



August 9th 2020
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Walking on Water



As Matthew relates it, the incident described in today's Gospel is clearly symbolic. The boat represents the Church; the disciples are beaten by the winds and waves of persecution. Jesus is not with them physically; he is in heaven, praying to the Father. However, in the hour of need he comes to them, and with his presence calms their fears and brings them peace.

The incident of Peter sinking and being saved by Jesus is probably a reference to Peter's failure during the Passion and his restoration after the resurrection. The writer would have known this, and almost certainly had it in mind

when telling this story.

In any case, Peter represents the typical disciple, caught between faith and doubt. Jesus' rebuke, 'Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?' is directed at us, who often start courageously only to lose heart when faced with a crisis.

The prophet Elijah adopted a very militant, even bloodthirsty, approach in his battle against idolatry. Now on the run for his life, he takes refuge in a cave where he is taught that God's ways are not man's ways. God's approach is as gentle as a breeze.

Liturgical celebrations:

Monday – St. Lawrence (feast)

Saint Lawrence, Lawrence also spelled Laurence, (died 258, Rome [Italy]; feast day August 10), one of the most venerated Roman martyrs, celebrated for his Christian valour. He is the patron saint of the poor and of cooks.

Tuesday – St. Clare (memorial)

Clare was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1193 to wealthy parents, and was taught to read and write as well as spin yarn and do needlework. She had little interest in her luxurious surroundings (she lived in a palace), and influenced by her mother's religious devotion, Clare dedicated her life to God at an early age. She also showed early on that her calling would involve helping the poor, as she set aside food from her family table to give to the needy on the streets.

Wednesday – St. Maximilian Kolbe (memorial)

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894. As a Franciscan, he worked to spread the Gospel in Poland and in Japan. He had a great devotion to Our Lady. In 1941 he was imprisoned in Auschwitz. Three months after Maximilian's arrival, a prisoner escaped. In retaliation 10 men were chosen at random to die. One was a young father; Maximilian offered to take his place. His offer was accepted. Maximilian died on August 14, 1941 and was canonized in October 1982.

Thursday – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (solemnity)

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary celebrates her being assumed – taken up body and soul – into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It began as a feast day in the Eastern Church after the Council of Ephesus (431) proclaimed Mary the Mother of God. By the 6th century, the feast celebrated Mary's Dormition, her 'falling asleep,' meaning her death; there are several ancient icons of the Dormition. The Western Church began to celebrate this feast around 650.

This Week

Monday, August 10

7:00pm Mass +Gilby Carlos
(No Public Congregation)

Tuesday, August 11

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
8:00am Mass +Yolanda Gonzalez
7:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan
(No Public Congregation)

Wednesday, August 12

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

Thursday, August 13

8:00am Mass +Miriam Perez
7:00pm Mass +Peggy Alashhab
(No Public Congregation)

Friday, August 14

8:00am Mass +Luis Adolfo Blanco
7:00pm Mass (No Public Congregation)

Saturday, August 15

8:00am Mass Private Intentions
(No Public Congregation)
2:00pm Wedding
5:00pm Mass
7:00pm Mass

Sunday, August 16

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass
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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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Apostolic Constitution of
Pope Pius XII defining the
dogma of the Assumption
1 November 1950.**

That privilege (the Assumption) has shone forth in new radiance since our predecessor of immortal memory, Pius IX, solemnly proclaimed the dogma of the loving Mother of God's Immaculate Conception. These two privileges are most closely bound to one another.

God has willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary should

be exempted from this general rule. She, by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body.

Thus, when it was solemnly proclaimed that Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, was from the very beginning free from the taint of original sin, the minds of the faithful were filled with a stronger hope that the day might soon come when the dogma of the Virgin Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven would also be defined by the Church's supreme teaching authority.

All these proofs and considerations of the holy Fathers and the theologians are based upon the Sacred Writings as their ultimate foundation. These set the loving Mother of God as it were before our very eyes as most intimately joined to her divine Son and as always sharing his lot. Consequently it seems impossible to think of her, the one who conceived Christ, brought him forth, nursed him with her milk, held him in her arms, and clasped him to her breast, as being apart from him in body, even though not in soul, after this earthly life. Since our Redeemer is the Son of Mary, he could not do otherwise, as the perfect observer of God's law, than to honor, not only his eternal Father, but also his most beloved Mother. And, since it was within his power to grant her this great honor, to preserve her from the corruption of the tomb, we must believe that he really acted in this way.

Did you know...**The brown scapular**

In the year 1251, in the town of Aylesford in England, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite. She handed him a brown woolen scapular and said, "This shall be a privilege for you and all Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall not suffer eternal fire." In time, the Church extended this magnificent privilege to all the laity who are willing to be invested in the Brown Scapular of the Carmelites and who perpetually wear it. True devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary consists in three things: VENERATION, CONFIDENCE AND LOVE. By simply wearing the Scapular, we can tell her every moment of the day that we venerate her, love her and trust in her protection.

