

September 13th 2020
 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Forgiveness



Today's Gospel raises the question of sin between brothers and sisters, that is fellow Christians. The psalm talks about the greatness of God's forgiveness (which contrasts with our miserly forgiveness). Anyone who is forgiven has an obligation to forgive. If we cannot bring ourselves to do this, it is an indication that we really haven't experienced God's forgiveness. The position of the servant in Jesus' story was absolutely hopeless. He owned the king so much money that even if he worked forever, he would not be able to

repay him. This is our situation before God. We can't win God's forgiveness. All we can do is plead for God's mercy.

Liturgical Celebrations

Monday – The Exaltation of the Cross (feast)

This liturgical feast has been celebrated since early times. In the 4th century, two churches in Jerusalem were dedicated to the cross on this day and the occasion was commemorated annually. Adopted by the Church in Rome during the 7th century, the feast commemorates both the dedication of the original church of the Holy Sepulchre in 355 and Christ's victory over death.

Tuesday – Our Lady of Sorrow (memorial)

Formerly known as the 'Seven Sorrows of Mary,' this feast was instituted in 1668 by the Servite Friars. In 1814, Pius VII extended the feast to the whole Western Church in commemoration of the sufferings he had endured during his captivity in France. The seven sorrows are: Simeon's prophecy, the flight to Egypt, the disappearance of the boy Jesus in Jerusalem, the road to Calvary, the crucifixion, the removal from the cross, and the entombment.

Wednesday – Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (memorial)

When Cornelius was elected Pope during the Decian persecution, the Roman See had been vacant for many months following the martyrdom of the previous pope, Fabian. In 253, under renewed persecution, Cornelius was arrested and banished. He died in exile the same year.

Cyprian of Carthage is an important figure in the early Church. Brilliant and learned, he became a priest soon after his conversion and then he was elected bishop. When the Decian persecution began, he went into hiding. In 257 persecution was renewed under Valerian. Cyprian was one of the first arrested and condemned to death.

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 14

7:00pm Mass
 (No Public Congregation)

Tuesday, September 15

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
 8:00am Mass Int Joy Shikaze
 7:00pm Mass
 (No Public Congregation)
 7:30pm Meeting Bible Study Group (Virtual Meeting)

Wednesday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 17

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

Friday, September 18

8:00am Mass +Agnes Tin Hla
 7:00pm Mass
 (No Public Congregation)

Saturday, September 19

8:00am Mass
 (No Public Congregation)
 5:00pm Mass + Gennro Bonifacio
 7:00pm Mass +Nora Sue Mary Hennessy

Sunday, September 20

9:00am Mass +Michael & Agnes Tin Hla
 11:00am Mass
 12:30pm Baptism
 5:00pm Mass

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We are grateful for these gifts

\$7,458.00

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WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Ava Carmelina Nardi

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.

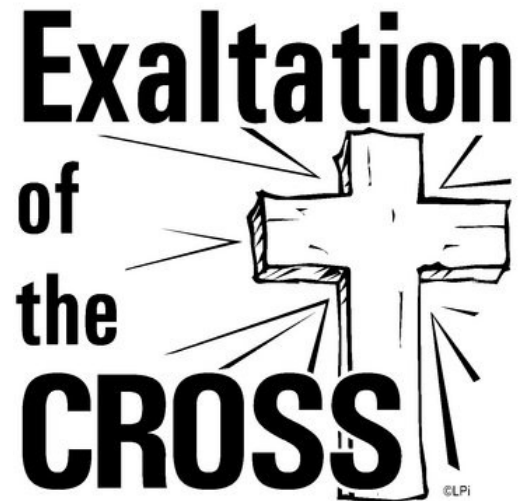
How you can help?

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.

PLEASE HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

To donate go to: www.devp.org

Did you know...



The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

Season of Creation 2020 – Jubilee for the Earth



Endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015 and supported by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the annual month-long ecumenical celebration entitled the Season of Creation will begin on 1 September (World Day of Prayer for Creation) and continue until 4 October 2020 (feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). The celebration calls on the global Christian community to promote prayer and action to protect our common home, and is one of the initiatives to celebrate the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year which runs from 24 May 2020 until 24 May 2021. The theme for this year's season is "Jubilee for the Earth". For more information and resources on the Season of Creation, please visit the website at seasonofcreation.org

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.



Please Note: There will be a change in the accessibility of Church during week days in order to accommodate BC government requirements for school re-opening. Please watch this bulletin for further updates.

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.

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.

