



November 8th 2020
 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parable of the Lamps

The first reading eulogises wisdom. We see this wisdom exemplified in the five bridesmaids in the Gospel parable.

Whereas Paul expects the second

coming of Christ to happen soon, Matthew has accepted that the Parousia may be delayed. The point of the parable is this: since the disciples do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming, they must be prepared so that when he comes they can enter his kingdom. To be prepared means to be a doer rather than a mere hearer of the word.

Liturgical celebration:

Monday – The dedication of the Lateran Basilica (feast)

This feast celebrates the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. Originally known as the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior, this church is called St. John Lateran because it was built on the property owned by the Laterani family and given to the church. This church is the cathedra (chair) of the bishop of Rome.

Tuesday – Saint Leo the Great (memorial)

Leo's religious beliefs guided his entire life. As a deacon he worked to bring peace to the warring Roman factions. Leo is well known for his peacekeeping efforts, and especially for his encounter with Attila the Hun. As Pope he is best known for his sermons on faith and charity. He was made Doctor of the Church in 1754.

Thursday – Saint Josaphat (memorial)

John Kuncewicz was born about 1580. Upon entering the Order of St. Basil he chose the name Josaphat. He was ordained priest and soon gained renown for his preaching. After being named bishop he worked for the union of the Ukrainian Church with Rome. He was slain by opponents in 1623. Josaphat became the first Eastern saint to be formally canonized.



Morning Mass on Remembrance Day will be at 10:58 am.

No 8:00 am Mass on that day.

This Week

Monday, November 9

7:00pm Mass +Ralph Lidyart & Lina Zulueta
 (No Public Congregation)

Tuesday, November 10

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
 8:00am Mass Int Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI
 8:45am Baptism (No Public Congregation)
 7:00pm Mass +Anita Behrend (No Public Congregation)
 7:30pm Meeting Bible Study (Virtual Meeting)

Wednesday, November 11 Remembrance Day

10:58am Mass +Mass of Remembrance

Thursday, November 12

800am Mass +Mary Finnegan
 11:00am Funeral +Aldo Durigon (No Public Congregation)
 7:00pm Mass +Gina Greco
 (No Public Congregation)

Friday, November 13

8:00am Mass +Bernie Wolfe, Sr.
 7:00pm Mass +Mario Greco
 (No Public Congregation)

Saturday, November 14

8:00am Mass Int Susan Peticrew
 10:00am Baptism (No Public Congregation)
 2:00pm Mass First Communion (No Public Congregation)
 5:00pm Mass
 7:00pm Mass +Marciano Jimenez

Sunday, November 15

9:00am Mass
 11:00am Mass +Alberto Ma
 2:00pm Mass First Communion (No Public Congregation)
 5:00pm Mass +Macrina Galolo
 7:00pm Mass

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\$8,500.00

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REST IN PEACE

Thomas Joseph Tickle

Lucia Cheung

Aldo Durigon

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Ming Xavier Francispragasam Chow

BE PREPARED

The center of this parable is the oil. Oil has always been an important part of life. For example, we use it in our cars, at home for cooking, and for medicinal purposes. We use oil in four of the sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sacrament of the Sick. Anointing with oil represents the strengthening, healing and enlightening power of the Holy Spirit. Oil also represents good works, faith, spiritual practices, acts of love such as acts of mercy for ourselves and others etc. Therefore, the core of the parable is about the oil. All ten maidens were ready and had to wait. All of them were also drowsy and all of them slept. All of them heard the sound or shout and all of them got up to light their lamps. Then what happened?

The wise ones took a flask of oil along with them in order to keep their lamps burning. It wasn't much but it was enough for their vigil, enough for the party, enough for the day or enough for the night. What is most important is how much oil you carry with you. When we have enough oil with us, then we can draw the resources necessary to live our faith-filled life today, tonight and tomorrow as well. The smallest drops of oil are like the small things of daily life: like a simple smile, a handshake, a word of encouragement, a phone call, a card, an embrace, a present, a visit, a financial contribution, a gesture of support, a helping hand, etc. Through these drops of oil or drops of love, we will always be ready to meet the Master of Love any time He returns. Blessed are we who continue to keep these drops of love in our daily life.

The five foolish bridesmaids ran out of oil. They had beautiful containers and very good lamps but sadly they were empty. This is where this parable tells us that sometimes we run out of the strength and power of God's grace in our life. Our oil can easily run out through our neglect of our spiritual exercises. Therefore, the parable reminds us all that we were filled with oil at our baptism, at our confirmation, at our marriage or ordination and when we receive the sacrament of the sick. As time goes by, something always seems to come up that prevents us having enough love to meet the day's challenges. Nevertheless, Jesus reminds us and warns us of the need to keep storing drops of oil needed for every day. Every moment is a beautiful opportunity for our soul to meet the beloved Bridegroom, not out of fear but with joyful hope.

Another lesson this parable teaches us is that there are some things that we cannot borrow from others. **We cannot borrow someone else's faith, grace and spirituality. We are completely responsible for our spiritual condition.** It makes no sense for us to blame the world for our failure to prepare our soul to meet our Master when He returns.

