



October 18th 2020
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God and Cesar



The question as to whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar was a serious one, and it really put Jesus in a difficult situation. It was a test question to see whether Jesus would declare himself on the side of those who opposed paying taxes to the Romans, or on the side of those who collaborated with the Romans. If he said Yes, he would lose the esteem of the people, and

would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish cause and the Jewish religion. If he said No, he could be denounced as fomenting rebellion against Rome. In his answer Jesus recognizes that the State has a role, but its power is limited and does not supplant God.

In his answer Jesus implied that there shouldn't be a conflict between the demands of the State and those of God. The State has a role, but its power is limited and does not oust God.

Liturgical celebration:

Thursday – St. John Paul II – Secondary Patron of the Vancouver Archdiocese

Karol Józef Wojtyła, known as John Paul II since his October 1978 election to the papacy, was born in Wadowice, a small city fifty kilometers from Kraków, on May 18, 1920. He was the second of two sons born to Karol Wojtyła and Emilia Kaczorowska. His mother died in 1929 and his father died in 1941.

Upon graduation from high school in Wadowice, he enrolled in Kraków's Jagiellonian University and in a school for drama in 1938. In 1942, aware of his call to the priesthood, he began courses in the clandestine seminary of Kraków.

After the Second World War, he continued his studies in the major seminary of Kraków until his priestly ordination in Kraków on November 1, 1946. On July 4, 1958, he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków by Pope Pius XII and on January 13, 1964, he was nominated archbishop of Kraków by Pope Paul VI.

Besides taking part in Vatican Council II, including an important contribution to the elaboration of the Constitution Gaudium et spes, Cardinal Wojtyła participated in all the assemblies of the Synod of Bishops.

Since the start of his pontificate on October 16, 1978, Pope John Paul II completed more than 200 pastoral visits. No other pope has encountered as many individuals as John Paul II did: more than 16 million pilgrims participated in the general audiences held on Wednesdays (more than one thousand).

This Week

Monday, October 19

10:00am Mass Int Diane & Roger Poirer
(No Public Congregation)

Tuesday, October 20

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
8:00am Mass Int Shirley Lorraine Jewitt
7:00pm Mass +Mary Kathleen St. Germain
(No Public Congregation)
7:30pm Meeting Bible Study (Virtual Meeting)

Wednesday, October 21

8:00am Mass +Josephine Lee Son
7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
7:00pm Mass Int Celina D'Souza
(No Public Congregation)

Thursday, October 22

8:00am Mass +Peter de Souza
7:00pm Mass +Mary McGinnis
(No Public Congregation)

Friday, October 23

8:00am Mass
11:00am Bapt (No Public Congregation)
2:00pm Funeral (No Public Congregation)
7:00pm Mass (No Public Congregation)

Saturday, October 24

8:00am Mass +William Bissani
(No Public Congregation)
11:00am Baptism (No Public Congregation)
2:00pm Event First Communion (No Public Congregation)
5:00pm Mass +Fr. John J. Fitzgerald, OMI
7:00pm Mass

Sunday, October 25

9:00am Mass +Carl Wandler
11:00am Mass
2:00pm Event First Communion (No Public Congregation)
5:00pm Mass +Julio Quintanilla

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WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Xavier Anthony DeSouza

**Mission Sunday - October 18, 2020**

World Mission Day, always the second last Sunday of October, has been part of the life of the Church since it first began in 1926. This 94th annual world day of prayer is a time of public renewal for all Catholics throughout the world to the missions, especially wherever the Church is new, young or poor. In his announcement on Pentecost Sunday, Pope Francis situated this year's World Mission Day within the COVID-19 world-wide pandemic. The Pope begins his letter: "In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?" (ibid.). This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis."

Francis goes on to say that we are all in the boat together, and are fearful, perishing and threatened. As much as those with less need those with more, we now realize how much we need each other. The Pope speaks frankly: "We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others."

We are both baptized *and* sent to others; it is what Francis calls "the church on the move." This special Sunday helps us realize that we are each other's sister and brother that the Church is both mission and missionary, all of us together. "Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us.

