

June 6th 2021

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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### The Body and Blood of Christ

The theme of covenant dominates all three readings. The reading from Exodus describes the ratification of the Sinai covenant between God and Israel. The covenant was sealed with the blood of the animals. Blood is a symbol of life which belongs exclusively to God. The sprinkling of the people with blood symbolizes the fact that God is sharing his life with them.

Jesus established a new covenant. Like the old covenant, it too was sealed with blood, except now it is not the blood of animals but his own blood. A new rite (Eucharist) was instituted which would be a perpetual reminder of the infinite bond that now exists between God and his people. In the Eucharist Jesus shares his life with us.

By the sacrificial death of Christ, the supreme high priest, God has entered into a new and eternal covenant with his people.

### Liturgical celebrations:

#### Friday – Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (solemnity)

Our modern understanding of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been shaped by the visions experienced by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. In modern times, the image of the Sacred Heart has become a sign that the love of Jesus rules over the family. In 1899, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

#### World Day of Prayer for Priests– June 11

Catholics worldwide are urged to pray for priests on that day. The day was begun by St. John Paul II in 2002 with the objective of having all Catholic faithful join in prayer for the sanctification of priests.

#### 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.

## This Week

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

### Monday, June 7

7:00pm Mass +Rose Kuzik

### Tuesday, June 8

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)  
 8:00am Mass +Yolanda Drazeta  
 7:00pm Mass Int Mary Kelly  
 7:30pm Meeting Adult Faith Study (Virtual)

### Wednesday, June 9

8:00am Mass +Corazon Fernandez  
 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults (Virtual)  
 7:00pm Mass Int Gary Yearley

### Thursday, June 10

8:00am Mass +Corazon Fernandez  
 7:00pm Mass

### Friday, June 11

8:00am Mass Int D'Arcy & Ee-Laine Radelet  
 7:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan

### Saturday, June 12

8:00am Mass  
 1:00pm Wedding  
**5:00pm Mass**

### Sunday June 13

**9:00am Mass** +Chris Milbers  
**11:00am Mass** +René Geronimo  
**1:30pm Mass** Confirmation (Private)  
**5:00pm Mass**  
**7:00pm Mass** Confirmation (Private)

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Sunday: \$5,684.00

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**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

Isla Marie Hoyda

**REST IN PEACE**

Yolanda Drazeta

Rose Kuzik

Gina Bastone

**A word from Fr. Andrzej...**

All of us at St Augustine's are deeply grieved by the news of the tragic deaths of hundreds of young Indigenous children at the Kamloops Residential School while under the care and protection of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

My deepest condolences go out to all who have been directly or indirectly affected by this unprecedented tragedy of Canadian history. Myself and my confreres owe it to each and every one of you to ensure that these children have not died in vain. As we struggle to move forward in a concrete and meaningful way, let the long-silenced voices of these innocents be heard. Let their spirits guide us through the love they left behind and to the justice they deserve.

There is no sorrow without joy; no darkness without light. May the departed souls of these innocent children reach out to comfort and sustain all those who walk in their stead as we move forward to true and abiding reconciliation.

God bless you all,

**Fr. Andrzej**



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*Regarding news from the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Nation (Kamloops Indian Band) of the discovery of the remains of 215 children at the Kamloops Indian Residential School.*

On behalf of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, I wish to express my heartfelt sadness and sincere regret for the deep pain and distress the discovery of the remains of children buried on the grounds of Kamloops Indian Residential School brings to the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation, and other affected indigenous communities, especially family members of the deceased. I appreciate the sensitive and respectful way in which this difficult work is being carried out. This heart-breaking discovery brings the tragedy of the residential school system into the light once again and demands that we continue to confront its legacy.

The Missionary Oblates were administrators and teachers at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. Through our own ongoing reflection, and the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, we are growing into a deepening awareness of the damage caused to indigenous peoples, the enduring harm caused by colonization and the part our religious order played in it through the residential school system.

This growing awareness leads us to an increased desire to listen deeply and learn from indigenous communities where Oblates continue to live and minister. The Oblates remain committed to humbly participating in ongoing efforts towards reconciliation and healing for our role in this painful part of our shared history.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ken Thorson, OMI  
Provincial  
OMI Lacombe Canada

**First Nations - Archdiocese of Vancouver**

The Archdiocese of Vancouver acknowledges that the land on which we gather and work is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the

Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

**Other Sources for Information:**

Statement of Commitment by Archbishop Miller:

<https://rcav.org/first-nations>

**1991 Oblate Apology:**

[http://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/oblate\\_apology\\_english.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/oblate_apology_english.pdf)

**2009/2013 Sisters of St. Ann statement:**

<http://ssabc.ca/statement-on-behalf-of-congregations-of-women-religious-involved-in-the-indian-residential-schools-of-canada/>

**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.

**Please join us in continuing to pray for the Tk'emlups te Secwépemc Nation and for a renewed commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.**

Creator God of love and justice, comforter of those who mourn, we turn to you acknowledging the actions of our Church and our nation. We have asked forgiveness and committed to work for healing and reconciliation. But we are painfully aware that for some, that change came too late.

We offer you our sorrow for the wrongs committed against the people of this land, our First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in Canada's Indian Residential Schools.

We offer you our contrition for what was allowed to happen, and for what will never be.

We offer you our repentance for the injustices borne of arrogance and the harm done through indifference.

We pray for comfort for the families and communities whose children, siblings, family, and friends were taken from home but did not return.

We pray for consolation of hearts wounded through separation and trauma.

We pray for healing of bodies, minds, and spirits wounded through abuse and oppression.

We ask for clear eyes, that we may face the story of our nation and our Church with honesty.

We ask for open hearts, that we may hear the stories of Indigenous Peoples with humility.

We ask for courage, that we may once again ask our brothers and sisters for forgiveness.

We declare our desire to be a people who pursue peace.

We declare our resolve to be a people who remember.

We declare our commitment to be a people of truth and reconciliation.

Holy One, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen, of story and of song, of heartbeat and of tears, of bodies, souls, voices and all relations: you are the God of all truth and the way of all reconciliation. Come upon us, O Divine Healer, and open our eyes to the injustices brought against the Indigenous peoples of this land, their languages and cultures. May you be known for healing and wholeness, rather than being blamed for abuses that were brought about by human weakness and hostility. Make us people of integrity and bearers of hope, that we may commit to restoring relationships and to journeying together, as Non-Indigenous and Indigenous brothers and sisters, to a place of peace in you, where every tear will be wiped away, and every sorrow turned to joy. Give us one heart and one mind to walk together in the love and strength of your Spirit, in truth, reconciliation, and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our brother, our Lord, and our hope.

Amen. St. Paul, pray for us.

*Darcie Lich  
Oblate Associate  
Saskatoon*



**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 1:00pm.



[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.devp.org/en>

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New Parishioner  Need Envelopes  Information Change

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Spouse First Name	Spouse Last Name
Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth	
Mailing Address	
City	Phone
Postal Code	Email
Comments	