



Christ is Risen!

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles is part of an early sermon of Peter. In it he summarises the ministry of Jesus, which culminated in his death. But it didn't end there – God raised him to life, allowing him to be seen by certain witnesses. Peter is one of those witnesses. He goes on to declare that Jesus is the one all the prophets spoke about, namely, the Messiah. All who believe in him will have their sins forgiven.

The Gospel tells about the discovery of the empty tomb. The empty tomb (with the discarded linen cloths) in itself is not a direct proof of the resurrection. Nevertheless, it was the first step towards establishing the truth that Jesus had escaped the bonds of death, and it prepared the disciples to encounter the risen Lord.

Many of the readings of the Easter cycle were meant to instruct the newly baptised on the Christian way of life. Today's second reading and its alternative are good examples. Thus the Easter season provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be baptised members of Christ's Body.



This Week

Monday, April 5

7:00pm Mass +Mary Bentley

Tuesday, April 6

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)

8:00am Mass +Joesumar Licopit Icaay

7:00pm Mass Int Arthur Agno & Mark Magdaluyo

Wednesday, April 7

8:00am Mass Int Bridget Sullivan

9:15am Mass St Augustine's School

7:00pm Meeting Rite of Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults (Virtual)

7:00pm Mass +Avelina Herrera

Thursday, April 8

8:00am Mass Int Micha Leila, Michael & Lisanne Garay

7:00pm Mass Int Shirley Torres

Friday, April 9

8:00am Mass +John Anderson

7:00pm Mass + Dominic D'Souza

Saturday, April 10

8:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan

Divine Mercy Sunday April 11

9:00am Mass +Mary Finnegan

11:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass

Pope's Prayer Intention for April

Universal: Fundamental rights–

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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\$6,293.00

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**Schedule for the Triduum and the Divine Mercy Sunday****There are no in-person services****April 1 - Holy Thursday –**

7:00 pm (live stream)

April 2 – Good Friday –

11:00 am; 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm (live stream)

Holy Communion: 4:00pm to 5:00pm**April 4 – Easter Sunday –**

9:00 am (Livestreamed); 11:00 am (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm (Livestream)

Holy Communion: 12 noon to 2:00pm**April 11 - Divine Mercy Sunday –**

9:00 am (Livestreamed);

11:00 am (Livestreamed)

Holy Communion: 12:00 noon to 2:00pm

5:00 pm (Livestreamed)

**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 previous weeks...*

The faith Christ taught us is what we see in Saint Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.

Joseph's attitude encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak, for God chooses what is weak (*cf. 1 Cor 1:27*). He is the "Father of orphans and protector of widows" (*Ps 68:6*), who commands us to love the stranger in our midst. I like to think that it was from Saint Joseph that Jesus drew inspiration for the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father (*cf. Lk 15:11-32*).

A creatively courageous father

If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we must now add another important element: creative courage. This emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties. In the face of difficulty, we can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage with it. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had.

As we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true "miracle" by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world (*cf. Lk 2:6-7*). Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt (*cf. Mt 2:13-14*).

A superficial reading of these stories can often give the impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty, but the "good news" of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan. So too, our lives may at times seem to be at the mercy of the powerful, but the Gospel shows us what counts. God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.

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 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

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.



Share with your friends and family! Simply sign up for FREE by visiting formed.org and entering our Parish access code **4FX3T6**. You may then create your personal account.

Thank you to all of you who have donated to the Share Lent campaign. You have made a difference in the lives of your sisters and brothers in the global south. Donations can still be made online at devp.org.

A little bit of information about the person behind the picture:

Our Share Love/Share Lent campaign image comes from our sister organization, [@trocaireonline](https://trocaireonline.com) (Caritas Ireland).

31-year-old María Felicita López is from the Lenica Indigenous community. She endured great hardship to resist the encroachment of her people's lands around River Chinacla in Honduras by a hydroelectric company that failed to deliver on lofty promises.

[@trocaireonline](https://trocaireonline.com), who accompanied them in their struggle, report that the company also violated ILO (International Labour Organization) conventions on free, prior and informed consent.

In Honduras, Development & Peace's partners, including CehProdec Honduras help many impoverished communities resist such injustices. Read more about Maria in the [@irish_examiner](https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/americas/indigenous-woman-resists-encroachment-of-her-lands-in-honduras-2021-05-15): bit.ly/311edmm

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 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 **April 7th at 8:30am**.