The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, this situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others. And prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more open to the need of our brothers and sisters for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation," the Holy Father says.

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, working in 64 countries, are a vital part of the missionary Church, the "church on the move."

On this day we perhaps feel closer than ever to those Oblates, and the people they serve, many who are the poorest of the poor, as part of the missionary Church. Canadian Oblates have served in many countries, on every inhabited continent, since first coming to Canada in 1841. Soon after being sent to Canada, these Oblates were in turn sent to other countries early in their history. Yes, a vital and essential part of the missionary Church. At this time, Canadian Oblates continue to serve in such places as northern Canada missions, Peru and especially, in Kenya. Four Canadian Oblates first went to Kenya in 1997 and have since been joined by Oblates from other countries, such as Sri Lanka, Australia and the Republic of the Congo. such as several African countries, the Philippines and Australia. And in this short time, several young men from Kenya have already joined the missionary Oblates. Seven Kenyans have made final vows, and we have twenty in the process of formation. And very importantly, where Oblate missionaries go and serve, so too do countless supporters with their prayer, their encouragement and their financial support. This team of people is the church "on the move."

As part of the missionary Church, we invite you to become partners in mission with us and with those we serve. And even more than partners, to be part of the Oblate family of men and women, called and sent to those most in need, even as we know that we too are also among those most in need.

Today's second reading, from 1 Thessalonians 1, is also the prayer of Oblates in Canada and in the missions this Mission Sunday: "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in Our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God that God has chosen you, because our message of the Gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction."

Sources: www.vatican.va; www.cccb.ca

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.

UNLIKELY INSTRUMENTS OF GOD'S LOVE



"I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me." - Isaiah 45: 4b

Isaiah's proclamation of Cyrus, King of Persia, conqueror of the ancient Near East, as the Anointed of God must have caused a few waves; likely more of a tsunami! Imagine God choosing a pagan emperor to fulfill God's will for God's people. At the very least, this proclamation by the prophet would cause his listeners to re-examine their world view. The idea that God's

care extends to all people is not new – we have the story of Jonah being sent by God to Nineveh to proclaim a message of repentance. Jonah balked at the idea that God would want a pagan community to repent and be saved and had to experience a conversion of heart himself before he could fulfill the mandate given to him by God.

Jesus' proclamation of the Good News of God's unconditional love also proved a stumbling block. Like so many before them, the religious leaders balked at the idea and sought to trap Jesus in some grievous error so they could discredit him and do away with him. Even though the religious leaders were not willing to hear Jesus and respond, many did. Jesus chose disciples to continue his work, and they too were unlikely instruments. They were not of the religious or political elite, they were ordinary folks, among them fishermen, a tax collector, a zealot and others who had no particular standing in the society of their day.

Jesus continues to call people to discipleship and mission today. I believe that he is still calling disciples to the vowed life and priesthood as well as all the other vocations. No matter what the call might be for each of us individually we need to trust that God is choosing and calling us, unlikely instruments we might judge ourselves to be. Whether it was Cyrus of Persia, Jonah the prophet, Simon the fisherman, Matthew the tax collector ... and the list goes on ... God always provides the gifts that are needed to live out the call and to be instruments of God's love. God is calling each of us, God is calling you, calling me – do we have listening ears, open hearts and trust that as God calls, God also provides? Do we have the openness and trust to respond to the call?

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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 every Wednesday evening @ 7:00pm. 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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Liturgy of the Word for Children will commence on October 25th at each 9am Mass. The format will be a 10-15 minute Zoom meeting during mass for children of all ages. Please pre-register to attend on the Parish website.

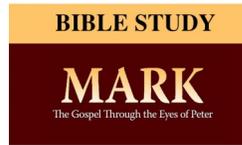
Parish Office

The Parish Office is open each Sunday one-half hour before and one-half hour after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.

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

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

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

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.

