

April 11th 2021  
 Divine Mercy Sunday

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### Second Sunday of Easter



The reading from Acts gives us a picture of a Christian community that is ideally faithful to the Gospel. It is a community of shared faith and shared possessions.

In the Gospel Jesus appears to his apostles, showing them his wounds and bestowing peace on them. Then he entrusts his mission to them, giving them the gift of the Spirit and the power to forgive

sin. Thomas' profession of faith, 'My Lord and my God', is the supreme Christological statement of John's Gospel. Originally John's Gospel ended where today's passage ends.

The second reading stresses the Christian vocation to love. Through faith in Jesus Christ, Christians have become children of God. They will show their love for God by keeping his commandments. And if they love God, they will surely love their fellow Christians, because they too are children of God. Keeping the commandments is not difficult because through baptism they share in Christ's victory over the powers of evil.

### Divine Mercy Sunday



The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus,

I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

### Thank you!

A heartfelt "thank you" to all the dedicated volunteers who donated generously of their time and talent in helping us prepare for Easter. Although we were not able to gather in person, many hours were involved in making our Church a beautiful and welcoming space. As we continue our journey together, we hope and pray that the present challenges will soon be behind us and that we may once more meet again as a whole community.

Fr. Andrzej Stenzina, OMI

## This Week

### Monday, April 12

7:00pm Mass +Antonio Perrotta

### Tuesday, April 13

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)  
 8:00am Mass +Bienvenido Torres  
 7:00pm Mass +Eddie Martins

### Wednesday, April 14

8:00am Mass +Joaquin De Souza  
 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults (Virtual)  
 7:00pm Mass +Fil Vaz

### Thursday, April 15

8:00am Mass Int Simi Sahu  
 7:00pm Mass +Dao Van Nguyen

### Friday, April 16

8:00am Mass +Engracia Torres  
 7:00pm Mass Int Mika Torres

### Saturday, April 17

8:00am Mass +Kristofer Bihis  
 10:00am Funeral +Antonio Perri  
 5:00pm Mass +Mary & Leo Sweeney

### Sunday April 18

9:00am Mass Int Rose Dunne  
 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.

**OFFERTORY**

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 Sunday: \$6,710.00 Easter: \$2,640.00  
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**Schedule for Divine Mercy Sunday**

**There are no in-person services**

**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 week...*

**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 Stenzina, OMI*

**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 **April 14th at 8:30am.**

If at times God seems not to help us, surely this does not mean that we have been abandoned, but instead are being trusted to plan, to be creative, and to find solutions ourselves.

That kind of creative courage was shown by the friends of the paralytic, who lowered him from the roof in order to bring him to Jesus (cf. Lk 5:17-26). Difficulties did not stand in the way of those friends' boldness and persistence. They were convinced that Jesus could heal the man, and "finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven you'" (vv. 19-20). Jesus recognized the creative faith with which they sought to bring their sick friend to him.

The Gospel does not tell us how long Mary, Joseph and the child remained in Egypt. Yet they certainly needed to eat, to find a home and employment. It does not take much imagination to fill in those details. The Holy Family had to face concrete problems like every other family, like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who, today too, risk their lives to escape misfortune and hunger. In this regard, I consider Saint Joseph the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.

At the end of every account in which Joseph plays a role, the Gospel tells us that he gets up, takes the child and his mother, and does what God commanded him (cf. Mt 1:24; 2:14.21). Indeed, Jesus and Mary his Mother are the most precious treasure of our faith.

In the divine plan of salvation, the Son is inseparable from his Mother, from Mary, who "advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son until she stood at the cross".

**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.



**St. Augustine's Monthly Donations**

Thank you to the many people who have signed up to support us via Credit Card or Debit donations. Your regular contributions have made the world of difference to us here at St. Augustine's, particularly throughout this past year of pandemic. With your support we have been able to keep the Church open to all on a daily basis.

We have made changes to our on-line giving form to include Special Donations throughout the year. If you are a veteran on-line contributor and wish to add Parish Special Donations to your gift giving, we invite you to visit the first page of our website: [staugustineschurch.ca](http://staugustineschurch.ca) and fill out our updated form.

- Scroll to the bottom right hand side of the webpage and under "Links" click on "Credit Card/Debit Pre-authorization Form" .
- Fill in the form to begin a new account or to add Special Donations to a previous Sunday donation account. Please complete ALL information, even if you are adding to a previously set up account.
- If desired, you may scan, Email or drop off the completed form to the Parish Office.

