



### But who do you say that I am?

As they walk along, Jesus takes the initiative in probing his disciples' thoughts concerning himself: Who do people say that I am? Often in the Gospel, Jesus' questions are a signal that he is about to give a new teaching. This first question, about the opinions of others, prepares for the more personal and weighty question. Their answer lists some popular opinions: John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets. People undoubtedly thought these views represented a very high opinion of Jesus.

They envision him not as anything significant in himself, but merely as a new manifestation of an important figure from the past. But who do you say that I am? This is the question at the heart of the Gospel, addressed not only to the disciples but to every reader. All that Mark has recounted so far in his Gospel has led up to this question. Everyone who encounters him must eventually wrestle with the question: Who is he? Ultimately this question must be answered from within the depths of each person's heart. Peter's response is: You are the Messiah. What response do we give to that important question?

### Liturgical celebrations:

#### Monday – Saint John Chrysostom (memorial)

Saint John Chrysostom lived from about 347 to 407. Born in Antioch, he was trained as an orator. In 374 he joined the community of hermits but returned to Antioch due to poor health. He was named Archbishop of Constantinople and began a program of reform. Uncompromising in political and ecclesiastical affairs, he made enemies who eventually contrived to have him exiled. To avoid an uprising, John was taken away in secret, but died on the journey. He is a patron of preachers.

#### Tuesday – The Exaltation of the Cross (feast)

This liturgical feast has been celebrated since early times. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, two churches in Jerusalem were dedicated to the cross on this day and the occasion was commemorated annually. Adopted by the Church in Rome during the 7<sup>th</sup> century, the feast commemorates both the dedication of the original church of the Holy Sepulchre in 355 and Christ's victory over death.

#### Wednesday – Our Lady of Sorrows (memorial)

Formerly known as the 'Seven Sorrows of Mary,' this feast was instituted in 1668 by the Servite Friars. In 1814, Pius VII extended the feast to the whole Western Church in commemoration of the sufferings he had endured during his captivity in France. The seven sorrows are: Simeon's prophecy, the flight to Egypt, the disappearance of the boy Jesus in Jerusalem, the road to Calvary, the crucifixion, the removal from the cross, and the entombment.

## This Week

### Monday, September 13

7:00pm Mass +Art Blott

### Tuesday, September 14

8:00am Mass +Julie R. Jalbuena  
6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)  
7:00pm Mass +James (Jim) Macdonald

### Wednesday, September 15

8:00am Mass +Necel H. Dueñas  
5:30pm Baptism  
7:00pm Mass +Concetta Mastrangelo-Ficco

### Thursday, September 16

8:00am Mass  
7:00pm Mass +James (Jim) Macdonald

### Friday, September 17

8:00am Mass +Kristofer Nino Bihis  
7:00pm Mass Int Liliana Ivazeta

### Saturday, September 18

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

### Sunday September 19

**9:00am Mass** Int Desirée Narvaez  
**11:00am Mass**  
2:00pm Wedding  
**5:00pm Mass** +G. Bonifacio

### Pope's Prayer Intention for September

**Universal:** *An environmentally sustainable lifestyle -*

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**OFFERTORY**

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Sunday: \$8,424.00

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**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

Valentine Patrick John Kirwan

**MARRIED IN CHRIST**

Beverly Jean Ong Ngo & Eric Jonathan Sy

UNDERSTAND MORE FULLY  
THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION IN

**Romans**

AN 8-PART BIBLE STUDY

**Adult Faith 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

Swofford 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](mailto:biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca)

St. Augustine School, Parent Education Committee (PEC) has two vacant roles upcoming. Nominations for election are being accepted until September 15th. The election will be held September 30th. For more information and to receive a nomination form please contact a member of the PEC Nominations Committee:

Joe Meehan ([joseph.e.meehan@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.e.meehan@gmail.com)),

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**The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross****Exaltation  
of  
the  
CROSS**

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three cross-

es. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

**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](mailto:rcia@staugustineschurch.ca) for more information.

**Employment Opportunity:**

Office Manager/Administrative Assistant at Saints Peter & Paul Parish.

For more info go to: [rcav.org/jobs](http://rcav.org/jobs).

**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.



## Parish Information

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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

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