The Scapular Is a Silent Prayer

As Our Lord taught us to say the Our Father, Our Blessed Mother taught us the value of the scapular. When we use it as a prayer, Our Lady draws us to the Sacred Heart of Her Divine Son. It is good, therefore, to hold the scapular in the hand. A prayer offered while holding the Scapular is as perfect as a prayer can be. It is especially in time of temptation that we need the powerful intercession of God's Mother. The evil spirit is utterly powerless when the wearer of a scapular faces temptation, calling upon the Holy Virgin in this silent devotion. "If you had recommended yourself to me, you would not have run into such danger," was Our Lady's gentle reproach to Blessed Alan de la Roche, one of her devoted servants.

**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 7:30-9 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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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*".

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.

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.



Oblate Corner

**"Led to Ceylon by the nose!" Constant Chounavel, O.M.I (1825-1923)**

"How unsearchable are God's judgments and how inscrutable his ways," says St. Paul. But in the same letter to the Romans he affirms: "God cooperates with all those who love him by turning everything to their good." If we have confidence in this God who loves us and wants only our happiness, we are sure to succeed wherever Providence sends us. The career of Father Constant Chounavel, O.M.I. is an example of this.

February 15, 1852, Bishop Eugene de Mazenod ordained him a priest in Marseilles on the same day as Father Henri Grollier. The Superior General of the Oblates then decided that Fr. Chounavel would go to the Arctic while his companion would head for Ceylon. Both prepared for their

coming departure happy to be able to soon put into practice, each in their own place, the motto of the Oblates: "He has sent me to evangelize the poor." But a simple accident suddenly changed their plans. The winter of 1852 was particularly rigorous in Marseilles. Fr. Chounavel had his nose and hands frozen. A doctor put a plaster on his nose, which gave him "a ridiculous appearance." At the sight of it, Bishop de Mazenod exclaimed: "This child cannot stand the cold of Marseilles, how will he endure that of North America? My dear Constant, you will therefore go to Ceylon and Grollier will go to Mackenzie."

The young missionaries gladly accepted this change of obediences, without suspecting that they would both accomplish, in their respective field of apostolate, things that would pass into history. Fr. Grollier was the first priest to cross the Arctic Circle. He died at the age of thirty-eight while saying before the cross that he had just planted at Good Hope: "I die content, Jesus, now that I have seen your standard at the ends of the earth."

On the other side of the globe, under the burning sun of Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Fr. Chounavel lived to be 99 years old. He died after seventy-one years of very active ministry, also murmuring to himself: "Lord, I die content because with the assistance of Mary I made you known to thousands of poor Tamils and Singhalese."

In 1853, one year after his arrival in the island, he was sent alone to the distant mission of Batticaloa. It was there that in answer to his prayers the Blessed Virgin "loosed his tongue," because for several years an annoying timidity prevented him from expressing himself well in public. This handicap dated back to when he was a schoolboy. One of his professors, careless of the irony of his name, one day called upon the young Constant saying: "Let us see, Mister Chou-chou-chou-navel... can you tell me...?" The poor student blushed with shame and collapsed under the avalanche of laughter from the class. He could not say a word. He suffered from this trauma thereafter. As a missionary, it was enough for him to go up into pulpit to be struck with dumbness. This always bothered him when suddenly, upon his arrival at Batticaloa, Mary delivered him of this suffering. Facing for the first time his new listeners, who looked arrogantly at this young timid missionary, Fr Chounavel, moved by an unknown force, defied the crowd. He started speaking with such conviction and assurance that he won over the most hardened hearts. They could not believe the eloquence with which he spoke.

Fr. Chounavel had many talents: architect, carpenter, painter, sculptor, musician, and writer. He composed many books in Singhalese and in Tamil. We are indebted to him for an English-Singhalese grammar, the translation of the whole Bible, a Life of the Saints for each day of the year, the months of Mary, of the Sacred Heart, and a Preparation for marriage, etc. All that besides his ordinary ministry of preaching and teaching catechism!

To whom or to what can this almost incredible sum of work be attributed? Certainly not to his physical strength: He was short, thin and sickly. But the One who providentially had led him, seemingly "by the nose", to Ceylon, the "Pearl of The Indies", never left him alone in his apostolic work. "I am with you, He repeated to him each day as He had to Jacob, and I will keep you everywhere you go." The Lord and Mary accompanied him faithfully until his death, which occurred on August 23, 1923. When laying the frail body of Fr. Chounavel to rest in the soil of the Ceylon that he had never left for seventy-one years, the Archbishop of Colombo, Antoine Coudert, O.M.I., could say proudly of this great missionary: "This priest gave himself entirely."

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