

October 3rd 2021

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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What God has joined together, let no one separate

There are two accounts of the institution of marriage in the Book of Genesis. The first sees marriage as a means of procreation. The second, which is also our first reading today, sees marriage as meeting the human need for companionship and equality.

The Pharisees allowed a husband to divorce his wife because of "an indecency in her" (*Deuteronomy 24:1-4*). Appealing to The Book of Genesis, Jesus stressed the unity created by marriage, which would forbid breaking the marriage bond. Jesus leaves no doubt as to what the ideal marriage ought to be. But this doesn't mean he wasn't aware of, and sympathetic towards, the problems that can arise in living out that ideal.

The Gospel also shows Jesus' love for the little ones, and tells us that we must receive the kingdom the way children receive a gift.

Liturgical celebrations:

Monday – Saint Francis of Assisi (memorial)

Francesco Bernardone was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1181 or 1182. The son of a wealthy silk merchant, Francis lived a life of comfort and pleasure. As a young soldier and prisoner of war he gave up the idea of being a knight. Believing his call was to serve God and the poor, he chose the way of poverty and self-denial. In 1206, he felt called to repair God's house, following the command literally. In 1209 he understood that his work was to build up the Church by preaching repentance. His zeal won disciples, and in 1210 a rule was approved, with the pope giving Francis and his companions a commission to preach. By 1219, they numbered 5000. In September of 1224, he received the stigmata, marks on his own body resembling the wounds of the crucified Christ. Francis is also recognized as being the first to teach that the earth itself is holy. He died on October 3, 1226 and was canonized two years later. He is a patron of Italy and of ecologists

Thursday – Dedication of the Holy Rosary Cathedral (feast)

Mass and readings from common of the dedication of a Church.

This Week

Monday, October 4

7:00pm Mass Int Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI

Tuesday, October 5

8:00am Mass Int Evelyn Vollet
 6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
 6:00pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)
 7:00pm Mass +Sau Keung Li
 7:30pm Meeting Adult Faith Study

Wednesday, October 6

8:00am Mass Int Frances Wong
 7:00pm Mass +Carol Daniells

Thursday, October 7

8:00am Mass
 9:15am Mass St. Augustine's School Mass
 7:00pm Mass

Friday, October 8

8:00am Mass +Charito Roman
 7:00pm Mass

Saturday, October 9

8:00am Mass
 3:00pm Wedding
 5:00pm Mass

Sunday October 10

9:00am Mass +Kay Irish
 11:00am Mass
 2:00pm Bapt
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 5:00pm Mass

Pope's Prayer Intention for October

Evangelization: *Missionary disciples* -

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**OFFERTORY**

We are grateful for these gifts

Sunday: \$10,204.00

Please visit www.staugustineschurch.ca

If you wish to maintain your contributions

via Debit or Credit Card

**WHY ARE WE HERE? WHAT'S LIFE ALL ABOUT?**

You're invited to journey with us over 7 weeks exploring the existence of God in a Christian context and tackling life's big questions of every human heart in a non-judgmental and welcoming space.

Everyone is welcome whether your faith is solid, you are unsure of your faith, or you are simply asking questions.

Register and learn more: www.staugustineschurch.ca

Contact: faithformation@staugustineschurch.ca or (604) 618-7699

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 begins September 29th and runs through May to Pentecost. We meet in the Parish Centre 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.

St Augustine School

Limited space is available across a number of grade levels. If you are interested, please call St. Augustine's School Office.: 604 731-8024

Project Advance 2021 – Our Way Forward

Donate on-line at: projectadvance.ca

Readers at Weekday Mass

Are you interested in reading at Mass during the week? If so, please contact Carol Gielens at cagiens@hotmail.com

Consider Becoming an Usher!

As COVID subsides The Ministry of Ushers is regrouping/ rebuilding and would welcome participation from Parishioners – young and old at all weekend Masses.

If you are able to contribute to this important ministry, please contact Bill Borgen at 604-224-2632.

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. For more information or to register, email biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca

**It is not good to be Alone...**

The Bible says, "It is not good for a human being to be alone."

But in fact, sometimes it is good for us to be alone, but not as a permanent condition. The final and greatest creation of God is the human person. Basically, human beings are social by nature. We are incomplete all by ourselves and so we need others.

Responding to our vocation can trigger our childishness, fears, worries and opposition. But surrendering to our vocation turns us to trust in the God who calls, sustains, and guides us to fulfill our calling and build up the community to which we belong.

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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.

Parish Information

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PARISH OFFICE

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Monday is the Priest's day off.

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FAITH AND FOUNDATION

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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	