



August 15th 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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The Book of Revelation describes the ultimate battle between God and evil, represented here by the dragon. The woman represents the Church, and the child represents Christ (the Messiah). Like the woman in the vision the Church is undergoing suffering and persecution at the time of writing the vision.

The dragon confronts the woman to devour her child. But the child is taken up by God – a reference to the ascension of Jesus. Jesus defeated the dragon and was exalted to God's right hand. The woman (the Church) flees to the desert to escape the persecution. There she is nourished by God, just as were the Israelites of old. The final verse praises the triumph of God and Christ.

The reading was meant to encourage the early Christians by assuring them that God would finally triumph. It should do the same for us. Even though the figure of the woman in the first place represents the Church, it can also be seen as representing Mary. As the mother of Jesus, she was at the heart of the battle between God and the powers of evil. Therefore, it is entirely fitting that (through her Assumption) she should share in the spoils of victory.

Liturgical Celebrations

Friday – Saint Bernard (memorial)

St. Bernard was born near Dijon, France, in 1090. In his *Apologia*, he wrote that it was because his unruly nature that he chose the newly founded Cistercians, thinking their austerity could tame him. At 22, Bernard went to Citeaux, an abbey known for its strict observance of St. Benedict's Rule. His remarkable enthusiasm helped persuade his uncle, his brothers and many friends to join him. A group of about 30 men left for the abbey. Within three years, Bernard was sent with 12 monks to a diocese in Champagne where he founded the monastery where he ruled as abbot for the rest of his life. His writings have had a lasting influence on Catholic spirituality and his abbey became the motherhouse for dozens of Cistercian monasteries around the world.

Saturday – St. Pius X (memorial)

Giuseppe Sarto was born in Riese, Italy, in 1835. His mother insisted that he get the education and fulfill his desire to become a priest. Ordained at 23, he was involved in pastoral ministry for 17 years. In 1884 he became a bishop, then cardinal in 1892 and was elected pope in 1903. He died in 1914. His recommendations and encyclicals reflect his pastoral background: he advocated frequent communion for adults and sacramental preparation for children. He was canonized in 1954.

This Week

Monday, August 16

7:00pm Mass Int Sharon Martin

Tuesday, August 17

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)

7:00pm Mass +Kristofer Nino Bihis

Wednesday, August 18

7:00pm Mass Int Frank Jaromamy

Thursday, August 19

8:00am Mass +Lynnore & Melencio Pascual

Friday, August 20

8:00am Mass +Myriam Perez

Saturday, August 21

8:00am Mass +Ho Chun Lee

1:00pm Wedding

5:00pm **Mass** Int Neil Charity

Sunday August 22

9:00am **Mass**

11:00am **Mass** +Gerald Fitzgerald

5:00pm **Mass** +Karol Campa

Pope's Prayer Intention for August

Evangelization – The Church -

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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 Sunday: \$9,084.00
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WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

William Vincenzo Richter
 Andrea Tarriba Gutierrez
 Maya Tarriba Martinez
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REST IN PEACE

Shigemi Mori

**ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT 2021**

Registration is now open for the Men's Retreat 2021: **Man in the Arena**. It's been two years since our last men's retreat and it feels good to be returning to Rock Ridge Canyon.

What can you expect this year? Powerful talks to fuel your spiritual life, outdoor activities at the rugged, lakeside setting of Rock Ridge Canyon, and an experience that will give you the skills you need to be the man in the arena of your life.

This event is always attended by men from St. Augustine's parish and is highly recommended. Information and registration can be found at:

<https://www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat>

If you have any questions you can contact Ben Hume by email at bhume03@gmail.com

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA is the process of inquiry for those interested in learning about the Catholic faith. It is an opportunity for adults to 'come and see' what Catholic Christians believe. The process welcomes those who feel drawn to Christ. There is no commitment by attending a meeting.

It is for adults who are thinking about joining the Catholic Church. Adults who have been baptized in other Christian traditions and are thinking about being received into full communion with the Catholic Church and for baptized Catholics who have not been confirmed.

The RCIA process runs from mid-September through May to Pentecost. We meet Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm.

If you are interested in the Catholic faith or know someone who is, please contact Linda Arnold at 604-736-4455 Ext 229 or rcia@staugustineschurch.ca for more information.

Heads Up!**BC Bishop's Campaign in support of Healing and Reconciliation**

The Catholic Bishops of British Columbia recognize the need for a province-wide initiative to raise funds to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in our Province. This appeal will launch formally in September 2021.

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is launching its Campaign immediately, and then will hold an Archdiocesan-wide Second Collection on the weekend of September 11/12.

The goal of the Campaign is to support Indian Residential School survivors and Indigenous communities in British Columbia as part of the Archdiocese's ongoing response to the recommendations of the Truth and reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

100% of contributions made to the Archdiocese of Vancouver for this Campaign will be allocated for these projects.

As much as possible, these projects will be carried out in consultation with Indigenous leadership, survivors, elders, and other community members. It is our hope that this Campaign will help to restore trust and further the ongoing journey to truth and reconciliation.

If you prefer to donate by cheque, please make the cheque payable to the Archdiocese of Vancouver with "Healing and Reconciliation in the memo."

**St. Augustine's Youth Group Reunion
 with Fr. Vince James from 1981 - 1983.**

We are planning a potluck picnic at Locarno Beach in August.

Call Salvatore for more info. 604-710-2100 or email: sjv1@telus.net

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.

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LEGION OF MARY

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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	