Metanoia

[English | Origin: Greek]
(n.)

the journey of changing one's mind, heart, self or way of life.

Bible Study Group

Join St. Augustine's Adult Faith Group this summer on a journey with Christ into conversion. This 10-part video study entitled METANOIA featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, is inspiring, engaging, and accessible to everyone. We invite you to join us via ZOOM (no prior experience required) on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9 PM

starting May 25th. There is no cost, but registration is required. Please email biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca to register or for more information. We hope you will join us on this journey of grace, hope, repentance, and transformation!

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Mary of Nazareth

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

A beautiful motion picture detailing the life of Mary from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus

St. Augustine's School Pass the Torch Annual Fundraiser



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Event information and online ticket purchasing at

[Pass the Torch Virtual Gala 2021](https://www.passthetorch.org/virtual-gala-2021)

Please email questions or concerns to passthetorchtickets@gmail.com

Drug or Alcohol Addiction Recovery

If you, a loved one, or someone you know, wants to be free from an addiction to drugs or alcohol, consider **Sancta Maria House**. Located in a beautiful part of Vancouver, we offer a structured and supportive Catholic Christian 12-Step recovery program, in a pleasant, loving, family-like setting.

We accept women of all faith backgrounds. *For more information, visit:*

agapestreetministry.org/healing-homes/sancta-maria-house-1st-stage-recovery-house/ or call **604-731-5550**.

"I don't want to go there"

When he entered the Oblate Novitiate at Ville LaSalle in 1918, young Gerard Mongeau was far from foreseeing the road he would follow during his long life of 94 years. One day in June, 1919, the provincial, Father Guillaume Charlebois, came to the Novitiate to give a conference. At the end of his talk, Father added a simple invitation that would eventually have a great influence on Gerard's career. "Recently," he said, "the Texas provincial has asked me for one or two candidates for his Scholasticate. Since we have some thirty novices in Quebec, I promised him one recruit per year. If you are interested in becoming a Texas missionary, give your name to the Novice Master, and we will choose from among the volunteers."

Hesitation

Let's allow Bishop Mongeau himself to share his reactions to this kind of request: "Personally I didn't feel one bit attracted to Texas. My mind was already made up ... I'm not comfortable as a volunteer. I was afraid to offer myself. Leaving my family and my country, to live in exile in the southern part of the United States, with my little knowledge of English, all of these things frightened me. But, I placed all my confidence in the Lord. I preferred to wait. At the end of three days, however, I came to a decision. I went to see the Novice Master, Father Victor Jodoin. I said in a trembling voice: 'Father, I come to offer myself for Texas... I don't want to go, but if you believe that I can answer the purpose, I offer myself.' His reaction was spontaneous: 'We had in fact thought of you, but we didn't want to force you. Furthermore, we need you father's consent.'

Acceptance

"A few days later my father came to visit me at the Novitiate. Having heard my story, he said these words which I have never forgotten: 'To save souls, you don't have to go to Texas, there are plenty of them in Montreal. But, your superiors are prudent men ... therefore, I give my consent.' Now, my mother had to be convinced. When dad made her aware of my intentions she broke down in tears: 'No. I will never consent. I want to see him become a priest, receive his blessing, attend his Mass... I don't want to see him leave for the end of the world.' On the following Sunday, she came to the parlor with an aunt. 'Listen, Gerard, you can't leave without my consent.' It was my turn to cry, and I said to her: 'Please understand, mother, that I didn't want to go to Texas. I gave it some thought, and prayed a lot... I made my sacrifice to God. Now that my superiors are sending me, it is no longer my will, but the will of God.' There was a long moment of silence, then mother dried her tears, and like a true Christian she took me in her arms and said to me: 'If it is God's will, you can go.' I kissed her tenderly in gratitude, and that's how I left for Texas, answering the Lord's call with a 'yes' that was so rich in blessings. "

Rich in blessings

See what followed. Gerard Mongeau was ordained to the priesthood in Texas on June 14, 1924. He left for the Philippines in 1939. He was courageous and daring, nothing stopped him. During his fifty-five years of missionary life he fully realized his episcopal motto: "The Lord is with me, I have no fear." He constructed churches and chapels, gave life to a local clergy, prodigiously developed a number of Notre Dame colleges, crowned with a university, established houses of hospitality, habitats, craft centers, set up newspaper and radio communications, in which he was a precursor, without forgetting to mention his concern for dialoguing with the Moslems. At the end of a well-filled life, he returned to the Father's House at the age of 94, on October 29, 1994.

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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