**Special Collections include:**

New Year's Day	Catholic Missions, Canada
B.C. Catholic	Oblate Retirement Fund
St. Joseph's Society	Needs of the Canadian Church
Share Lent	Evangelization of Nations
Holy Land (Good Friday)	Peter's Pence
Easter	Home Mission
Work of Vocations	Youth Ministry
The Pope's Pastoral Works	Christmas Day
Corporal Works of Mercy - (Monthly Amount)	Corporal Works of Mercy - (Yearly Amount—Month)

# 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.

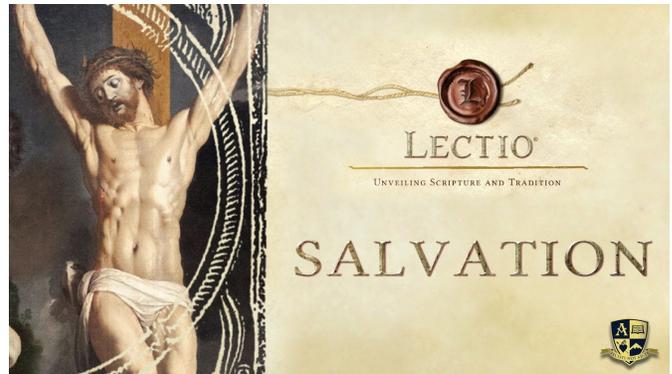
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**Lectio: Salvation New Life in Christ**

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable 10-part video series Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer



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

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**Around the Archdiocese...**

**The Things We Carry - Healthy Relationships Series**

There are realities from our childhood and adolescence that have marked us positively and negatively. It is important to note which of these realities we carry as we enter into our relationships. Behold Vancouver is offering a three-part online series on Healthy Relationships, with an opportunity for Q&A following a formal presentation by various presenters.

Join us on Thursday, April 29 from 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

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

This event is open to all adults, whether single, dating or married.

**A Famished Stomach Doesn't Hear!**

The Oblates in Laos have lived a short and sorrowful history. They arrived in this country, situated between Vietnam and Thailand, in 1935 and had to face all kinds of difficulties and trials: hard journeys, numerous accidents and underhanded opposition. Of the hundred or so missionaries who served in this region, we recall the names of two from Quebec: Fathers Jean-Paul Brouillette, and Leo Plante. These two Oblates, after forty years of a successful apostolate, were forced like many others to flee before invading Vietnamese

**In turmoil**

An Italian Oblate, Father Antonio Zanoni, however, successfully outwitted the enemy for a few years, thanks to the connivance of Laotians, and much astuteness on his part. Arriving in Laos in 1958, this commando of God was soon caught up in the turmoil, and had to seek refuge in the mountains with a group of Meos, who were also hunted down by the enemy. After a long series of wanderings, he was able to settle down in a rather poor region called Ban Pha Deng. Water was scarce, the rice crop was meager, and hunting didn't bring in very much. Often entire weeks went by without the taste of meat. But at least, life there was fairly secure. Father Zanoni could even perform a regular ministry. He taught Catechism daily to a group of adults. Because of his courage, and prodigious savings, he was able to build a small chapel which also served as a school. Such was his devotion in these circumstances that at the end of a few months he had the joy of preparing a Baptism ceremony for 75 adults.

**A disturbed Baptism!**

Since the chapel was too small for the ceremony, the people were invited to gather in the open air for this solemn celebration. Two Oblate confreres came to offer their help: Father P. Di Grazia and Brother Donato Cianciullo. Father Zanoni took upon himself to direct the ceremony, with appropriate commentaries, while Father Di Grazia baptized the neophytes. The air was festive. A large and joyful crowd gathered around the 75 prayerful adults who were anticipating the Sacrament that would make them children of God.

The men were baptized first. Everything proceeded in orderly fashion, except for something unexpected, which was not part of the liturgical rites! When it came time for the women to be baptized, Father Zanoni gave a sign to a few of his men, with whom he had made a prior agreement. A slight nod of the head meant: "It's time to kill the buffalo." The buffalo... normally the animal is killed on the eve of a feast. But this time, the people of the village had decided to kill it on the very day, for, they would say, "we do not have the courage to wait until the next day. The temptation is too strong; it has been so long since we have eaten meat."

Therefore, even though the priest's nod to his men had been discreet, no doubt it had not been discreet enough for hungry stomachs, touchy after a period of forced fasting. General chaos ensued! The designated men tried to leave secretly, but all the newly baptized men and the children, anxious to witness the spectacle, rushed towards the pen of the poor buffalo! Father Zanoni tried to restrain them, but it was all in vain.

**The respectful women**

What is most admirable in this story is that the women remained without moving, hands folded and eyes lowered before Father Di Grazia, who continued to pour water on their foreheads. A short time later, once the "deserters" had satisfied their curiosity, all of them returned to their places to witness, in all seriousness, the conclusion of the ceremony.

Around noon, the crowd gathered once again at the public square, this time for a meal of real meat. The festivities began under a radiant sun, but soon a storm burst, and a torrential rain fall on the joyful guests, who nevertheless went about their "important task".

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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