

May 30th 2021  
 Most Holy Trinity

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### Trinity Sunday

The first reading talks about the power and glory of God, who nonetheless, entered a close and loving relationship with his people, Israel, and of the obligations and blessings that flow from such a relationship. This reading stresses the oneness of God.

In the second reading this relationship is taken deeper; we are not just members of God's people, but members of God's family. We are God's children. The Holy

Spirit dwells within us and has made us co-heirs with the Son. The reading makes clear reference to the three persons in God.

The Gospel also makes reference to the three persons of the Blessed Trinity. Jesus, who has total power over the whole universe, now empowers the apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world. The all-powerful Son of God promises to be with them (and by implication with us) until the end of time. The mission of the Church is to help all people to know the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

### Liturgical celebrations:

#### Monday – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (feast)

This feast, commemorating the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, has been celebrated in the Roman liturgy since the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Found in Luke's Gospel, this event is one of rejoicing in the wonders God has done, as both the barren Elizabeth and the young Virgin Mary find themselves with child. Each woman experiences an outpouring of the Holy Spirit: Elizabeth's response is to declare Mary and her child blessed; and Mary's response is the hymn of praise, the Magnificat.

#### Tuesday – Saint Justin (memorial)

Justin was of pagan Greek origin. He trained as a philosopher but later converted to Christianity. Justin was a persuasive Christian apologist, travelling and teaching about Christianity. He was martyred about the year 165.

#### Saturday – Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr (memorial)

St. Boniface was born circa 675 in what is today known as the county of Devon, England. He studied in English monasteries before traveling to Europe, where he converted pagan peoples in present-day Germany and the Netherlands. In his role as a bishop and archbishop, he also worked on church reforms.

## This Week

Please continue to check our webpage at  
[www.staugustineschurch.ca](http://www.staugustineschurch.ca)  
 for information and registration regarding  
 in person Mass services.

### Monday, May 31

7:00pm Mass

### Tuesday, June 1

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)  
 8:00am Mass  
 7:00pm Mass  
 7:30pm Meeting Adult Faith Study (Virtual)

### Wednesday, June 2

8:00am Mass  
 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults (Virtual)  
 7:00pm Mass

### Thursday, June 3

8:00am Mass  
 7:00pm Mass +Davinia Hintay

### Friday, June 4

8:00am Mass First Friday Adoration  
 7:00pm Mass +Yolanda Drazeta  
 +Maria Esperanza & Romeo Legara

### Saturday, June 5

8:00am Mass  
 2:00pm Wedding  
 5:00pm Mass

### Sunday June 6

9:00am Mass Int Rose & Andrew Tin Hla  
 11:00am Mass  
 5:00pm Mass +Joesumar Licopit Icaay

### Pope's Prayer Intention for June

**Evangelization: *The beauty of marriage***

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



### OFFERTORY

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Sunday: \$7,169.00

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### Did you know...



The greatest dogma of the Christian faith is the mystery of the Holy Trinity. (Mystery, in this connection, means a supernatural fact revealed by God which in itself transcends the natural power of human reasoning.) During the first thousand years of Christianity there was no special feast celebrated in honor of this mystery, but, as Pope Alexander II

(1073) declared, every day of the liturgical year was devoted to the honor and adoration of the Sacred Trinity.

However, to counteract the Arian heresy, which denied the fullness of divinity to the Son, a special Mass text in honor of the Holy Trinity was introduced and incorporated in the Roman liturgical books. This Mass was not assigned for a definite day but could be used on certain Sundays according to the private devotion of each priest. From the ninth century on, various bishops of the Frankish kingdoms promoted in their own dioceses a special feast of the Holy Trinity, usually on the Sunday after Pentecost. They used a Mass text that Abbot Alcuin (804) is said to have composed.

Thus the custom of observing a special feast in honor of the Trinity became increasingly popular in the northern countries of Europe. Several synods prescribed it for their respective territories in France, Germany, England, and The Netherlands. In the thirteenth century the orders of the Benedictines and Cistercians adopted the annual celebration of the feast. It was kept on different Sundays in different places, until in 1334 Pope John XXII accepted the festival into the official calendar of the Western Church and ordered that henceforth it should be held everywhere on the Sunday after Pentecost.

