



September 6th 2020
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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On fraternal correction



The question in today's Gospel is not forgiveness (dealt with later), but the sin of one member of the community. Every effort is to be made to bring the erring person to repentance: first in private, then before a few, finally before the whole community. If he is still unrepentant, he must be excommunicat-

ed. The decision of the Church will be honoured by God, since God inspired them in making that decision. The harsh phrase 'treat him as a Gentile or a tax collector' reflects the strict Jewish Christianity of Matthew's Church.

Liturgical Celebrations

Tuesday – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (feast)

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the day on which Christians East and West commemorate the birth of Mary, the Mother of God, was celebrated as early as the sixth century. We know that from the fact that Saint Romanos the Melodist, an Eastern Christian who composed many of the hymns used in the Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox liturgies, composed a hymn for the feast at that time.

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary spread to Rome in the seventh century, but it took a couple of more centuries before it was celebrated throughout the West.

The traditional date of the feast, September 8, falls exactly nine months after the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Perhaps because of its close proximity to the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not celebrated today with the same solemnity as the Immaculate Conception. It is, nonetheless, a very important feast, because it prepares the way for the birth of Christ. It is also an unusual feast, because it celebrates a birthday.

Pope's Prayer Intention for September

Universal: *Respect for the Planet's Resources*

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

This Week

**Monday, September 7
Labour Day – Office closed**

10:00am Mass +Dung Van Ngo
(No Public Congregation)

Tuesday, September 8
6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
8:00am Mass +Pat Trainor
7:00pm Mass +Lucia Santos Calaguas
(No Public Congregation)
7:30pm Meeting Bible Study Group (Virtual Meeting)

Wednesday, September 9
8:00am Mass Private Intention
7:00pm Mass +Ernestine Fronc
(No Public Congregation)

Thursday, September 10
8:00am Mass Int Mariano Trinidad
7:00pm Mass +Sivi Elena Robredo de Velasco
(No Public Congregation)

Friday, September 11
8:00am Mass +Erlinda Rivera
7:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan
(No Public Congregation)

Saturday, September 12
8:00am Mass Private Intention
(No Public Congregation)
5:00pm Mass + M.M. Thampi
7:00pm **Mass** +Dominga Jimenez

Sunday, September 13
9:00am **Mass**
11:00am **Mass** +Danillo Santiago
5:00pm **Mass** +M.M. Thampi

**OFFERTORY**

We are grateful for these gifts

\$6,155.00

Please visit www.staugustineschurch.ca

If you wish to maintain your contributions
via Debit or Credit Card

**Explosions in Lebanon: Donations to****Development and Peace - Caritas Canada to be matched**

Development and Peace wishes to convey its solidarity with the Lebanese people and with all of our partners in Lebanon, after the tragic explosions that shook the capital of Beirut on August 4, 2020. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people affected by this disaster and those who have lost loved ones.

Our partners on the ground are already working to help those impacted by this disaster. For this country, already struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic and economic collapse, each donation makes a difference.

How you can help?

Donations made to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada are eligible to be matched by the Canadian government. As a member of the Canadian Food grains Bank, Development and Peace will be participating in the matching fund launched by the Canadian Government and the Humanitarian Coalition to help the people of Lebanon.

Urgent needs: Development and Peace partners quickly mobilizing

Since the explosions, Lebanon has been plunged into a state of catastrophe that calls for our solidarity. This is yet another trial for a people already struggling with an unprecedented social, economic and political crisis, and the explosion is further threatening the food and social security of the population. This tragedy comes at a time when hospitals, already short of resources, are trying to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The shock wave is immense, and the needs
of local communities are growing**

Affected communities need food, clean water, health care and shelter. The explosions destroyed a large proportion of the seed stored in the port, leading to fears of increased food insecurity in a context that was already greatly unstable due to the crisis.

"The disaster is unimaginable. We are facing a real human and humanitarian disaster. The whole Adyan team is doing well. We are now organising ourselves to help. » **Fadi Daou, President and CEO of Adyan, a Development and Peace partner.**

PLEASE HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

To donate go to: www.dev.org

School News...

