

May 9th 2021  
 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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**No greater love**



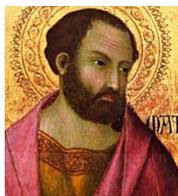
The first Christian community had been exclusively Jewish. Now comes a turning point – the reception of the first Gentiles. Cornelius was the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism. The reading from Acts tells of his baptism and shows that the salvation is offered to all.

In the Gospel Jesus talks about the love that binds him to the Father, and the love that should bind the disciples to him and to one another. Jesus' love is modeled on that of the Father. The disciples should model themselves on the Son: as he has observed the Father's commandments, so they should observe his. Obedience arises out of love, and obedience is love. Now he is going to give them the supreme proof of his love – giving his life for them. He has chosen them and sent them into the world to bear fruit – the fruit of love.

In the second reading John says that Christians must love one another because love comes from God. Love is of God's essence. God has shown his love for us by sending his Son into the world so that we might live through him. Loving is the only way we can really know God and share in God's life.

**Liturgical celebrations:**

**Friday – St. Matthias (feast)**



The Acts of the Apostles tells us that Matthias was chosen after the resurrection to replace Judas. Peter, quoting a psalm, told the 120 people gathered that they must choose a new apostle: someone who had been with them from the time of the baptism of the Lord until the resurrection, someone who would join them in bearing witness to these events. Two names were put forward and the assembly cast lots, the lot falling to Matthias.



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**This Week**

**Monday, May 10**

7:00pm Mass +Marchiano Jimenez

**Tuesday, May 11**

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)  
 8:00am Mass +Nicanora Piramide  
 7:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan

**Wednesday, May 12**

8:00am Mass +Nelson Palqueza  
 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults (Virtual)  
 7:00pm Mass +John McRae

**Thursday, May 13**

8:00am Mass +Bob Battle  
 7:00pm Mass

**Friday, May 14**

8:00am Mass +Victoria Pacolor  
 7:00pm Mass

**Saturday, May 15**

8:00am Mass  
 5:00pm Mass +Fern Fearn

**Sunday May 16**

9:00am Mass +Christian Milbers  
 11:00am Mass  
 5:00pm Mass +Tadeusz Kwiatek

**Pope's Prayer Intention for May**

**Evangelization: The world of finance**

Let us pray that those in finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**OFFERTORY**

We are grateful for these gifts

Sunday: \$6,580.00

Please visit [www.staugustineschurch.ca](http://www.staugustineschurch.ca)

If you wish to maintain your contributions

via Debit or Credit Card

**Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus 50/50 draw winner received \$48,007.50 for ticket number 1442301. Thank you to everyone for your support.

All net proceeds will go to the Bishops for the Advancement of Religion and Various Social Programs. Details may be found on the front page of our website.

**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....*

The Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński, in his book *The Shadow of the Father*, tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses' words to Israel: "In the wilderness... you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled" (*Deut 1:31*). In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life.

Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Children today often seem orphans, lacking fathers. The Church too needs fathers. Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians remain timely: "Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers" (*1 Cor 4:15*). Every priest or bishop should be able to add, with the Apostle: "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (*ibid.*). Paul likewise calls the Galatians: "My little children, with whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you!" (*4:19*).

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.

**Calling All St. Augustine's Women**

Catholic Women's League

Add your voice and support to a national sisterhood of Catholic women who promote awareness and respond to political and social issues that affect all Canadians. For more than 100 years, the Catholic's Women's League (CWL) has been that voice. Be a voice in your community by joining the St. Augustine CWL.

Annual dues are \$35. You may pay

by cash or cheque by leaving an envelope with your name, address, email and phone number at the Parish Office or drop it off when you come to Communion on Sunday.

Current members are reminded it is time for your annual renewal.

We look forward to welcoming new members and connecting with current members.

To learn more, contact Samantha [sammyseal86@hotmail.com](mailto:sammyseal86@hotmail.com)

or 604-255-1662

**Contacting Our Parishioners**

Who would have thought we would still be watching Mass from home and keeping a social distance from our fellow parishioners after a year?

St. Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council continues to meet regularly and has been thinking about our community and how we might better communicate with you. To that end, we are forming a telephone committee and, on behalf of Fr. Andrzej, volunteers will be reaching out to confirm and update your contact information.

*We look forward to conversing with you and sharing our Parish goals and future plans together.*

**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.

### Vocation Reflection:

#### "How to Survive (or Thrive Through) Midlife Crisis"

By Jarek Pachocki, OMI - Vocation Director

"When you reach a certain age in life you might experience a crashing transition of identity, purpose and self-confidence, often referred to as a midlife crisis. (...) The experience of Covid19 pandemic might intensify this painful experience even more. So how does one survive a midlife crisis? You can dye your hair, buy a motorcycle or a boat, travel the world... or you can take more fiscally affordable approach and actually thrive though the experience."

