



Pentecost

Luke has the giving of the Spirit happening on the feast of Pentecost. Jewish tradition saw Pentecost as the feast of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. According to the legend a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. In a further refinement, the fire split into seventy tongues corresponding to the seventy nations of the world, to convey that the Law was proclaimed not only to Israel, but to all nations.

Luke exploits this tradition. He, too, has the mighty wind and tongues of fire coming upon the group of disciples. But for Luke the universal proclamation was not that of the Law, but of the Good News, a proclamation that has undone the sentence of Babel and re-united the scattered nations.

In his Gospel John has the giving of the Spirit happening on Easter Day. However, we must avoid any impression of a two-fold initial solemn bestowal of the Spirit. Luke and John are saying the same thing: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit, and inaugurates the mission of the Church. That they differ in their dating is due to theological concerns.

Liturgical celebrations:

Wednesday – St. Philip Neri (memorial)

Philip Neri was born in Florence in 1515 and educated by the Dominicans. He experienced conversion at the age of 18 and left for Rome, where he lived a life of seclusion and poverty. He studied philosophy and theology for three years before choosing to re-evangelize Rome. In 1548 he helped found a confraternity of laymen to minister to the needy pilgrims. Later he founded the congregation of the Oratorians. Philip Neri is the patron of home missions.

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China – May 24

In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24 be observed as a Day of Prayer for the Church in China. He chose this day since it is the traditional Feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians, who is venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

This Week

Monday, May 24

10:00am Mass

Victoria Day

+Fr. John J. Brioux, OMI

Tuesday, May 25

6:00am Meeting

Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)

8:00am Mass

+Tony Unson

7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, May 26

8:00am Mass

+Chun Ho Lee

7:00pm Meeting

Rite of Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults (Virtual)

7:00pm Mass

Int Desmond & Sandy Viegas

Thursday, May 27

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

Friday, May 28

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

Saturday, May 29

8:00am Mass

+Chun Ho Lee

2:00pm Wedding

5:00pm Mass

Sunday May 30

9:00am Mass

+Chris Milbers

11:00am Mass

+Giuseppina Nardi

5:00pm Mass

Pope's Prayer Intention for May

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Ordinary Time

Why Is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems

from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time in fact represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Why Is Green the Color of Ordinary Time?

Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green.

Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

When Is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the Epiphany and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday, when the liturgical season of Lent begins.

Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday in Advent, when the liturgical year begins again.

**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

"Get up, take the child and his mother" (*Mt 2:13*), God told Saint Joseph.

The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.

Indeed, the proper mission of the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God, like Abraham and Moses, and like Jesus, the "one mediator" (*1 Tim 2:5*), who is our "advocate" with the Father (*1 Jn 2:1*) and who "always lives to make intercession for us" (*Heb 7:25*; cf. *Rom 8:34*).

The saints help all the faithful "to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life". Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice.

Jesus told us: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart" (*Mt 11:29*). The lives of the saints too are examples to be imitated. Saint Paul explicitly says this: "Be imitators of me!" (*1 Cor 4:16*). By his eloquent silence, Saint Joseph says the same.

Before the example of so many holy men and women, Saint Augustine asked himself: "What they could do, can you not also do?" And so he drew closer to his definitive conversion, when he could exclaim: "Late have I loved you, Beauty ever ancient, ever new!"

We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.

Let us now make our prayer to him:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on 8 December, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the year 2020, the eighth of my Pontificate.

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.



HE WAS AMONG THEM

Two things stand out to me in the readings for this coming Sunday. The first is hearing that Jesus appeared with the disciples while the door was locked due to their fear. I am fascinated with this part of the reading: "He was among them." Well of course he was among them; he had spent the better part of his ministry teaching them, living with them, and sharing his faith with them. They knew Him intimately, as well as his Father. Did he need to be there physically to be among them? I don't believe so; yet, it then states that he shared peace with them and proceeded to show them his wounds from crucifixion. They then rejoiced "when they saw the Lord". There are a number of times after his resurrection that Jesus is with people for some time before they realize it is him. Isn't this the same for us? How often do we need to be reminded that Jesus is always among us; or that we are called to see the face of Jesus when we look at others? Even though we may know Him intimately; we don't always recognize Jesus right away. And is it usually in others suffering that we recognize him? Is this why Jesus shared his wounds with the disciples, so that they could recognize him?