As a result of upcoming vacancies on the Parish Education Committee, St Augustine's Church will host elections on September 26/27. The Nominations Committee. is comprised of Adam Beaudin-Ball, Dan Roberts and Irene Hensel. Anyone interested in PEC or running for election is asked to contact Irene Hensel, chair Nominations Committee, ihensel604@gmail.com before September 13, 2022.

Did you know...**The Story of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

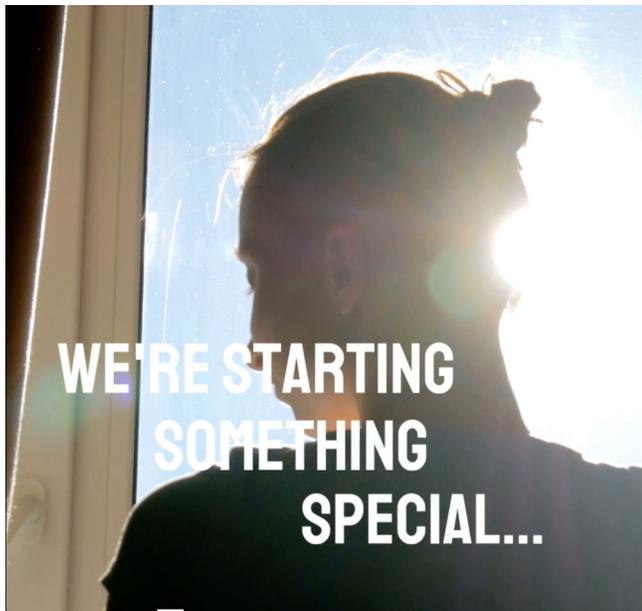
St. Augustine's Oblate Parish is a Catholic community centered in Christ and the Eucharist that has a shared mission to – welcome and invite all to participate – celebrate in Word and Sacrament – foster evangelization and spiritual formation – advocate for social justice – care for our common home.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



Welcomes people who feel drawn to Christ. People from no particular background, Christians from Protestant denominations, and men and women from other religions. Baptized, Catholic adults who were never confirmed and who want to be received into full communion with the Church may do so through the RCIA.

RCIA meets Wednesday evenings @ 7:00pm beginning September 30th. Meetings are held in the Parish Centre with social distancing in place. If you are interested in the Catholic faith or know someone who is, please contact Linda Arnold: **604 736-4455 Ext 229** or rcia@staugustineschurch.ca to register.



Sancta Maria House is starting something special...

Join us at one of the Masses on September 12/13 for **Desarae's life-changing story**. Or you can watch it livestream at the 11:00am Mass: <https://www.facebook.com/staugchurch>

Follow and Like us: <https://www.facebook.com/agapestreetministry>

Interested in learning more about the rich teachings & practices of our Catholic Faith?

The Catholic Faith in Plain English

An online series with Fr. Vincent Hawkswell & Maureen Creelman.

First Session begins September 6th, 2020; Videos for subsequent sessions will be released online weekly.

Total course Length: 36 Weeks. Cost: Free

This course is suitable for all adult learners, including Catholics and non-Catholics.

Questions? Please contact Sr. Angela Marie Castellini: 604 683-0281 Ext. 50208

Parish Office

Beginning Sunday August 30th the Parish Office will be open one-half hour before and one-half hour after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.

You may visit the office to pick up a Bulletin, Missalette or to arrange for a Mass Intention.

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.

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.



Around the Archdiocese...

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass

On Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, at 3:30 pm, the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB. The Mass will be live-streamed at youtube.com/archvancouver for all who would like to join in prayerful celebration and solidarity with our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters.

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is home to Catholics from many countries and Mass is celebrated in over twenty-two languages. Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms. 2020 will be the 9th year we as an Archdiocese join the universal Church in commemorating and observing the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Finding Hope in a Time of Uncertainty Retreat

Inviting all moms and anyone else who desires an in-person retreat to reflect on scripture, poetry, and song as we rediscover hope and community during this time of uncertainty. The retreat includes short inspired talks, guided prayer materials, quiet time for personal prayer, and individually wrapped muffins.