It is never too late to discern your vocation about how to serve at the wedding banquet. Whatever our age or state in life there is a way for us to participate in and spread the kingdom of God. The vocation to the religious life or priesthood is best discerned and prepared for in early adulthood. The total commitment and conversion of mind and heart required for total consecration to vowed community life and service, means burning up our superficiality and false sense of self. Love for Jesus is the oil that fuels the fire that purifies us and forges us for service to God and others. This fire is not to be feared. In it, we are cooked into mature disciples and joyous human beings. Through this fire we become part of the feast itself and food for the life of the world with Jesus, our Beloved Bridegroom and master.

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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.

School News

Our Grade 7 students are again this year seeking SENIORS to be their PRAYER PARTNERS. If you are a Senior, and a member of the Parish, and would like to participate in this, please contact Cathie Oberndorf at coberndorf@shaw.ca or call 604 488 4151. We believe that the grace and goodness that such a CONNECTION can create is a blessing for our youth and our Seniors.

Fall Campaign 2020 Update – Week 3

Many thanks to our donors to this year's Fall Campaign in support of our new school. To date, more than \$350,000 has been raised from our school families and members of the parish who do not have children in the school. Our goal is \$500,000 and donations will be received until December 31, 2020. You can deposit your gifts at the Faith and Foundation information table at the entrance of the church, or in the Sunday

collection or dropped off at the school and parish offices. If making a gift by cheque, please make it out to: **St. Augustine Parish - School Building Fund.**

Thank you for your generosity as over 385 children are now receiving a Catholic education as we continue our century-old tradition of serving the educational needs of our community.

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.

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.

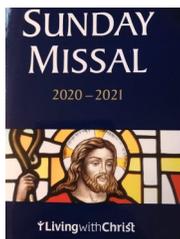
Lest We Forget

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 to attend Mass in person or follow us as we live stream the Mass on line at 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



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 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 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

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

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

Florina Recovers Her Sight



Before a person can be inscribed among the Blessed, it is necessary that he or she accomplish at least one miracle, duly recognized by the competent authority. Father Joseph Gérard, O.M.I., who was beatified on September 15, 1988 by Pope John-Paul II, in Lesotho, certainly fulfilled this condition. In his case, the miracle approved by the Church was the instantaneous healing of a young blind girl, Florina Phakelo.

The blind child

Florina lived in a village near Roma, in Lesotho. As a result of an infection in her eyes, which doctors said was incurable, she became completely blind. The intercession of good Father Gérard, whose saintly death had occurred in 1914, was sought. He was called "rame-hiolo", the father of miracles. A miraculous healing of the little girl's eyes

was obtained. She lived to the age of sixty with perfect vision in both eyes.

Her testimony

This is how Florina described her healing during the apostolic deposition, held in Maseru, in 1955. She was then thirty-three years of age at the time. "I was born here, at Mafeoane, in 1922. At the age of six I became gravely ill and suffered an infection in my eyes. Inside the orbits, excretions like abscesses appeared which collapsed on the outside. I became blind, incapable of distinguishing night from day. My mother took me to Doctor Hertig, who came to Roma once a month. For five months he applied remedies, but on the sixth month he told a child who would be blind for life that she would never be cured. 'However, if you have some doubts, take her to the Maseru hospital.'

Then my mother went to Father Pennerath, the priest who was in charge of our mission, to explain all the details of my malady and the project of taking me to the hospital. On hearing this, he answered with an energetic denial: 'No, that child shall not be taken to Maseru; since the doctor was unable to cure her, we will look in the direction of Father Gérard.' On the following day, Father Pennerath came to see me, prayed over me, and placed Father Gérard's stole in my hand. I already wore on my neck a small bag containing soil from his grave.

Her healing

During the night, at some point in the novena, an unknown priest appeared to me, placed his hand on my eyes while saying: 'You will heal, my child, and you will recover your sight.' The following morning, as I rose, my mother wanted to help me dress, as she does every day. I refused, saying: 'Mother, I don't need you to help me. From now on, I'll dress by myself, because now, I have recovered my sight.' In fact, I was cured; the tissue fluids no longer emerged and disappeared completely. I could even distinguish the different colors of the corn grains: white or red.

I then asked my mother to bring me to the mission to meet the priest who had visited me during the night, when I was still blind. The priests were there, on retreat. But I could not find the one I was looking for among them. Father Pennerath brought six pictures of priests. Not one of the five first pictures happened to be the priest I was seeking. At the sixth I cried out: 'He's the one.' And the photograph was that of Father Gérard. Finally, my mother asked Father Pennerath to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to thank God for my cure."

As a conclusion to this deposition full of freshness and authenticity, we may add the verdict of the medical commission, gathered in Rome on December 3, 1986. It declared this instantaneous, complete, and lasting healing of Florina to be miraculous. Incidentally, the Basutos have always maintained an extraordinary confidence in this "marvelous dust" of Father Gérard. Florina Phakelo died of natural causes, in Roma, on December 7, 1982.

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.	
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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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