

October 11th 2020
 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SINCE 1911

The Wedding Feast



Isaiah uses the image of a banquet to describe the fullness of life that God wants to bestow, not just on Israel, but on the peoples of the earth. Jesus uses the same image in his parable. In its original, simpler form, the parable made the point that those to whom the invitation was first sent (the Jews) rejected it, and their place has been taken by others (the Gentiles). The details about the

sending of the troops and the burning of the city were added later. They refer to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., which was seen as a consequence of the refusal of the Jewish leaders to listen to Jesus.

The incident concerning the wedding garment seems to have belonged to a separate parable. It introduces contradictory elements into the story, and is perhaps best omitted. However, if used, keep the following in mind. Courtesy demanded that any guest at a wedding should have the proper wedding garment. One man came without it, symbolizing a life that has undergone no basic change, a life that has not produced the fruits of repentance. The new guests (Christians) will suffer the same fate as Israel if they don't produce the fruits of good works.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October

Evangelization: *The Laity's Mission in the Church* -

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



This Week

Monday, October 12 Thanksgiving

10:00am Mass +Dao Van Nguyen
 (No Public Congregation)

Tuesday, October 13

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
 8:00am Mass +Richard Nickerson
 7:00pm Mass +Hg Ong
 (No Public Congregation)

Wednesday, October 14

8:00am Mass +Eric Duggan
 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 7:00pm Mass +Pollyanna Sher & Jack Ong
 (No Public Congregation)

Thursday, October 15

8:00am Mass +Joesumar Licopit Icay
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 (No Public Congregation)

Friday, October 16

8:00am Mass +Dung Van Ngo
 7:00pm Mass +Esperanza Legara
 (No Public Congregation)

Saturday, October 17

8:00am Mass +William Bissani
 (No Public Congregation)
 11:00am Baptism (No Public Congregation)
 2:00pm Event PREP & VC Confirmation (No Public Congregation)
 5:00pm Mass
 7:00pm Mass Int Airin Chueh

Sunday, October 18

9:00am Mass
 11:00am Mass Int Joaquin Marco
 2:00pm Event PREP Confirmation (No Public Congregation)
 5:00pm Mass +Helen Bruchet



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WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY
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Liturgical Celebrations

Thursday – St. Teresa of Jesus (memorial)

Teresa was born in Avila, Spain, on March 28, 1515, and died in 1582. Of the many women who have exercised leadership roles in the Church, Teresa must surely be considered among the greatest. When she entered the Carmelite convent, some thought Teresa was a spoiled young woman with an unremarkable prayer life but she soon advanced in prayer, experiencing visions. Dissatisfied with the laxity she perceived among religious, she determined to institute reforms and established St. Joseph's Convent where enclosure and strict rule prevailed.

Teresa wrote several works considered classics in spiritual literature, including *The Way of Perfection*. A great mystic and a strong leader, Teresa was canonized in 1622 and in 1970 became the first woman to be declared a Doctor of the Church.

Friday – St. Marguerite d'Youville (memorial)

St. Marguerite is the first Canadian-born saint. After the death of her husband who turned out to be a very selfish person, Marguerite was left with two children and enormous debts. When she had overcome her financial difficulties she and three companions, the first Grey Nuns, sheltered needy women. She died on December 23, 1771.

Saturday – St. Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial)

Ignatius is believed to have been a convert to Christianity and a disciple of John the Evangelist. He was arrested during the persecution of Trajan, condemned for confessing Christ and taken in chains to Rome. He died a martyr's death about the year 107.

Pope's message

We have all gathered here today in hope. Each one of us, in his or her heart, can repeat Job's words that we heard in the first Reading: "I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth". The hope of re-encountering God, of all of us meeting again, as brothers and sisters: and this hope does not disappoint. Paul's expression in the second Reading was powerful: "Hope does not disappoint".

But so often hope is born and sets its roots in many human wounds, in so much human affliction. That moment of pain, of grief, of suffering makes us look to Heaven and say: "I believe that my Redeemer lives. But stop, Lord". This is the prayer that perhaps rises from us all, when we look at this cemetery. "I am certain, Lord, that these brothers and sisters of ours are with you. I am certain". We say this. "But please, Lord, stop. No more. No more war. No more of this 'senseless slaughter'", as Benedict XV said. Better to hope without this destruction: young people ... thousands, thousands, thousands,

thousands ... shattered hopes. "No more, Lord". We must say this today, as we pray for all the departed, but in this place let us pray in a special way for these young people; today as the world is once more at war and is preparing to engage more aggressively in war. "No more, Lord. No more". With war all is lost.

