sea.

May the Virgin Mary, *Solacium migrantium*, "Solace of Migrants", help us discover the face of her Son in all our brothers and sisters forced to flee their homeland because of the many injustices that continue to afflict our world.

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

There will be a special Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Augustine's Church on

**Saturday August 15th at 8:00am**

This Mass will be open to the public but

**registering in advance is mandatory.**

Please visit the St. Augustine's website to sign up for this Mass

**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.



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 PM starting August 18th. There is no cost, but registration is required email [biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto: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. Ruber 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!*"

## 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](mailto:atf-cheung@hotmail.com). Conversations can take place via Skype or Teams; whichever works best for you.

**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](http://www.staugustineschurch.ca)

The amount you authorize will be processed on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bhume03@gmail.com)  
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### Please note...

St. Augustine's Church remains 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.



Oblate Corner



The Oblates at Montreal

When the first six Oblates arrived in Montreal, on December 2, 1841, the small Congregation founded by Bishop de Mazenod in 1816 counted only 59 members. The establishment in Canada would give rise to a significant number of vocations. If we consider only the diocese of Montreal as it existed in 1841, this area has provided no less than 736 Oblate Fathers and Brothers up to now.

Among the most renowned of them, we find Cardinal Jean-Marie Villeneuve, Bishops Adélard Langevin, Ovide Charlebois, and

Lionel Scheffer, as well as two Superior Generals: Léo Deschâtelets and Fernand Jetté. We must also name such legendary missionaries as Albert Lacombe, Zacharie Lacasse among so many others. The limits of this article will only allow a brief glimpse at this century and a half of history. For the moment, we must limit ourselves to two areas of ministry: preaching and parishes. We'll reserve the movements of Catholic Action and the chaplaincies for another article.

Preaching

Upon their arrival in Montreal, and first installation at Saint-Hilaire, the Oblates began to preach parish missions, especially in the Eastern Districts. They also conducted many retreats for religious communities, diocesan priests, as well as in colleges, boarding schools, and even prisons. Among the most illustrious preachers in the Montreal region we must mention Damase Dandurant, the first Canadian Oblate, who died at the age of one hundred and two, Jean Claude Léonard, a former Sulpician who entered the Longueuil Novitiate as early as August, 1842, and Lucien Lagier who gave more than one thousand retreats, spanning thirty-three years of preaching.

Closer to our times, many remember the wholeheartedness of Father Arthur Guertin, the thunderous voice of Father Azarie Ménard, the florid style of Lévi Côté and the solid doctrine of Edmond Lemieux. In the 1950's, the mission band of full-time Oblate preachers reached up to fifty active participants. Archbishop Desranleau of Sherbrook could write about them: "I don't believe that the Oblates have attained more perfection elsewhere than in their work of preaching parish missions. In this, at least in our country, they are the leaders and the models."

To all of these itinerant preachers we must add those conducting closed retreats at Ville LaSalle. This house, opened in 1943, at the former Novitiate, received 116,200 men and women on retreat, in the twenty-five years of its existence. Among the most important preachers, we must remember the names of Fathers Albert Berlinguette and Jean Cabana. Brother Oscar Sansregret also deserves a special mention for his perseverance in this house: a full fifty-two years.

Parishes

The Oblates served four parishes in Montreal. The first in line was Saint-Pierre-Apôtre, which began in 1848. A simple chapel at first, it became a parish in 1900, with Father Hormidas Legault as first pastor. Along with the twenty-six pastors who succeeded him up to this day, we must underline the work of Oblate Brothers Jean-Baptiste Langlois the first Canadian Brother, Armand Tison and Rodolphe Tourigny.

In 1916, the Oblates accepted the new parish of Saint-Nazaire, in Ville LaSalle. Father Victor Jodoin was the first pastor. Fathers Armand Laniel and Hervé Ménard were the greatest contributors to the material and pastoral organization of that parish.

Sainte-Bernadette-Soubirous parish of Rosemont saw the light of day during the crisis of 1938. Father Gernain Houle, founding pastor, set up a temporary chapel, with classes in the basement. Father Calixte Beaupré strengthened the parish spirit from 1942 to 1947 and Father Simon Chênevert built the actual church in 1955.

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