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

I also invite you to join the conversation at our next **Vocations Café** this Friday, May 7 at 2:00pm Eastern Time. It will be streamed LIVE on OMI Lacombe Canada Facebook Page <fb.me/missionaryoblates> This time I'll be chatting with Fr. Shanil Jayawardena OMI from the General Service of Oblate Communications in Rome.

Thank you for praying for and encouraging vocations to the Oblate religious life!

Jarek Pachocki OMI  
OMI Lacombe Canada - Vocation Director

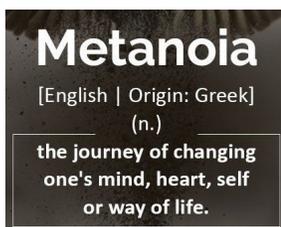


### Augustine's Vocation Ministry

Invites vites 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) . 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 **May 12th at 8:30am**.

### 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](mailto:biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca) to register or for more information. We hope you will join us on this journey of grace, hope,

### 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 School Parent Education Committee (PEC)

Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, the PEC elections, usually held each May, have been postponed until September this year.

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

### Canada Health Day – May 12



Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country.

This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle.

Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for

God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

### Around the Archdiocese...

#### Joy of the Family Week

In celebration of the [Year of the Family](#) and National Week for Life and the Family, the Archdiocese of Vancouver is hosting five virtual events for your family. Each day from May 10 to 14, we will send your family a link to a different event. We will celebrate families with a video, play Kahoot, Archbishop Miller will answer questions, we will have Tik Tok videos and finish with a family rosary. This event is organized by the Ministries and Outreach Office and ecclesial movements and new communities. Learn more at [behold-vancouver.org/events](http://behold-vancouver.org/events)

#### Ecumenical Faith Break - Together in the Spirit

Join us on Tuesday, May 18 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Zoom. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and the BC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Join us for an evening of community, conversation, and reflection. The gifts of the Spirit in relation to the gifts we are to one another as Christians of various denominations. Bishop Gregory Mohr (ELCIC) confirmed his presence. Archbishop Miller will not be able to attend but will possibly send a recorded message. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

#### March for Life - Victoria, BC

The 15th Annual March for Life - Victoria continues to promote a culture of life and a platform to educate society on life issues. This year's presentations will be held online. The program will start with Mass and a prayer service followed by a series of presentations. Join us on Thursday, May 13 at noon. Visit the website [M4LVictoria.ca](http://M4LVictoria.ca) for the schedule of events and speaker details.

And the Immaculate stopped the epidemic



In our days, scourges still decimate our populations. Fratricide wars, as Rwanda and Bosnia, are disastrous and interminable. Cancer and Aids are severe threats for humanity. In the last century, people were more worried about the calamities caused by cholera and typhus fever.

As soon as they arrived in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) in 1847, the Oblate missionaries had to combat a long epidemic of cholera. From 1850 to 1855, this terrible scourge devastated almost all their missions. The professional fishermen in the large city of Jaffna were the first to be afflicted. One thousand Catholics of the 6,000 who could be counted in that city were carried away. Christians were ceaselessly directing their ardent supplication toward heaven.

Bishop de Mazenod worried about his Oblates laboring under this calamity. On December 8, 1854, he had as-

sisted, in Rome, at the Proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. When he returned to Marseille, he immediately wrote to Father Etienne Semeria. His enthusiasm overflowed as he suggested a redoubling of fervor in devotion to the Virgin Mary. "Have confidence," he wrote "exhort your faithful to a greater devotion toward our patroness who is all gentle and all powerful." Three days of Marian prayers were declared to ask for the cessation of this overly prolonged epidemic.

Father Duchaussois, in his book *Sous les Feux de Ceylan* (Under the Fires of Ceylon) recalls this Marian triduum: "There was a procession each day. The prayers rose fervently, but the cholera persisted. On the afternoon of the third day, as two more victims had been buried, the final procession began. Catholics, Protestants, and pagans had decorated their dwellings along the route where Mary passed. As Father Semeria, in the name of all the people, ended the Act of Consecration to Mary, a wave of bliss seemed to flow from the throne of Mary and envelop the assembly. People ran to the hospitals. All the cholera patients were smiling. On the next day 40 of them were released, soon followed by 300 others. The miracle of the Immaculate Conception had brought back life. The proclamation was unanimous.

"Much later, on certain occasions, cholera would return. But it would never again attain regions as vast as in 1850. If epidemics continue to strike the bodies, at least the missionaries will always have the time to save the souls."

André DORVAL, OMI

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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