

March 7th 2021  
 Third Sunday of Lent

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### Cleansing of the Temple

Jesus' action in cleansing the temple was a protest against the commercialisation of religion and the desecration of the Temple. But it went deeper. It was a symbolic action, in the fashion of an Old Testament prophet, through which he passed judgement on the Jewish sacrificial system. He was declaring that temple worship, with its ritual and animal sacrifices, was irrelevant and could do nothing to bring people to God. He was replacing sacrificial worship with spiritual worship.

He was also protesting the way religion had become narrow, nationalistic and exclusive. Israel had failed to fulfil her universal mission to humankind. It was God's intention that the Temple should be a house of prayer 'for all nations'. But the Temple remained the jealously-guarded preserve of Israel. No Gentile dared venture, under threat of penalty and death, beyond what was known as the 'court of the Gentiles'. Jesus declared that salvation was not just for the Jews, but for all peoples.

The first reading is one of the versions of the Decalogue. The Ten Commandments are a map of life for a people who enjoy a special relationship with God. They were to be seen as a gift, not a burden. However, Christians must live by the 'law' of Jesus. He brought in a new and more exacting law – the law of love. He effectively reduced the commandments to two: love of God and love of neighbour.



### Pope's Prayer Intention for March

#### Evangelization: *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

## This Week

### Monday, March 8

7:00pm Mass +Maria Perrotta

### Tuesday, March 9

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)  
 8:00am Mass +S.H. Ong  
 7:00pm Mass +Gail Fearn  
 7:30pm Meeting Bible Study Group (Virtual Meeting)

### Wednesday, March 10

8:00am Mass Int Roy A. Ong  
 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults (Virtual)  
 7:00pm Mass +Armando Santos, Sr.

### Thursday, March 11

8:00am Mass +Bienvenido Torres  
 7:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan  
 (No Public Congregation)

### Friday, March 12

8:00am Mass  
 9:15am Mass St Augustine's School (No Public Congregation)  
 7:00pm Mass +Dominga Jimenez

### Saturday, March 13

8:00am Mass +Fr. Francis Chuwa  
**5:00pm** Mass  
**7:00pm** Mass +Ho Lee

### Sunday, March 14

**9:00am** Mass  
**11:00am** Mass +Rafael Torres, Sr.  
**5:00pm** Mass

**NOTE:** Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 9am & 11am Masses are livestreamed

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**Holy Communion at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday****Receiving Holy Communion at St. Augustine's**

Those who wish to receive Holy Communion may do so after celebrating St. Augustine's Sunday Mass on-line may do so by visiting the Church between 12 noon and 2:00pm each Sunday.

**Procedure:** Enter the Parish Centre through the glass door, sanitize your hands and proceed to the front of the Church to receive Holy Communion from Fr. Andrzej.

After receiving Holy Communion you may say a short prayer of thanksgiving before exiting the church through the east side door on Maple Street .

**Please note:**

Visiting the Church and receiving Holy Communion is not meant for prolonged personal prayer. You are welcome to do that on weekdays during office hours.

I hope all will understand the importance of complying to the Provincial Health restrictions and will co-operate.

Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI

**Confession during the time of Lent**

Confession times during Lent will be from

**10:00am to 12noon** on the following dates:

Saturday March 13th

Saturday March 20th

Saturday March 27th

More dates may be added as demand requires.

Please read the weekly Bulletin for updates.

**St. Augustine's Vocation Ministry**

Invites you to join us on Wednesday mornings at 8:30am to pray the Rosary for Vocations. We will do this over a Zoom video call. If you would like to join us please send an e mail to Ben Hume at [bhume03@gmail.com](mailto:bhume03@gmail.com) and he will put you on the invite list which will contain the Zoom link to join the prayer session. If you are unsure how to access Zoom, please call Ben and

he will help you through the process.

The next prayer session will happen on **March 10th at 8:30am.**

**APOSTOLIC LETTER**

**Patris Corde**

**Of the Holy Father**

**Francis**

ON THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
PROCLAMATION OF ST. JOSEPH AS  
PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

*Cont'd from last week...*

In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (*cf. Lk 2:51*), in accordance with God's command (*cf. Ex 20:12*).

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food (*cf. Jn 4:34*). Even at the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own, becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil 2:8*). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered" (*5:8*).

All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."

Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. "The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgment".

Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.

**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.



**This Lent,  
let's  
share love**

This year's Share Lent theme is "**Share Love, Share Lent**". While we are unable to gather in person, Development & Peace, Caritas Canada, will be hosting a series of webinars to educate us about the work of the partners Development & Peace around the world and to inspire us to make Lent a time of prayerful sacrifice for those who need our support in the global south, especially as the Covid 19 pandemic continues.

Solidarity Sunday will be, as it is each year, on the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 21st. We encourage you to make a donation to the Share Lent campaign on that Sunday or any time during Lent by going to the online donation page at

<https://www.devp.org/en/civicism/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=30>  
<https://www.devp.org/en/civicism/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=30>

For more information about St. Augustine's Social Justice Committee please email [SocialJustice@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:SocialJustice@staugustineschurch.ca)



**WEEK 3: March 6-7, 2021**

**Share Love, Share Lent:  
Strengthening vulnerable communities.**

Did you know that Development and Peace supports a school for peasant filmmakers in Colombia?

