



August 22nd 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Will you also leave me?



The first reading deals with a covenant-renewal ceremony that took place at Shechem shortly after the people had entered the promised land. Joshua called upon them to make a choice: to serve the God of their fathers or to serve other gods. All the tribes of Israel declared, 'We will serve the Lord.'

In a similar way Jesus called upon the people who had listened to his discourse on the Bread of Life to make up their minds whether or not they were going to believe in him and follow him. Sadly, apart from the Twelve, many deserted him. Even among the Twelve a traitor lurked.

Even though Jesus was sad to see those people leaving him, he let them go. It wasn't great crowds that excited him. What mattered to him (and what should matter to the Church) was the authenticity and sincerity of those who stayed.

Just as St. Mark's account of the ministry in Galilee ends on a note of disbelief (Fourteenth Sunday), so it is here. And in St. Peter's reaction we have John's parallel to the synoptic scene at Caesarea Philippi (Twenty-fourth Sunday).

Liturgical Celebrations

Tuesday – St. Bartholomew (feast)

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke and the Acts of the Apostles count Bartholomew as one of the 12 apostles, associating his name with Philip. John's Gospel links the name Nathaniel with Philip and never mentions Bartholomew. Apart from that, we know little about him.

What is certain is that Bartholomew left everything to follow Jesus, becoming his disciple, friend and an apostle entrusted with the continuation of his mission.

Friday – St. Monica (memorial)

St. Monica was born in North Africa in 332 of Christian parents. At a young age, she was given in marriage to Patricius; they had three children. Patricius criticized his wife's piety and her generosity to the poor, but was always respectful of her person. Monica's influence was such that both husband and mother-in-law converted to Christianity. Monica devoted herself to the conversion of her son, Augustine, who had abandoned his Christian faith. All we know about Monica comes from Augustine's Confessions.

Saturday – St. Augustine (memorial)

Saint Augustine was born in North Africa. He lived from 354 to 430. Augustine taught in North Africa for several years and then opened a school of rhetoric in Roma and then moved to Milan. There he heard the sermons of bishop Ambrose and became convicted of the truth of Christianity. He was baptized by Ambrose in 387. In 391, the people of Hippo insisted Augustine be ordained. During his lifetime, Augustine successfully defended the Christian faith against several heresies.

This Week

Monday, August 23

7:00pm Mass +Pasquale Pulice

Tuesday, August 24

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

7:00pm Mass +Sixto Tinio

Wednesday, August 25

7:00pm Mass +Gilby Carlos

Thursday, August 26

8:00am Mass +Ron Lane-Smith

Friday, August 27

8:00am Mass Int Fr. Vince James, OMI

11:00am Bapt

Saturday, August 28

8:00am Mass +Esperanza Legara

2:00pm Wedding

5:00pm Mass +Marela Dichupa

Sunday August 29

9:00am Mass +William Win Aung

11:00am Mass

2:00pm Baptism

5:00pm Mass +G. Bonifacio

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: \$8,017.00

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Hannah Wing-Yen Lee
&
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REST IN PEACE

James (Jim) Macdonald

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UNDERSTAND MORE FULLY
THE **GOSPEL OF SALVATION** IN

Romans

AN 8-PART BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join St. Augustine's Adult Faith Group for a study of St. Paul's letter to the Romans. Each session involves watching and discussing a video presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins. Come learn more about our faith and grow in community with your fellow parishioners. We invite you to join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9 PM, from September 28 through December 7. Registration is required and limited. For more information or to register, see the bulletin and email biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca

**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.

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

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.

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.

Vocations Reflection:**Freedom to Choose**

God didn't create us to keep us under absolute control rather, God gave us freedom which is the power to choose. We can choose to obey or to disobey, to do good or to do evil. We all highly value our personal freedom. In fact, freedom is God's greatest gift to us. Therefore, to be deprived of freedom is to be like a bird without its wings. But with freedom comes responsibility. Because we are free, we are also responsible for our own choices and we have to answer for them. There are benefits for choosing wisely and there are also consequences for choosing wrongly. After having given us freedom, God will never take our freedom away from us, even when we abuse it.

Christian freedom implies life in abundance which is what Jesus came share. But what we all have to face is that **most of us, most of the time, don't want to be free, we want to be comfortable**. But by admitting how we prefer comfort to freedom is actually a step toward freedom if we can be honest with ourselves. By praying honestly, we can say we are afraid of God's call, but prayer also deepens our relationship to God and to ourselves.

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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.

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Spouse First Name	Spouse Last Name
Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth	
Mailing Address	
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