



September 20th 2020
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Workers in the Vineyard



The First Reading states, 'God's ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts'. Just how vast is the difference between God's ways and our ways; between God's thoughts and our thoughts is illustrated in the Gospel. God's generosity utterly transcends human generosity.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard was aimed at the Pharisees. These

legalistically minded men were critical of Jesus because he befriended sinners and outcasts. In the parable Jesus faces up to his critics, and shows them what God is like: God is generous and full of compassion for the poor and the outcast. In that respect the parable is similar to that of the prodigal son.

Liturgical Celebrations

Monday – St. Matthew (feast)

The apostle Matthew has two names in the Gospels: Matthew and Levi. Since only the name Matthew is entered in any scriptural mention of the 12 apostles, it is commonly held that his name was Levi until Jesus called him to be a disciple, then he was called Matthew which means 'gift of God' in Aramaic. After Pentecost, Matthew worked in a church made up mostly of Jews who believed that Jesus was the Savior. Gospel bearing his name was composed around AD 85 and was written for Jewish-Christians. Tradition holds that after the Resurrection, Matthew preached in Ethiopia, where he was martyred. He is a patron saint of customs officers and accountants.

Wednesday – St. Pius of Pietrelcina (memorial)

Francesco Forgione was born in the Italian village of Pietrelcina. He entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars at the age of 16, taking the name Pio and was ordained in 1910. A stigmatic, he lived more than fifty years at the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo, devoted to a life of ministry through sacramental reconciliation and celebration of the Eucharist, and helping countless people who sought his counsel. Padre Pio was canonized by St. John Paul II in 2002.

Saturday – Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions (feast)

This day honors the eight martyrs of North America – two Jesuit priests and two lay assistants – who died between 1642 and 1649. All came from Europe in response to a call for "missionaries to the Indians," and all showed great courage. These men were aware of the dangers involved and of the fate of captives. Some of them were captured and escaped, but returned, persisting in their efforts to preach the Gospel to the aboriginal peoples.

World Tourism Day – September 27

A World Tourism Day was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization. The Church is concerned about tourism in the world remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace lives there, your peace will rest on that person."

This Week

Monday, September 21

7:00pm Mass
(No Public Congregation)

Tuesday, September 22

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
8:00am Mass +Monica & Vince Hall
7:00pm Mass Int Joaquin Marco
(No Public Congregation)
7:30pm Meeting Bible Study Group (Virtual Meeting)

Wednesday, September 23

8:00am Mass +Thomas Gallinaro & +Layna Gallinaro
6:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Virtual)
7:00pm Mass +Myrna Buttner
(No Public Congregation)

Thursday, September 24

8:00am Mass +Shui Pang Tao
7:00pm Mass +Francisco Pineda, Sr.
(No Public Congregation)

Friday, September 25

8:00am Mass +Shirley Delaney
7:00pm Mass +Dao Van Nguyen
(No Public Congregation)

Saturday, September 26

8:00am Mass +Diana Loh
(No Public Congregation)
1:30pm Wedding
5:00pm Mass +Mariano Rivera
7:00pm Mass +Joesumar Licopit Icaay

Sunday, September 27

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass +M.M. Thampi
5:00pm Mass +M.M. Thampi

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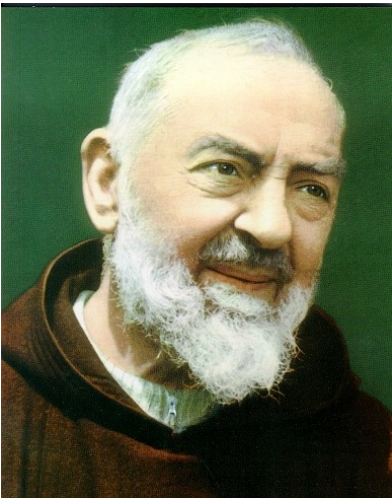
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REST IN PEACE

Joesumar Licopit Icaay

Did you know...**Saint Pio of Pietrelcina's Story**

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of

suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity."

Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease.

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income.

At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic.

On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side.

Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. The idea arose in 1940; a committee began to collect money. Ground was broken in 1946. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This "House for the Alleviation of Suffering" has 350 beds.

A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. Like Saint Francis, Padre Pio sometimes had his habit torn or cut by souvenir hunters.