What comes to mind is that elderly woman who – looking at the ruins of Hiroshima, with wise but very painful resignation, with that mournful resignation that women are able to experience, because it is their charism – said: "Men do everything possible to declare and wage war, and in the end they destroy themselves".

This is war: our own self-destruction. Surely that woman, that elderly woman, had lost children and grandchildren there; all she had left was heartache and tears. And if today is a day of hope, today is also a day of tears. Tears as those felt and wept by women when the mail arrived: "Madame, you have the honour to have had a husband who was a hero for the Homeland; that your sons are heroes for the Homeland". They are tears that today humanity must not forget. This pride of this humankind that has not learned its lesson and that seems unwilling to learn it!

When so many times in history men think of waging a war, they are convinced they are bringing about a new world; they are convinced they are creating a "springtime". And it ends in a dreadful, cruel winter, with the reign of terror and death. Today let us pray for all the departed, all of them, but in a special way for these young people, at a moment in which so many die in the daily battles of this piecemeal war. Let us also pray for today's dead, the victims of war, also children, innocents. This is the result of war: death. May the Lord grant us the grace to weep.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



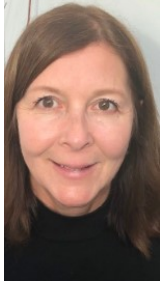
Welcomes people who feel drawn to Christ. People from no particular background, Christians from Protestant denominations, and men and women from other religions. Baptized, Catholic adults who were never confirmed and who want to be received into full communion with the Church may do so through the RCIA.

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.

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.

Congratulations Evelyn



Congratulations to St Augustine's parishioner, Evelyn Vollet, awarded the Benemerenti Medal, a Papal Honour which acknowledges Evelyn's leadership in the Archdiocese of Vancouver for Social Justice and on Vancouver's Anti-Human Trafficking Committee. The prestigious awards ceremony will take place October 23rd at the John Paul II Centre and will be presented by Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB. We are indeed fortunate to have Evelyn as a key volunteer in St. Augustine's community.

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday

October 18, 2020



The Oblates of Mary Immaculate have served in Canada for more than 175 years and established the Catholic Church in the Canadian West. They continue to do missionary work in Canada and abroad. The Oblates are proud of the daring spirit of our early missionaries and our perseverance in difficult missions today. We invite you to accept and read the "Oblate Spirit" booklet that will be handed out in a sanitized manner after Mass today. You may desire to become a missionary associate and partner with the Oblates in their compassionate humanitarian work. We

invite you to receive a copy of this publication on a regular basis (free of charge) by contacting the MAMI office at 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0C9 or by Toll Free phone: 1-866-432-6264 or by e-mail: lacombe@mami@sasktel.net The *Oblate Spirit* publication is available online in both English and French at:

www.omilacombe.ca/mami/oblate-spirit

Join St. Augustine's Adult Faith Group for a new Bible Study

BIBLE STUDY

MARK

The Gospel Through the Eyes of Peter

Mark: The Gospel Through the Eyes of Peter

In this 18-session study we will learn the compelling introduction to Christ and experience Him as a "worker of mighty deeds" who expels demons, heals the sick and teaches that

the Kingdom of God has not only arrived, but is in power. Learn, through Peter, why Christ's suffering was necessary.

In this video series, Dr. Michael Pakaluk and Fr. Patrick Winslow lead us through Mark's Gospel and provide practical insights to apply these teachings to our own lives. The study guide includes beautiful sacred art and commentary to guide us through the biblical text and provides insightful questions for discussion and reflection.

Virtual meetings will be on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 PM starting October 20th. The cost is \$40. No previous Zoom experience is required and financial assistance available upon request. For more information or to register, e-mail: biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca



Welcome to the incoming Knights of Columbus Executive

Knights of Columbus

For the last 59 years, the Knights of Columbus in BC conducts its Annual Charity Appeal to raise funds to give to local charities. This year, we are going On-Line instead of paper tickets and All CASH Prizes. I would like to ask you to support this worthy charity campaign by purchasing some raffle tickets. Tickets are \$3 each and you can buy 1, book of 5 or book of 10.

Your support is truly appreciated.

Please go to this link to purchase the tickets: KofCDraw.net/C8319

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.

School News

Prospective Kindergarten Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents wishing to enroll their children in Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. This meeting has been moved to Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00pm and will likely take place via Zoom. Please check the School website for additional information. (Adults only please).