The other thing that I notice is that in both readings we hear about the Holy Spirit giving the disciples the gift of language. Language can be defined as: a system of communication used by a particular country or community. In order to share the Good news with new communities, we need to be able to talk with them. People from other places often speak another language, and in order to evangelize, we need to learn to communicate with them. Further to this, if we weren't meant to reach out to other communities, why would we need the gift of another language? The gift from the Holy Spirit. This must mean that we are called to be with people from other places and communities; often with those that are not like us.



This was something that was very dear to St. Eugene de Mazenod, the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He was driven by the belief that we are all God's children, regardless of which community we belong to. And in order to reach out to other communities, he found it necessary to learn their language. This is a gift that he had, that remains important to Oblates today. I encourage you to research St. Eugene to learn more about him.

And so, how will we reach out to communities that are not our own? Are we willing to learn and speak the language of those not like us? Will we try and recognize Christ among us and others? Will we let others into our suffering in order to let them see Christ in us? As we read today, Jesus can come through locked doors to be with us. All we have to do is be willing to see him among us.

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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 **May 26th at 8:30am**.

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.

Around the Archdiocese...



Stewardship Reflection

May 23, 2021 - Pentecost Sunday

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

You recognize a tree by its fruits



To paraphrase a word of Pius XI, we could say: "The best garden to produce fruits of holiness is really the Christian family." Let us take for example the family of Eulalie Durocher who Pope John-Paul II declared Blessed on May 23, 1982. This family gave the Church three priests and two nuns. In addition to Eulalie, the youngest of ten children, who became the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, we should mention her big brother, Flavian, an Oblate of Mary Immaculate. Initially a missionary among the Amerindians at Oka and on the North Shore, in 1853 he founded the parish of Saint-Sauveur in Quebec. When he died in 1877 at the age of seventy-seven, his reputation of holiness was established not only at Saint-Sauveur but in the whole city. He was called "Holy Father Durocher".

A word given

"At the time of the great rally, he says, I took up arms and went to Saint-Antoine-sur-Richelieu. I stayed at the house of a man called Durocher, precisely the father of the Reverend Flavien Durocher, priest of Saint-Sauveur. I had seen some beautiful corn around there. Ten years later and married, I told my family that I wanted to go get some corn. I had no money. I left all the same and went to Saint-Antoine. I arrived, knocked at the door and entered: "Hello everybody! Do you recognize me? I am one of the soldiers who pensioned here three days, ten years ago." "Nobody recognized me except for a girl who had noticed me more than the others. She recognized me and said to Mr. Durocher: He is the one who said that he would come back to get some corn and a woman. "Precisely, I said, I come to fulfill my promise, at least for the corn." This last word was meant to tease the girl who was near thirty. "But, Mr. Durocher, I have no money; I promise you though that I will pay you next year on All Saints' Day." "Oh! That's no problem, he answered, the money is not important; you will have all the corn you want." He gave me my corn and I gave him my word. Just like that, no paper, nothing. I returned home, forgetting even to give him my name. Well, the following year, on the eve of All Saints' Day, I was there with my money.

A word kept

Yes, just on the eve of All Saints' Day, believe it or not! As for me, it was no surprise to be there: I had to be there. But what shows how seriously we took a man's word, was to see upon entering a bed ready for a stranger and the whole family in their Sunday best. "Ah! Sir, he said to me, we knew that you would come; we've been waiting for you since morning; a Canadian never breaks his word."

Hearing this tale, Fr. Lacasse could not hide a couple of tears that ran down his cheeks. The old man with the white hair noticed. He sat up in his chair and said solemnly: "We had our faults, but at least we were honest!"

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