Around the Archdiocese

Archbishop's Dinner

Thursday, October 29th marks the Ninth Annual Archbishop's Dinner. All are invited to gather virtually to hear Archbishop Miller reflect on the past year, look to the year ahead, and share plans for enhanced lay formation in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Register to attend for free, at rcav.org/dinner2020

Celebrating Hallowtide as a Family Webinar

A webinar hosted by Gardens of Gethsemani with three special guests on how to engage our families (and especially children) in the Hallowtide and Holy Souls season. Jayme McKinnon is a homeschooling mother of 5 who will talk about creative and fun ways to engage children in the season. Tony Walters, a teacher, is going to share dynamic ideas on how to engage students in the richness of Hallowtide. Fr. Mark McGuckin will present some of the theological and pastoral aspects of this season: how to engage the current Halloween culture; the significance of the saints, of praying for holy souls, of coming face to face with our mortality and remembering that we are made for heaven. Join us on Monday, Oct. 19 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Zoom. Register online at rccav.org/events

A humble missionary of Jesus Christ



This was the title that Father Nicolas Laverlochère gave himself. Nevertheless, the Oblate was a true giant of the apostolate while ministering to the Algonquians of James Bay. He was gifted with a strong build, a quick mind, a generous heart and uncommon energy, and it can be said that he was in reality the "founder" of the Oblate missions in that region. As early as 1845 he visited Abitibi Lake and Albany on the west bank of the Bay. The Amerindians soon called him "Mino-Tagossite", one whom we like to hear. In spite of the painful paralysis that struck him at the age of thirty-nine, he still fulfilled a long and beautiful career in Timiskaming, where he died in 1884, at the age of seventy-three. In these brief stories, we can admire his great charity and the unremitting faith that saved his life on many occasions.

He crossed the "great water"

One day, as he was explaining to the Amerindians of Fort Albany the long voyage he had to undertake in order to come to them, they asked him: "Then you crossed the great water?" "Yes, my children I came across for you, so that I could teach you to pray to the Great Spirit. These were my thoughts when I left my country, and as I was kissing my mother... and my mother was crying." "What, you have a mother? She is still living? And she was crying when you left? Then, you don't love her?" "Oh my children, I love her more than I love myself, but I have a still greater love for your souls, because of the Great Spirit." And he added: "I will never see my mother again on this earth, but I'll see her in heaven, and it is to lead you there also that I have come among you."

He converted a sorcerer

On another day he met a sorcerer who was suffering from a terrible leprosy that was eating away at his whole body. This old man of eighty would not give up his sorcery.

"Mino-Tagossite" sat at his bedside all night, in spite of the offensive odor emitted from the dying man's festering wounds. The priest left the cabin three times for fresh air. Then the moribund began confessing his sins out loud. Finally, grace triumphed. In an act of sincere Faith, with a trembling voice, he asked for Baptism. What a joy for the Oblate! At the end of this long struggle with the devil, he was able to say, in the presence of the whole family, while pouring water on the ravaged forehead of the dying man: "Joseph, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

He dedicated his life to the salvation of souls

When the saving of a soul was involved, Father Laverlochère never hesitated to face several dangers. One day as he was descending a turbulent river in a small bark canoe, accompanied by Father Hercule Clément and an Amerindian, the strong current began pointing them towards sure disaster. Facing the danger of being swallowed by the threatening waters, Father began to sing the "Ave Maris Stella." At that very moment a tree fell over the river, and the light craft stopped against it, thus sparing the lives of the passengers.

At another time, the missionary insisted strongly that an Algonquian allow him to baptize his baby who was on the verge of death. Impatient and furious, the man shouldered his gun and aimed at the black robe. At that moment, the priest took hold of his crucifix and openly held it towards his adversary. "Stop", he cried in a loud voice. Immediately the gun was lowered toward the ground. The shot rang out... but the bullet scraped the dirt at the feet of the one who had been its target. Once more the missionary was saved. Result: an infant was baptized and a hardened sinner was brought to repentance.

This was the apostle of whom Bishop de Mazenod could write to Father Etienne Semeria: "God is visibly on the side of our Father Laverlochère. While living among these people, although he is personally devoured by lice and mosquitoes, he instructs them and makes fervent Christians of them. He is devoted to a service that is beyond human forces."

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

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