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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**The Two Great Commandments**

By rabbinical count, 'the Law' consisted of some 613 commandments. The question as to which of them was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responding by naming two. That is, because for him, followed directly and necessarily from the first. Love of neighbour arises out of the love of God. Both commandments are found in the Old Testament. What is new is not the fact that Jesus brought these two commandments together, but that he made them of equal importance.

Jesus said, 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' Only when we accept ourselves as fundamentally good, and begin to love ourselves, will we be able to start loving other people as the Lord commanded.

Those who are filled with self-hatred are not going to be able to love others. They will project these feelings onto others. They will blame others for what they do not like in themselves.

You can't fly without wings. You can't grow without roots. We can't offer warmth to others if our own fireplace is cold and empty. We can only love with the amount of love that is in us. Whether we are aware of it or not, we do love others precisely as we love ourselves.

**Liturgical celebration:**

**Wednesday – Saint Simon and Saint Jude (feast)**

The names of Simon and Jude appear in New Testament lists of the apostles but little else is known about either. Since there are two apostles named Simon and two named Judas, these are distinguished as Simon the Zealot and Judas the son (or the brother) of James, the others being Simon Peter and Judas Iscariot. Simon is surnamed the Cananaean or the Zealot, names which refers to his zeal for the Law. Jude is also called Thaddeus. Traditionally, both these apostles suffered martyrdom. In a later tradition, Jude became a patron of so-called hopeless causes.

**This Week**

**Monday, October 26**

10:00am Mass +Martin Perez  
(No Public Congregation)

**Tuesday, October 27**

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)  
8:00am Mass  
8:45am Baptism (No Public Congregation)  
7:00pm Mass (No Public Congregation)  
7:30pm Meeting Bible Study (Virtual Meeting)

**Wednesday, October 28**

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 29**

8:00am Mass +Gina Antonioni  
7:00pm Mass +Dominic D'Souza  
(No Public Congregation)

**Friday, October 30**

8:00am Mass +Martin Perez  
7:00pm Mass +Mary Battle, Sr.  
(No Public Congregation)

**Saturday, October 31**

8:00am Mass +Assunta Petrozza  
(No Public Congregation)  
10:00am Baptism (No Public Congregation)  
**5:00pm Mass**  
**7:00pm Mass**

**Sunday, November 1**

**9:00am Mass** +Dao Van Nguyen  
**11:00am Mass**  
**5:00pm Mass**  
**7:00pm Mass**

**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.

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**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

Zoë Winter Briscoe

Wyatt Grey Briscoe

**LOVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR**

In today's gospel passage we find Jesus being tested by the Pharisees and a lawyer questions him, "which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus answers him, 'you shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.' (Mt 22:34-40). Jesus' answer teaches us that the most important commandment is to love God in loving others and to love others in loving God. In other words, we are to love God and express it by loving

our neighbour because God lives in him or her: "God created humankind in His image" (Genesis 1:27).

God, Neighbour, Self cannot be separate – we are all one in this powerful, mysterious, and creative energy called LOVE. Therefore, love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable and relational. One of them cannot be accomplished without the other, for he who loves God, loves neighbours (1 John 4:20). God is Love, and one who abides in love, abides in God and God in him or her (John 15: 9-10). Jesus is inviting us to abide in his love because we are all his children.

Time and again, Pope Francis exhorts this thought in his writings. He says, "Through our love for our neighbour we can get to know God, who is love. Only through loving can we reach love." Our love for neighbour can bring us to God.

These commandments remind us, as Oblates, of the fraternal charity of our founder. They remind us to practice that legacy in our communities and become a symbol of unity and love. They remind us to bear witness to the world. "By growing in unity of heart and mind we bear witness before the world that Jesus lives in our midst and unites us in order to send us to proclaim God's reign," (Constitutions and Rules 37)

In this world of oppression, hatred, violence, war, discrimination, inequality, racism, and injustice let us become the symbol of love, and promote this "civilization of love" (Pope Paul VI) in our society because: "the commandment we have from Him is this, those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also" (1 John 4: 21).

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**Standard Time begins...**

Remember to set your clocks behind one hour next  
**Sunday November 1st.**

**Stewardship Reflection**

October 25, 2020 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

**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](mailto:biblestudies@staugustineschurch.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.

### Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)



The Parish Religious Education Program for children attending non-Catholic and/or Public schools is now open for students in Grades Two and Seven.

Grades Three, Four and Five will commence after Christmas. This is in keeping with the Archdiocesan guidelines for Religious Education.

For more information or to register contact:

[prep@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:prep@staugustineschurch.ca) or call Ferial: **604 736-4455 Ext. 224**

### 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.

### 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](mailto:rcia@staugustineschurch.ca) to register.

### 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.*

### 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](http://rcav.org/dinner2020)

### Please Note:

There will be an additional St Augustine's Mass  
at **7:00pm on Sunday November 1st**

### Pope's Message

*Save yourself.* These words were spoken first "by those who passed by" (v. 29). They were ordinary people, those who had heard Jesus teach and who witnessed his miracles. Now they are telling him, "Save yourself, come down from the cross". They had no pity, they only wanted miracles; they wanted to see Jesus descend from the cross. Sometimes we too prefer a wonder-working god to one who is compassionate, a god powerful in the eyes of the world, who shows his might and scatters those who wish us ill. But this is not God, but our own creation. How often do we want a god in our own image, rather than to become conformed to his own image. We want a god like ourselves, rather than becoming ourselves like God. In this way, we prefer the worship of ourselves to the worship of God. Such worship is nurtured and grows through *indifference toward others*. Those passersby were only interested in Jesus for the satisfaction of their own desires. Jesus, reduced to an outcast hanging on the cross, was no longer of interest to them. He was before their eyes, yet far from their hearts. Indifference kept them far from the true face of God.