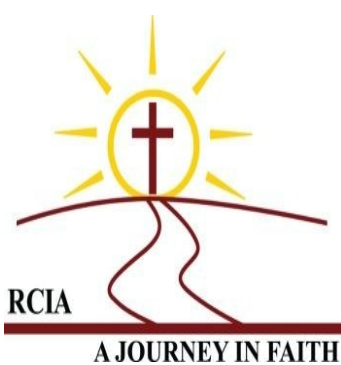
Weekly Sunday Donations

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.

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.

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

Dialogue on Aging's Fall Virtual Public Presentation Series

Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm for Dialogue on Aging's first Fall Virtual Public Presentation Session! This session will include mini-presentations from our exhibitors (to be announced), our feature presentation - "Maximizing Your Brain's Health in Uncertain Times" by Dr. Alex Henri-Bhargava, and opportunities for dialogue and Q&A with faculty.

Dialogue on Aging is supported by the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund and the Vancouver Foundation. For more information/resources, please visit publicpresentations.providencehealthcare.org

Into the Deep: Annulment and the Marriage Tribunal

There seems to be much confusion and misunderstanding about the process of annulment, the work of the Marriage Tribunal, and the Sacramental life of our brothers and sisters who are divorced.



Oblate Corner



Father Albert Lacombe, O.M.I. (1827-1916), was surely one of the greatest Oblate missionaries of Western Canada and probably the most picturesque figure among these apostles. He was a legendary figure in Canada. For more than sixty-five years he carried out his priestly ministry with an extraordinary dedication among the Amerindians and Métis of the prairies. They recognized this and were quickly conquered by his great kindness and the interest that he showed them. When giving him a name, as was the custom among the Blackfoot, they called him Arsous-Kitsi-Parti, which means: "The man with a good heart."

Father Lacombe devoted himself energetically to the evangelization of the Amerindian tribes spread over the territory between the Red River and the Rocky Mountains. During his many voyages he smoked the peace pipe with these children of the woods. He taught them how to pray, he looked after their sick and made himself their protector from the pale faces who were invading their territory. This apostolate included an important civilizing dimension. In a few years he became one of the most influential men in the West. He was part of the great events of the time (1849-1916): the growth of the Church, the construction of the railroad, the Riel uprising, the signing of treaties, the colonization of the West, etc. It is thanks to his influence among the Blackfoot that the Canadian Pacific could finish its railroad project in the prairies. He was able to pacify these proud Amerindians, who were dissatisfied to see the "iron horse" crossing their hunting grounds without taking into account the treaties made with the Canadian government. The authorities of the Canadian Pacific recognized Fr. Lacombe's role in this peaceful solution, as is evident in the following anecdote told by Fr. Paul-Emile Breton, O.M.I. in his book *The Big Chief of the Prairies* (1954, p. 162-163).

One day Fr. Lacombe received a message from Mr. Stephen, president of the railroad: "I invite you to come dine with me tomorrow in my coach in Calgary." The Oblate could not refuse; he hurried to attend this banquet for the inauguration of the railroad. Around the table were the guests of honor and the "big wigs" of the company: Mr. Stephen, Donald Smith, William Van Horne, R. B. Angus and many others. There was laughter, witty remarks, and stories of past events. But can you imagine a banquet without speech? Mr. Stephen rose. After recalling briefly the history of the Canadian Pacific, its spirit and recent progress, he hesitated a moment and his tone became more serious: "Gentlemen, he said to his colleagues, I regret to offer you my resignation as president of our company." This was an astonishing gesture, to say the least. Why? ... What happened? The directors looked at each other, asking each other what he meant. No, they were by no means surprised. One could even discover on some faces an air of satisfaction. In turn, one of them, Mr. Angus, spoke:

"Gentlemen, we have among us a man who rendered great services to our Company, first at Red River and again more recently here, in this vast country of the Blackfoot. It is thanks to him that we could continue in peace our project. So, I propose that Father Lacombe be elected president of the "Canadian Pacific" in Mr. Stephen's place." The words were hardly out of his mouth when the directors broke into applause and cheers to acclaim the missionary. Surprised, touched by this gesture, the humble religious felt a lump in his throat. Instinctively his hand clenched his Oblate cross. He hesitated... "Gentlemen, he says, finally overcoming his emotion, I thank you. What else can I say?" Then, turning to Mr. Stephen: "As for you, he said slyly, I name you priest of the new parish of Calgary in my place." "Poor Calgary parishioners, said the ex-president, I pity you!"

The president for a day, using his privilege, at once granted himself a lifetime pass on the Canadian Pacific. All his life the missionary traveled at the expense of the Company. His pass, which said "Father Lacombe and Assistant," became legendary. One day, it seems, the ticket-collector on a train discovered the famous ticket in the hands of two nuns: "My sisters, he said jokingly, I would like to know which of you is Fr. Lacombe?"

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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