This week in the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign, discover the creative ways in which we assist communities in speaking for and taking charge of their own development.

In keeping with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of

participation, let your Lenten journey make a difference in the world. Learn about our work and consider giving to help sustain it.

Share Lent, week 4 event: National THINKFAST, from noon on March 11 until 1pm PST March 12. To register: see online events

**Discern and donate at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).**



### St. Augustine's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

St. Augustine's RCIA catechumens and candidates have been meeting in person or by virtual meetings since the end of September in preparation for receiving the Sacraments this spring. They are now preparing for the Rite of Election which will be celebrated in the parish rather than Holy Rosary Cathedral.

*Please keep our catechumens and candidates  
in your prayers especially at this time.*

#### Catechumens

Mariska Nathan  
Damon Croix  
Jesse Lu  
Ka Kit Chiam  
Jolie Chen

#### Candidates

Jimena Perez  
Janessa Hitsman

### St. Augustine's School Pass the Torch Annual Fundraiser



**PTT 2021 tickets on sale now! Event information and online ticket purchasing at [Pass the Torch Virtual Gala 2021](https://www.passthetorch.com)**

Please email questions or concerns to [passthetorchtickets@gmail.com](mailto:passthetorchtickets@gmail.com)

### NOW ON FORMED

#### The Case for Jesus – The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Jesus

In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers question the key question of faith: Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels.

#### Lenten Daily Reflections – with Dr. Tim Gray

Journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections.

## Two Victims of their Missionary Charity



November 16, 1985 brought to mind the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the execution of Louis Riel, chief of the Métis upheaval in 1885. This date also brings to mind the tragic death of two Oblate missionaries who were killed in this rebellion, victims of their charity. Father Léon Fafard, born in Saint Cuthbert, Québec, was at that time director of the mission at Lake La Grenouille in northern Saskatchewan. Father Félix Marchand, recently arrived from France, had left his mission at Lake L'Oignon to celebrate the Holy Days with his Oblate confrere. A revolution was brewing within the

Métis population of the region, who felt incapable of having their rights respected by the Ottawa government. About one hundred nomads, under the leadership of Chief Gros Ours (Big Bear), invaded the mission and roused the inhabitants of the reservation. For their part, the missionaries tried to maintain them in peace.

### The massacre of two Oblates

On the morning of April 2, Father Fafard invited his flock to the ceremonies of Holy Thursday. With Father Marchand at his side, he began the Mass. But suddenly a band of armed men interrupted the service and forced all the inhabitants of the reservation to leave the premises and proceed to the rebel camp, one kilometer away. Father Marchand went first, followed by a file of prisoners, men and women, White or Amerindians. Father Fafard was at the end of the march, exhorting his people to calmness. A government employee, good Irish Catholic, refused to advance. He was shot in the back. Upon hearing the poor man's shout, Father Fafard ran to his side. But the priest also received a bullet and fell heavily to the ground. At that time, Father Marchand had disappeared below an incline in the terrain. He had not seen anything but he heard someone say that his confrere had just been killed. He backtracked in haste. As soon as he appeared on the knoll he was struck by a bullet to the forehead and fell, another victim of dedication and charity.

### The Ingratitude of a young Amerindian

Noticing that Father Fafard was still breathing, the rebels formed a circle around him. Among them was one who was called the "miracle child". This was the nickname of a young Amerindian, a protégé of the missionary. When he was gravely ill, around the age of five, he was miraculously cured after his Baptism. Now an adolescent, he had provided many services for the Oblate. The leader of the rebels then spoke to the "miracle child": "We could never tell whether you are on the side of Whites or with us. Now is the time to let us know. If you are with us, you will finish off this White Man. Take this gun and fire, or we'll fire on you." After some hesitation the young man took the gun in his trembling hands. At that moment, Father Fafard opened his eyes and turned toward his protégé, as if imploring his pity. In panic, the Indian pulled the trigger and brought to an end the days of his benefactor.

### The kindness of Marguerite, and elderly Amerindian

A few days later, Bishop Grandin came to Lake La Grenouille. He could only fathom the magnitude of the disaster. Everything had been pillaged and burned. From among the witnesses of the massacre, Marguerite, an elderly Amerindian lady, could give him this account: "After the rebels departed, I went to find the missionaries. They were holding their Oblate crosses in their hands, which were reddened with blood. I drew water from a nearby swamp to wash their faces, their hands and their crosses. As I looked upon them thus" she added, "I thought of the sorrows which the Blessed Virgin must have felt, on Good Friday, when they brought her the body of her Son, pierced by nails and all bloody."

In a letter which he then addressed to Father Fafard's mother, Bishop Grandin reflected thus: "It appears to me, dear Mrs. Fafard, that the kind elderly lady was communicating this good thought for you. You can compare your sorrow to that of the most Blessed Virgin, and with all the more reason, that the victim we both grieve resembles the Grand Victim of Calvary."

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	
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Postal Code	Email
Comments	

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