*Save yourself.* The next people to speak those words were the chief priests and the scribes. They were the ones who had condemned Jesus, for they considered him dangerous. All of us, though, are specialists in crucifying others to save ourselves. Yet Jesus allowed himself to be crucified, in order to teach us not to shift evil to others. The chief priests accused him precisely because of what he had done for others: "He saved *others* and cannot save himself!" (v. 31). They knew Jesus; they remembered the healings and liberating miracles he performed, but they drew a malicious conclusion. For them, saving others, coming to their aid, is useless; Jesus, who gave himself unreservedly for others was himself lost! The mocking tone of the accusation is garbed in religious language, twice using the verb *to save*. But the "gospel" of *save yourself* is not the Gospel of salvation. It is the falsest of the apocryphal gospels, making others carry the cross. Whereas the true Gospel bids us take up the cross of others.

*Save yourself.* Finally, those who were crucified alongside Jesus also joined in taunting him. How easy it is to criticize, to speak against others, to point to the evil in others but not in ourselves, even to blaming the weak and the outcast! But why were they upset with Jesus? Because he did not take them down from the cross they said to him: "Save yourself *and us!*" (Lk 23:39). They looked to Jesus only to resolve their problems. Yet God does not come only to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but rather to liberate us from the real problem, which is the lack of love. This is the primary cause of our personal, social, international and environmental ills. Thinking only of ourselves: this is the father of all evils. Yet one of the thieves then looks at Jesus and sees in him a humble love. He entered heaven by doing one thing alone: turning his concern from himself to Jesus, from himself to the person next to him (cf. v. 42).

Dear brothers and sisters, Calvary was the site of a great "duel" between God, who came to save us, and man, who wants to save only himself; between faith in God and worship of self; between man who accuses and God who excuses. In the end, God's victory was revealed; his mercy came down upon the earth. From the cross forgiveness poured forth and fraternal love was reborn: "the Cross makes us brothers and sisters" (BENEDICT XVI, *Address at the Way of the Cross at the Colosseum*, 21 March 2008). Jesus' arms, outstretched on the cross, mark the turning point, for God points a finger at no one, but instead embraces all. For love alone extinguishes hatred, love alone can ultimately triumph over injustice. Love alone makes room for others. Love alone is the path towards full communion among us.

One of a kind



Due to the temperament, habits, and manner of behaving of people, we can never find two persons who are absolutely alike. It's the same for Oblates. When one of them seems to distinguish himself from the others we tend to say of him that he is original. This designation is without malice. It is merely to underline that in one aspect he stands out from the ordinary. We could say that he is unique in his kind. Father Honorius Chabot was one of these.

**Model priest and religious**

Honorius was born on January 13, 1881, at Saint-Constant, in Laprairie county. In 1900 he entered the Oblate Novitiate at Lachine. Six years later he was ordained to the priesthood in Ottawa. For sixty-two years he remained a model religious and a serious priest. His piety was sincere, and he had an overflowing zeal for the salvation of souls. He could adapt

himself anywhere. His simple and familiar homilies were easily understood by every level of the population: children, adults, old people, the sick, the poor, the nuns. Even at the age of eighty-five he endeavored to respond to the spiritual needs of those who sought him in the confessional. Shortly before his death he used to say: "I don't think of death, but of life" He wanted to live so as to better serve his brothers. "I will most gladly spend myself for your souls" could he say with Saint Paul.

**Absent-minded on occasion**

As absent-minded as Father Chabot! This was the proverbial saying among Oblates. Many times he was looking for his glasses when they were right on his nose. While pastor of Holy Family parish in Ottawa, he was living at St. Joseph Scholasticate, which was near the church. One day the phone rang and no one was answering. Father Cabot picked up the telephone and heard someone ask for the pastor of the church. Confusedly he replied: "One moment." After walking away for a few steps to look for the pastor of Holy family, he suddenly realized: "But, that's me!"

Father Donald Poulet, who was available for preaching on Sundays, had been asked to preach at the parish. Ten days ahead of time, he sent a well edited copy of his sermon to the pastor for his approval. Father Chabot accepted the text and read it twice. Two days later, absent-minded as usual, he preached this sermon almost word for word to his parishioners.

But the high point of his absent-mindedness was on the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, when Father Chabot presided at a solemn procession through the streets of his parish, piously holding an empty monstrance... He had simply forgotten to insert the luna containing the Sacred Host!

**Attentive pastor**

All of these and many other distractions were due to his fixed ideas on various topics, inspired by certain newspaper articles. From among the major problems, which he was always ready to discuss with his confreres, we can mention immigration to Quebec, the return of French Canadians from New England, the rights of the French Language in Ontario, the possibility of raising Quebec's mean temperature by a few degrees if only the ice at the headwaters of the Strait of Belle Isle were dammed...

These ideas, defended with conviction, along with his frequent absent-mindedness, made Father Chabot a one of his kind Oblate. However, they did not prevent him from being attentive to the needs of his parishioners, and earning their gratitude. Such was the case in the five successive parishes which he directed: Holy Family in Ottawa, Maniwaki, Cap-de-la-Madelaine, Kapuskasing, and Ville Marie. Father Chabot applied the same attention and devotion in dealing with the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in Outremont, and the Sisters of Mercy in Montreal.

On June 12, 1968, his soul, rich in grace and full of merit, was rendered to God. No doubt Saint Peter opened wide the gates of heaven with kindly reassurance: "This is where you belong, Father Chabot, this isn't a distraction... come on in."

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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