



April 18th 2021
 Third Sunday of Easter

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God's forgiveness

In the first reading Peter shows great courage when he confronts the people with their part in the death of Jesus. However, he goes on to excuse them on the grounds that they acted in ignorance. In this way he may have been inspired by the dying prayer of Jesus: 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.' He urged them to repent, assuring them that if they do, their sins will be forgiven.

In the Gospel Luke's primary interest is to show that the risen Jesus is the same person the apostles had known prior to the crucifixion. He emphasises the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection but makes it clear that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to new life beyond death.

It was only by combining various passages from the prophets that the early Christians came to accept the idea that a suffering Messiah was part of God's plan of salvation. So Luke has the risen Lord showing the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and so enter into his glory. Jesus also gives them a mission – the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

In the second reading John says that authentic love is proved by obedience to the commandments. Anticipating that the Christian will sin, he reminds us that we have in Jesus an advocate who will plead our cause.

One theme occurs in all three readings: forgiveness is available to those who repent and believe in Jesus as their Saviour. This has great relevance for us. The task of preachers of the word is to assure people that God's forgiveness is available to them, thus enabling them to make a fresh start.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 25, 2021

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people throughout the year.

This Week

Monday, April 19

7:00pm Mass +Dung Van Ngo

Tuesday, April 20

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)
 8:00am Mass Int Anjali & Mr. Austine Lakayil
 7:00pm Mass +Rufino Agustin

Wednesday, April 21

8:00am Mass +Chris Lep
 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults (Virtual)
 7:00pm Mass +Edward Fundeen

Thursday, April 22

8:00am Mass +Natividad G. Reyes
 7:00pm Mass +Roberto Jacinto

Friday, April 23

8:00am Mass
 7:00pm Mass +Antonio Perri

Saturday, April 24

8:00am Mass +Doreen Mendes
 5:00pm Mass +Bob Davies

Sunday April 25

9:00am Mass +Julian Wlosinski
 11:00am Mass +Teresa Davis
 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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We are grateful for these gifts

Sunday: \$8,372.00

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**Year of Saint Joseph and Year of the Family**

Pope Francis declared this year the Year of St. Joseph and the Year of the Family.

On Saturday, May 1 at 6:00 pm we will have a special live streamed celebration in honour of St. Joseph. We will pray the Vespers as we pray for our families and celebrate this year of special grace.

We wish to include prayers led by families from our Parish during our May 1 celebration of evening vespers. Due to the current health situation, we will pre-record families. We especially ask participation from those families who currently include prayers to St. Joseph as part of their devotions. We will also pre-record families large and small that will pray part of the Our Father with us.

To be included as part of the celebration, please email:

liturgy@staugustineschurch.ca before Tuesday, April 27th. You may send the pre-recorded prayers, or a time can be set up to record your family via Zoom. This is an opportunity to share your gift of prayer in praise of St. Joseph.

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 by visiting the Church between 12 noon and 2:00pm each Sunday. **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.

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. If you are unsure how to access Zoom, please contact Ben and he will help you through the process.

The next prayer session is scheduled for **April 21st at 8:30am.**

Vocation Reflection

"Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread"

By Serena Shaw - Vocation Team - Oblate Associate

"We have an opportunity like no other through the Eucharist, to hear what God is calling us to. As we are in community, it will become apparent not only the needs of those among us, but also, the gifts and opportunities in others. It is here at the Eucharistic Table; with our sisters and brothers, we will understand the mission of the Church and the role that of each of us are called to within that mission."

Read the reflection here: <https://omilacombe.ca/become-an-oblate/>

**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...

We should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping. The Son of the Almighty came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child. In this sense, Saint Joseph could not be other than the Guardian of the Church, for the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary's motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church. In his continued protection of the Church, Joseph continues to protect *the child and his mother*, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love *the child and his mother*.

That child would go on to say: "As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (*Mt 25:40*).

Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is "the child" whom Joseph continues to protect. For this reason, Saint Joseph is invoked as protector of the unfortunate, the needy, exiles, the afflicted, the poor and the dying. Consequently, the Church cannot fail to show a special love for the least of our brothers and sisters, for Jesus showed a particular concern for them and personally identified with them. From Saint Joseph, we must learn that same care and responsibility. We must learn to love the child and his mother, to love the sacraments and charity, to love the Church and the poor. Each of these realities is always *the child and his mother*.

Sunday of the Good Shepherd

On that weekend – April 24/25, a seminarian will join us for our on-line services. He will share with us the story of his vocation.

Thanks to God for granting my novena prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. My prayer request for my daughter's university admission has now been answered.

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 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)

Congratulations Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI



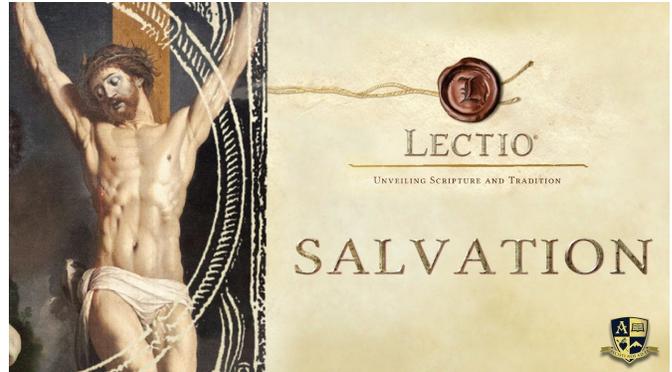
Congratulations to Fr. Andrzej in pledging the oath of Canadian Citizenship on Wednesday April 14th 2021. We wish him many happy returns as he continues his busy and productive life as a fully fledged Canadian!



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.

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



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!

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](#).



Motjeka, child of God



Father Jean-Baptiste Rousseau, O.M.I. experienced extraordinary supernatural joys during his apostolate of fifty-four years in Lesotho, Africa. One of the most consoling ones, undoubtedly, was the conversion of Motjeka, an elderly polygamist.

One Sunday, in 1937, this totally unknown fellow came to knock at the missionary's door. Without hesitation he admitted proudly: "Father, I have come to become a convert. You see, some time ago, while I was in the fields, I found a rosary. After I returned to my home, during the night I had a dream. A lovely lady, dressed in white and holding a rosary in her hand,

appeared to me. She was more beautiful than anyone I had ever seen... Softly she said to me: 'Motjeka, become a Christian.' Since then this dream has pursued me day and night. I went to the village chief. He allowed me to speak about it with you." Father welcomed him favorably. On the following Sunday, to everyone's surprise, he called this man to the front and gave him a special blessing.

Serious preparation

Six long years of catechetical instruction were necessary before he could be baptized. Think of it! He was a bigamist, with two wives. The first wife had to approve, as she had accepted the second one in her home as her servant. The latter also had to give her consent and cease all cohabitation. For his part, Motjeka promised to provide for the latter and her four children. The catechumen agreed to these conditions which were solemnly expressed in the presence of the chief and many Christians. The best proof of his faithfulness was his assiduity at prayer during six years, even though he had to travel for an hour and a half by horseback, to cover the distance between his home and the church.

A Child of God

In 1943, on the feast of Christ the King, Motjeka Ntlou became a "child of God" in the Catholic Church. This was for him a day of great joy, as well as for Father Rousseau and for the parishioners of Saint Francis. Two years after this memorable Baptism, a message reached the missionary: "Quick, Father, Mortjeka is dying and wishes to see you." The Oblate left at once to bring the Sacraments to this fervent Christian, who received him with unutterable joy. He died the next day. Surely, "the lovely lady dressed in white" must have waited at the door of heaven to receive her dear child.

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	
City	Phone
Postal Code	Email
Comments	

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