Around the Archdiocese

"My God will supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

Ecumenical Faith Break 2 - Together in Thanksgiving

Join us for a morning of community, conversation, and reflection on the Eucharist. Saturday, October 17 from 10:00 am until 11:00 am on Zoom. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and the BC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Online registration coming soon to beholdvancouver.org/events

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Mass with Archbishop Miller

Join us online as we honour our little ones who have gone too soon. A special Mass will be live streamed, and candles lit in honour of those we have lost. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB.

Join us on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 2:00 pm online or in person in the Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani. If you cannot attend, you may still register and we will light a candle in remembrance of whom you have lost. Pre-registration required at rccav.org/events

Roland Sainte-Croix, promoter

During the sixty years of l'Apostolat several Oblate Brothers devoted themselves to the circulation of this review in the households of Québec. We can name Jean-Guy Côté, Maurice-Yves Leblanc, Gilles Lemire, Bernard Durand, and many others. Without diminishing in any way the merits of these hardy apostles, today I would like to present the principal among them, Brother Roland Sainte-Croix.

He was born at Cap-des Rosiers, at the confines of the Gaspé Peninsula, the son of Martial Sainte-Croix and Agnès Bernier. He entered the Novitiate at Richelieu in 1936. In that same year he was the victim of an unfortunate accident. While erecting a handball

(tennis?) court, the structure collapsed and he remained wedged in the midst of the entangled beams. The Brother managed to free himself, but at the expense of a fractured foot. In spite of surgical intervention, Roland would have to walk with a limp for the rest of his life. Nevertheless, this painful inconvenience did not prevent him from covering hundreds of kilometers to augment the number of subscribers to l'Apostolat.

After a brief stay in Montreal, at Saint- Pierre-Apôtre parish, Brother Sainte-Croix was named promoter of the still developing Oblate review, which had been started in 1929 by Father Henri Roy, O.M.I. At that time it had a mere 9,000 subscribers. Roland took the time to analyze the situation seriously. Then, commending his work to Notre-Dame du Cap, he hit the road. Wearing his cassock, as was customary at the time, with a valise in each hand, he set out on foot, by bus or by train to visit dozens of parishes, mostly in the country. He proceeded methodically. First, he would obtain the pastor's permission; then he would go from door to door to solicit subscriptions. He had a true gift for convincing people. The review cost only one dollar for twelve issues. It is a very interesting missionary magazine which provides good reading for the whole family. Once he had finished the rounds of the parish, he would select devoted and responsible women who would visit about ten subscribers the following year, to collect renewals.

Gradually, he formed a network of enthusiastic women workers who supported him generously for all the twenty-six years of his mission. In 1944 he launched the Semeuse de Joie (Sower of Joy), a small bi-monthly review destined especially for his "missionary moms". Each issue brought a word of encouragement, examples of success, a "not serious" page, etc. The results were rapidly forthcoming. After twenty years he could count four thousand zealous ladies and the magazine had 83,000 readers.

One year, Brother Sainte-Croix, for some reason, could not meet the pastor of a small village. Nevertheless, he toured the parish. The following year, wishing to make up for the omission, he made a visit to the pastor. The good priest, who had been made aware of the previous year's visits throughout his parish, mistakenly thought that it was a "frère de Sainte-Croix" (Brother of the Holy Cross Congregation). Touchy as he could be at times, the pastor was somewhat rigid in his greeting. "Last year, a Sainte-Croix brother came to make the rounds of my parish without my permission. If I see him again, believe me, I'll send him away." But Brother replied calmly: "You're right, Father. But as you can see I'm an Oblate brother, Brother Roland. I thank you for your friendly authorization." Laughing surreptitiously, he left to visit his subscribers.

On another occasion, Brother Sainte-Croix asked a lady to become one of his volunteers for l'Apostolat. The lady responded: "I regret, that I can't accept, my legs are too painful." Brother replied with conviction: "Madam, if you accept this missionary work your legs will stop bothering you. I guarantee it." As a matter of fact, this lady became a worker for several years without ever feeling pain in her legs. About twenty years later, she wrote to the review telling them that since she had reached the age of sixty-five, she was retiring and could no longer work for l'Apostolat. However, two years later she wrote in again, to say, this time: "Permit me to come back as a worker, my leg pains have returned."

Brother Roland Sainte-Croix, this deserving Oblate, died at Cap-de-la-Madeleine on January 12, 1981.

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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