One of Padre Pio's sufferings was that unscrupulous people several times circulated prophecies that they claimed originated from him. He never made prophecies about world events and never gave an opinion on matters that he felt belonged to Church authorities to decide. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

From Franciscan Media.

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.

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.



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.

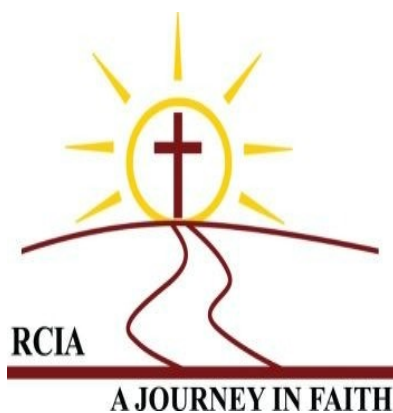
Weekly Sunday Donations

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.

Join us on Friday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Zoom as Dr. Robitaille explains the process of annulment and the role of the Marriage Tribunal. She will also answer questions such as, "What happens when a marriage breaks down?" and, "Is an annulment just a 'Catholic Divorce?'" Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

A lay apostle among the Snohomish



Devotion to the Blessed Virgin is a noted characteristic of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. From the beginning of this congregation, hardly two years after its foundation at Aix, Father Eugene de Mazenod, in response to a request from the bishop of Dignes, accepted to serve the sanctuary of Notre Dame du Laus. With the passage of time, tens of other pilgrimage locations in honor of the Blessed Virgin were accepted, restored, and lived by the Oblates. The Apostolat of January 1988 recalled the story of twenty of these shrines still being served by the sons of Blessed de Mazenod.

For their part, missionaries in their correspondence faithfully included edifying references that lead to knowing and loving our heavenly Mother. Father Casimir-Eugène Chirouse, missionary in Oregon and British Columbia from 1847 to 1892, tells this touching story that took place in the Snohomish tribe, at Tulalip, in Oregon.

Pierre repudiates his baptism

After several weeks of catechetical instruction, Father Chirouse had won to the Catholic faith a good ten of these forest dwellers. In the midst of a grand celebration he poured the waters of baptism on the foreheads of his fervent catechumens. A salvo of gunshots, the singing of hymns, and an excellent meal, sprinkled with the fire-water that was indispensable to these dear Amerindians, added to the splendor of the ceremony. Everyone was beaming with joy. A tall fellow, baptized with the name of Pierre, seemed to be the leader of the group. During more than three months, he had no fear of publicly showing his religious convictions. But as soon as the Oblate left the mission, poor human nature once more claimed its rights. Pierre returned to his old habits of alcoholism and polygamy. He became a scandal to the whole tribe. This went on for seven years until at last he was hard hit by a mortal disease.

His friend Leon intervenes

It was with great sorrow that his friend Leon observed the renegade's fall from grace. Leon tried by various means to help him. He even consented to lend him a significant sum of money. He visited him one day, more worried about Pierre's salvation than about recuperating the loan. Sitting on the edge of the pallet, he took his friend's hand and said: "Pierre my friend, you know that you will die soon. It's a matter of days. Have pity for your soul, I beg you. Don't give it to the devil! If you miss heaven, think of the torments you are condemning yourself to... Last Spring, you wanted to assassinate me! I will forgive you from my heart, if you come back to God. And so that you can concentrate more intently on your soul, I'm returning all the money that you owe me. But I beseech you, don't die without going to confession."

Grace's turn to take action

This exchange went on for over an hour. At last, the dying man, touched by repentance, asked his friend to send for the priest. Without losing a moment, Leon hurried to the church. "Father Chirouse come quickly! Pierre is about to die and he wants to see you. He is crying." The Oblate tells us: "I spoke a few words of encouragement, and asked if he still remembered the prayers he had learned prior to his Baptism. He answered: 'I forgot them all except one that I recited every day, even when I was drunk. It is the Hail Mary.'

"As he pronounced the name of Mary, two great tears flowed from his eyes. He struck his chest, and covered his face with emaciated hands. Evidently, grace had touched him. I did my best to prepare him for receiving Holy Communion. There could be no doubt about his repentance. On the following day, when I returned to his hut, he had just died. Leon was kneeling next to his pallet in deep recollection, praying the rosary for the repose of his soul."

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
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Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth	
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Comments	

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