A new Mass text was written and published. It is interesting to note that the beautiful Preface of the Trinity as read today is the same one that appeared in the first text of the Sacramentary of Saint Gregory the Great. Most of the other prayers are of later origin.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity now belongs among the great annual festivals of Christianity. Although it is not observed with additional liturgical services outside the Mass, its celebration quickly took root in the hearts and minds of the faithful, and in all countries of Europe popular traditions are closely associated with this feast.

### 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). 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 **June 2nd at 8:30am.**



### SENT OUT ON MISSION

The passage from Matthew's Gospel, which is the conclusion of this gospel, is the story of the commissioning of the disciples to carry on the mission of Jesus. It is a passage that I have returned to often for reflection and prayer. At first glance, it seems a simple, straightforward story. In fact, it is multi-layered and multi-faceted.

The account begins with the disciples going back to Galilee, going to meet Jesus according to his instructions. One can only imagine the reunion. Each time the disciples met the risen Jesus they must have been filled with mixed emotions; mostly they were probably ecstatic that their master, who had died on the cross was with them again. Matthew says that when the disciples saw Jesus, they worshipped him, and rightly so. However, Matthew adds a short phrase that changes the scene and provides for rich reflection. Matthew says "but some doubted". This is reminiscent of Thomas' experience in the upper room right after the resurrection. Matthew does not say that any of the disciples failed to worship, just that some doubted. As I reflect on this part of the passage, I can relate to the doubters. I believe that they looked around at their friends, the other disciples and realized that they probably all had questions and doubts as well, and yet they were worshipping Jesus. They probably looked at their friends and thought "if they can believe, so can I". It didn't resolve their doubt, but in their hearts, they knew that they were all on this journey of faith together and they could count on the support and care of the others as they all journeyed toward a deeper understanding of their experience and a deeper faith in Jesus. Community is the key for the disciples' experience of faith.

Jesus then sends the disciples out to make disciples, to teach what he had taught them. The mission is handed on to the group of disciples – the church. It is a shared mission, and each individual could count on the care and support of the others in fulfilling the mission. Again, community is the key to living out the mission entrusted to the disciples. Finally, Jesus reminds them that they are not alone – that he will be with them always, until the end of the age. This marvellous gift of the Lord's presence among us enables us, as individuals and as community, to live out our vocation as disciples of Jesus, sent out on mission. For this reason, we should never be afraid or hesitant to respond to God's call to whatever vocation God is inviting us to live. We are not alone – we have one another in community and we have Jesus with us, guiding us by his Word and by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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### 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.

**An urgent appeal****[CCOVI-19: Appeal From Caritas India](#)**

**Toward the end of April 2021, India was in the grip of a devastating second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**By May 6, daily case numbers were over 400,000.**

Last week, Fr. Paul Moonjely, executive director of Caritas India, wrote to Caritas Internationalis, asking its members to "encourage the community of [the] faithful, institutions and people of goodwill to contribute generously" to help his organization cope with the crisis. He also sent the following video message: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnB7YaHWV70&t=160s&ab\\_channel=DevelopmentandPeace](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnB7YaHWV70&t=160s&ab_channel=DevelopmentandPeace)

**Redoubling relief efforts**

Since the pandemic began, India's Catholic Church, acting principally through Caritas India, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups, such as slum dwellers, migrant labourers, households with persons with special needs, widows and homeless persons. Relief services and materials provided by the Church or with its support have included:

- Food at kitchens and distribution centres in slums, at migration transit points, etc.
- Masks, sanitizers and hygiene kits to vulnerable communities
- Psychosocial support and hotline services to traumatized and grieving people
- Public education campaigns on infection prevention and vaccination
- Broad-spectrum services focussed on migrants
- Support rendered to the public healthcare system, including the donation of the expertise, facilities and equipment of Church-run clinics and hospitals

To meet the challenges posed by the second wave of the pandemic, Caritas India will have to redouble these relief efforts. Fr. Moonjely wrote, "There is a strong urgency to reach out to the strained and stranded population that has been dispossessed and isolated. We are faced with a massive challenge of preventing our health care system from further collapse...."

*Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has pledged \$50,000 to the Caritas network to help the Indian people at this critical time.*

*To donate to help Caritas India to deal with the Covid crisis and to find out more information go to: <https://www.dev.org/en>*

**Holy Communion at St. Augustine's**

Those who wish to receive Holy Communion this weekend may do so by visiting the Church this Sunday between 12 noon and 2:00pm.

