



July 11th 2021
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Working for Christ

Amos is sent to prophesy to the people of Israel (First Reading). In the Gospel we have the sending out of the Twelve.

Amos was a prophet by divine call. In his case the call had come to a poor, unsophisticated shepherd and 'dresser of sycamore trees', a total outsider to the ranks of the professional prophets. Much the same could be said about the man Jesus chose 'to be with him'. Jesus having instructed them, the time had come for them to take an active part in his ministry. Their mission was an extension of his own mission, and he gave them the power to accomplish this.

In understanding his instructions as to what they were to take with them, we must remember that this was only a temporary mission, of short duration and limited to the surrounding Jewish town and villages. The final commissioning, in which they were sent to the whole world, was still in the future.

Liturgical Celebrations

Thursday - St. Bonaventure (memorial)

Bonaventure had a great influence on the Franciscan Order. He has been called its second founder. Bonaventure joined the Friars Minor at age 20 and was sent to the University of Paris, where he studied and then taught philosophy and theology. Thomas Aquinas was his friend and colleague.

The Pope, preparing an Ecumenical Council at Lyons designed to reunite the Greek and Latin rites, called on Thomas and Bonaventure to assist him. Thomas Aquinas died on the way to the Council and at the end of it, Bonaventure, who had been the predominant figure at the assembly, also died.

In 1588 He was declared a Doctor of the Church.

This Week

Monday, July 12

7:00pm Mass Int Michelle Chang

Tuesday, July 13

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
7:00pm Mass +Jerzy & Helena Kwiatek

Wednesday, July 14

7:00pm Mass Int Amelita Pineda

Thursday, July 15

8:00am Mass +Jim Holleran
11:00am Funeral +Cecilia Ng

Friday, July 16

8:00am Mass +Dao Van Nguyen

Saturday, July 17

8:00am Mass +Kristofer Nino Bihis
5:00pm Mass +Anita Baltazar & Antonio Muñoz

Sunday July 18

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass +Ivan Gervasio
5:00pm Mass Int Rufina Amandiz

Pope's Prayer Intention for July

Universal: Social friendship -

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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REST IN PEACE

Pasquale Pulice

Cecilia Ng



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
St. Augustine's Church
Sunday June 27th 2021**



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.



SURELY YOU HAVE MADE OTHER PLANS!

Any organization, in order to achieve their goals and materialize their vision, needs to have a strategic plan. It basically defines concrete steps and actions in the process, clarifies expectations and provides transparent communications to all involved. As Peter Drucker, an Austrian-American management consultant, educator, and author, once said, *"In the face of uncertainties, planning defines the particular place you want to be and how you intend to get there."*

When we read the Gospel story, and witness Jesus' death on the cross, his resurrection, as well as the terror of the disciples in the Upper Room after his assumption, we can clearly see "the face of uncertainties". What was God's strategic plan then? How can the great commission, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations!" (Mathew 28:19), be fulfilled and all its goals achieved?

There is a story told (I don't know who to credit it to) that after Jesus returned to heaven, he and the Archangel Gabriel had a conversation. Even in heaven Jesus bore the marks of the crucifixion. Gabriel said, "Master, you must have suffered horribly! Do people know and appreciate how you love them and what you did for them?" Jesus replied, "Oh, no; not yet. Right now, only a few people in Palestine know." Gabriel was perplexed: "Then what have you done to let everyone know about your love?" Jesus answered, "I have asked Peter, Andrew, James, John, and a few more friends to tell others about me. Those who are told will tell others about me, and still others until the last man and the last woman in the farthest corner of the earth will have heard the story of how I gave my life for them because I love them so much." Gabriel frowned and looked rather skeptical. "Yes, but what if Peter and the others grow weary? What if the people who come after them forget? Surely you have made other plans!"

Said Jesus, "Gabriel, I haven't made any other plans. I'm counting on them."

As we hear in this weekend's Gospel, Jesus' strategy was very simple and involved discipleship (being called) and witness (being sent). "He called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two..." (Mark 6:7) Knowing that the Church is made up of saints and sinners, broken people and wounded healers, a variety of cultures and spiritualities, you might wonder how this is going to work out.

Looking at the centuries of evangelization efforts, it seems like the plan has worked out pretty well. History shows that not everything went perfectly, but over and over again there were people who answered the call and embraced the mission of being sent.

Now it's our time! God calls each one of us to a personal relationship with him and to missionary discipleship. Some of us might be called as a spouse, parent or single person. Some might be called as a religious brother or sister, or to the priesthood. Some of us might be called to a specific ministry within the Church or society. It's up to us now to live as witnesses to the Gospel. Surely God hasn't made other plans, because he is counting on YOU.

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Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning Monday July 5th, there are six week day Masses:

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm

Thursday/Friday/Saturday mornings at 8:00am

Stewardship Reflection

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"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." Mark 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

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Year of St. Joseph



Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, beginning Dec. 8, 2020 and ending Dec. 8, 2021, in honour of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The Pope established a Year of St. Joseph, who with the Canadian Martyrs is one of Canada's patron saints, so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." Visit rcav.org/stjoseph to learn more.

Around the Archdiocese...

Spiritual Care Training Program



Registration is now open for the Spiritual Care Training Program beginning September 2021. The Spiritual Care Training Program provides one way to answer the call of reaching out to our brothers and sisters who are suffering right now and need support and expressions of care and love. This 9-week training course teaches skills in how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some of the topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries, and self-care.

Receive your workbook and pay only \$25 when you register by August 11, 2021. The registration price will increase to \$40 after August 11, and we cannot guarantee workbooks will arrive in time for the training start date.

Wednesdays, September 15 - November 10, 2021, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Year of the Family



On March 19, the Church celebrated five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* on the beauty and joy of love in the family. Pope Francis announced that a special year dedicated to the family will launch on the same day, which will conclude on June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father.

"This special Year will be an opportunity to deepen further the content of the document *Amoris laetitia*, through proposals and pastoral tools. These will be made available to ecclesial communities and families, to accompany them on their journey." Learn more and view resources at rcav.org/year-of-the-family.

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