



November 1st 2020

All Saints

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#### All Saints Day

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. The saints were people who dared to live a Christian life. Their lives are an encouragement and inspiration to us. But these saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relationships in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. In the Beatitudes we see the qualities Jesus wishes to see in his disciples, qualities that are exemplified in the lives of the saints. A mere glance shows that they are a complete reversal of conventional standards and values. We quickly notice in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes. A person who lives according to the Beatitudes is already living in the kingdom of heaven.

#### Liturgical celebration:

##### Monday – All Souls' Day (memorial)

Since the early Church, Christians prayed for the dead. By the 7<sup>th</sup> century, some monastic foundations reserved this day to pray for deceased members and benefactors. By the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the commemoration had spread through Europe and was universally accepted in the Latin Church.

##### Wednesday – Saint Charles Borromeo (memorial)

Charles Borromeo lived during the Catholic Reformation. At 22 he was created Cardinal Archbishop of Milan and Papal Secretary of State. As archbishop, he chose to live an ascetic life and reformed his vast diocese. His dedicated life entailed great personal sacrifice. He is a patron saint of catechists and catechumens.

## This Week

### Monday, November 2

10:00am Mass +Dung Van Ngo  
(No Public Congregation)

### Tuesday, November 3

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

### Wednesday, November 4

8:00am Mass Int Olivia & Andrew Tin Hla  
9:15am Mass St Augustine School (No Public Congregation)  
7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
7:00pm Mass +Doreen Mendes  
(No Public Congregation)

### Thursday, November 5

8:00am Mass +Giulianna Bellé  
7:00pm Mass +Sivi Elena Robredo de Velasco  
(No Public Congregation)

### Friday, November 6

First Friday Adoration  
8:00am Mass +Esperanza Legara  
7:00pm Mass +Joesumar Licopit Icaay  
(No Public Congregation)

### Saturday, November 7

8:00am Mass +Macrina Galolo  
(No Public Congregation)  
10:00am Baptism (No Public Congregation)  
2:00pm Mass First Communion (No Public Congregation)  
5:00pm Mass +Val Keyes  
7:00pm Mass +Dominga Jimenez

### Sunday, November 8

9:00am Mass  
11:00am Mass +Dennis Kalisaran  
2:00pm Mass First Communion (No Public Congregation)  
5:00pm Mass +Ann Hirsch  
7:00pm Mass

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**REST IN PEACE**

+Barbara Jurencyk

+ Yolanda Gonzales

**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

Monroe Jane O'Brien Kopacek

**THE MAZENODIAN PATH TO HOLINESS**

Pope Francis wrote, *"Becoming a saint means becoming more fully yourself, becoming what the Lord wished to dream and create, and not a photocopy. Your life ought to be a prophetic stimulus to others and leave a mark on this world, the unique mark that only you can leave."* (Christus Vivit, 162)

The path to holiness begins in recognizing our identity and purpose as children of God. We were created in the image of God, destined to enter into unity with Jesus Christ. This is expressed in our particular vocation and way of life. Through our Baptism we were anointed, consecrated and set apart for missionary discipleship. St. Augustine reminds us that only in Christ will we find the meaning and purpose of life: *"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."*

We are marked with the invitation to take the path toward holiness during the anointing with the oil of chrism at the Baptism, *"He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life."* The consecration is an act of God, followed by human response within the concept of community, the people of God, the Church.

As members of the Mazenodian family, we are invited to take the path towards holiness by following the footsteps of St. Eugene in the spirit of his charism. Not to "photocopy" him, but rather to be inspired by his life and legacy – to become the best version of ourselves. It's a dynamic concept, a journey of faith shared together. In the Oblate tradition, oblation and consecration have been defined as Christ-centered, apostolic and communal. Through our Baptism we received the gift of life through Christ's paschal mystery. The life of holiness requires our answer – we need to respond to this gift. As we become Christ-like, we fulfil our purpose and original identity as children of God. By its apostolic nature, we are called out of "being" and into "doing" by putting faith into action and becoming Christ's co-operators as missionary disciples. This mission is expressed in service, evangelization and witness.

As the Mazenodian family, we are not in it alone. As in the human family, we are brothers and sisters on the journey towards holiness. This communitarian dimension of the Oblate charism is the source of our personal sanctification and the sanctification of others. We "are" Oblates and we are sent to "do" as a community, *"...to be a prophetic stimulus to others and leave a mark on this world, the unique mark that only you can leave."*

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**Pope's Prayer Intention for November**

**Universal: Artificial Intelligence**

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

**Stewardship Reflection**

**November 1, 2020 - All Saints' Day**



"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

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**BIBLE STUDY**

**MARK**  
The Gospel Through the Eyes of Peter

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

**Mark: The Gospel Through the Eyes of Peter**

In this 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 is 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.

### Month of November –Remembering Our Loved Ones



This year, our Memorial Prayers for the Deceased will be following a different format than in the past. There will be three options for November Remembrance prayers.

1. Telephone the Front Office: 604 736-4455 Ext 221 and request the name(s) of the Deceased to be added to the Memorial Book.
2. Send the name(s) via e mail to [parish.saug@rcav.org](mailto:parish.saug@rcav.org).

3. For a private Mass request to be celebrated by a Priest, write the name(s) on an envelope, enclosing a Mass Stipend for EACH prayer request. Drop the envelope off in person to the Front Office during regular business hours or when the Office is open on Sunday.

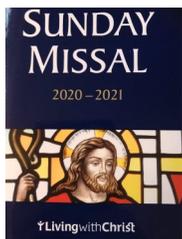
*Lest We Forget*

### Remembrance Day 2020

Join us on **Wednesday November 11th at 10:58am** for the Remembrance Day Mass at St. Augustine's Church.

You may register on-line beginning Monday November 9th at 9:00am to attend Mass in person or follow us as we live stream the Mass on line at [staugustineschurch.ca](http://staugustineschurch.ca) and clicking on the  Youtube symbol at the top right hand corner of the home page.

### Year 2020–2021 Sunday Missals



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 purchase a Sunday Missal 2020-2021 for \$5 by visiting the Parish Office or by speaking to Rose Tin Hla, Sacristan at the Church.

### Sunday Offering Envelopes



Sunday Donation envelopes will be ready in the next week or so. To pick up your Envelopes please visit the Parish Office on Sunday beginning November 7th or the Parish Front Office during regular office hours.

*Those who register to attend Masses will receive their envelope box upon signing in at Mass.*

### 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 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**

### 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 Cen-

tre 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.

### Around the Archdiocese

#### The Search

WHY ARE WE HERE? WHAT'S LIFE ALL ABOUT? The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, The Search will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts, and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered.

Are you ready for The Search? Join us for weekly sessions on Thursdays from Nov. 5 until Dec. 17 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Register online at [beholdvancouver.org/events/the-search](http://beholdvancouver.org/events/the-search)

#### Virtual Catechists Evening with Archbishop Miller

Come and join the hundreds of catechists in the Archdiocese of Vancouver for this annual event where Archbishop Miller will honour, celebrate, thank, commission and give his annual exhortation to the those involved in the catechetical ministry - PREP, RCIA, Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC) and CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd). This event takes place on Friday, Nov. 13 from 7:00 pm - 8:30pm.

Register online at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