**St. Augustine's School news...****PTT Says "Thank you"**

A very heartfelt thank you to our parishioners and school parents who participated in this year's online Pass the Torch event on May 15. Our 20th anniversary PTT was a huge success and we are humbled by your generosity as we raised more than \$136,000. Given we had more than 430 devices connected to the event, we know many, many more people than ever were able to participate. The Pass the Torch organizing committee and Faith & Foundation say "thank you" for your enduring commitment to complete our school and support for Catholic education.

**Update on Vancouver City Council Motion**

On May 25, City Council voted down (7 – 3) a motion that would have taken away a neighbourhood's ability to provide feedback on certain rezoning changes contemplated for parts of the city, including our own. Thank you to our parents and parishioners who wrote to the councillors and/or participated in the public hearing process. With respect to BC Housing's supportive housing proposal at 7th Avenue and Arbutus, we were informed that a rezoning application will be moving forward in the summer but that public hearings will be delayed until the spring of 2022.

**Around the Archdiocese...****Stewardship Reflection May 30, 2021 - The Most Holy Trinity**

*"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." - Romans 8:16-17*

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God.

Do we treat it that way?

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**Ministry to Divorced and Separated - I Have Called You by Name**

The RCAV Ministry to Divorced and Separated invites you to join us in watching the very first episode in "The Chosen" Series, "I Have Called You by Name" on Thursday, June 3, 7:30 - 9 p.m. There will also be an opportunity for guided personal reflection. Learn more and register at

[beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**Shrewd Brother Moffet**



Having arrived in Temiscaming at the age of twenty, Brother Joseph Moffet stayed in that area for fifty-seven years (1872-1929). He became famous especially for his contribution to the development of Ville-Marie and the surrounding parishes. Throughout his career, he showed himself to be an ingenious organizer and clever overseer, never at a loss for means to carry out the most difficult jobs and successfully complete even the most daring undertakings. His many services to the colonists earned him the title of "Father of Temiscaming", while the Amerindians called him Maïakisis, "The man who rises before the sun."

Times were hard and the roads dreadful. During his many trips between Mattawa and Ville-Marie, in summer as in winter, the Brother had to face all kinds of difficulties. Known for a hundred miles around, for twenty years he was the supplier

of the colonists and logging companies of the area. Everyone relied on his competence for the purchase and transport of fodder, grains and other goods. Having no branches in Temiscaming, the managers of the Bank of Mattawa were accustomed to entrusting Bro. Moffet with the delicate mission of transporting the money necessary for the wages of the several thousands of loggers in the North. To thwart possible swindlers, the Oblate had recourse to a trick. On his sledge, mingled with bags of grain, one could see what appeared to be ordinary round bundles which, however, his sharp eyes watched attentively. The porters suspected nothing of these precious deposits. At the various relays, the brother himself removed the bags of money from his load and entrusted them to the hotelkeeper with this ruse: "Put them in a safe place. It is medicine for the horses." The instructions were scrupulously respected and relay after relay the money made its way without a hitch.

An agent of the McLaughlin Company came one day to ask Bro. Moffet if he would agree to transport from the end of Lake Temiscaming to Lac des Quinze an immense boiler for a steamboat. Fr. Eugene Nadeau tells us of the adventure in these terms: "The distance was 75 miles (120 km), including 50 on the lake and the remainder by land. He offered the brother 50 dollars. He, considering the wages little in proportion to the risks of the job, asked for 75. The company thought of granting the contract to another. The following day, however, the agent returned and promised the requested price. "Sir, answered the Oblate, you know that one day less in March means a lot: it is now a hundred dollars!" A new refusal. So someone else was found for the project. But they had hardly set out when a breakdown left the boiler stranded on the lake. Our man thus, with some embarrassment, had to approach the brother for a third time. They would pay the hundred dollars now if all arrived in time and in good condition. "Sir, retorted the brother, wrinkling his eyebrow, this is serious business! This failure frightens me. It is now 200 dollars!" "Agreed, you will get it!"

Responsible for the boiler, the brother started by hermetically sealing it at both ends, inserting as many pegs as there were openings. This way, if the ice suddenly yielded, the kettle would float. Then he tied a whole series of strong tree trunks over the runners of his sledge, thus transforming it into a kind of large snowshoe to support the load if one of the blades suddenly cut the ice. Four horses pulled the heavy load of cast iron. In three days, the kettle arrived at its destination and the company was happy to give the Oblate his 200 dollars, convinced in the end that his daring had saved thousands for the McLaughlin Company!"

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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