This retreat will take place on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm at St. Mark's Parish in Vancouver. We will follow all the provincial health guidelines for a socially-distanced yet spiritually-connected retreat. Please bring your own mask, pen and thermos with spill-proof lid filled with the hot/cold beverage of your choice. No childcare or lunch provided. Limit 30 persons. Pre-registration required by Monday, Sept. 17.

Suggested donation \$35-60. Given the ever-changing landscape of COVID-19, please pay at the door with exact cash or cheque. Free parking at St. Mark's Parish, 5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver. Paid parking at Carey College or Walter Gage garage. For more information, please email the parish office at parish.smark@rcav.org

Oblate Corner

Father Le Bihan summoned before the court



François LeBihan was one of those Breton Oblates who were gifted with an extraordinary zeal that left its mark on Catholic life in Lesotho. He was born in 1833, in the diocese of Quimper, of a Breton father and an Irish mother. He entered the Marseille Novitiate in 1857, during the lifetime of the Founder, who ordained him to the priesthood in 1859. He was sent at once to Natal as a companion to Bishop Jean-François Allard and Father Joseph Girard. Though the Basutos had been very gracious towards the missionaries, such was not the case with the Dutch settlers in the Transvaal. For a long time the Oblates had been unable to establish a mission in this republic. The Boers, Dutch landsmen, were Calvinists. They had migrated to South Africa in the Seventeenth Century, and were in fierce opposition to them.

An exploratory voyage

At the time when Father LeBihan, at the request Bishop Allard, attempted to penetrate into this Dutch Transvaal, in 1870, the law forbade the entrance of any priest who was not a minister of the Calvinist faith. Courageously, armed with his

cross and placing himself under the protection of the Virgin Mary, the Oblate undertook to visit Catholics working on the Boer farms. For this expedition, he was given a carriage and two horses. Stephanus, a Christian from Roma, accompanied him. For many days, he made frequent stops according to the spiritual needs of the Catholic families along the way. A worthy Irishman, named Donoghue, spontaneously offered him hospitality and lent a hand in the accomplishment of his ministry. Despite the existing law, Father was able to celebrate Mass and instruct the faithful. There was no opposition, but this was only the calm before the storm.

A wedding in jeopardy

The missionary tells us in his travel journal: "A Mister Taggard intended to marry a young Boer lady. The necessary dispensations had already been granted. Everything was ready for the wedding ceremony, when I was summoned to appear before the magistrate. The representative of the law said: 'I learned that you are about to celebrate a marriage. But are you aware that all exercise of Catholic cult is forbidden by the law of the land?' I answered that I had heard about it, but had to admit that I had never read that law. An employee then read the text: 'All religions other than the Dutch Reformed Religion are prohibited in Transvaal.' Then I asked the magistrate if I could be allowed to pose a simple question. He said: 'Speak.' I replied that according to the text of the law which had just been read to me, the prohibition does not apply only to the Catholic Church, but to the Anglican Church and to the Methodist Church as well. However, these two Churches own considerable property in your capital city. They even have temples where they hold public religious services in plain sight and with the knowledge of the authorities. Could you show me the text of the law that permits them to enjoy that freedom? After this remark, the magistrate consulted with his secretary. Following a moment of silence, I was given a sign to leave. It was a way of telling me that I could transgress the law with as much impunity as the others."

A joyful ceremony

So that the rights of Catholics could be affirmed more openly, Father LeBihan resolved to give the marriage ceremony all possible pomp. He had his carriage decorated with ribbons and flowers. The well polished harnesses shone in the sun. The horses took on frisky airs. Stephanus, dressed like the footman of a high lord, took on an attitude befitting the importance of his role. At the appointed hour, the happy couple assumed their seat in this gala coach and were led with great solemnity to Mr. Donoghue's residence, where the ceremony was to take place. Father adds: "I took advantage of this occasion to speak on the sanctity of Christian marriage, and on the obligations which it imposes, all according to the preions of the Ritual. After the ceremony, I ordered Stephanus to bring the newlyweds to their home. He proceeded with all the natural majesty at his command."

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.

New Parishioner Need Envelopes Information Change

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

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