



November 7th 2021
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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When giving becomes a sacrifice

In biblical times widows were among the poorest of the poor. The widow in the First Reading was a non-Jew, and she had a son to support. She was down to her last handful of meal and drop of olive oil. After that she and her child must starve. Yet, by sharing it with the prophet, she has a never-ending supply of flour and oil. She represents those people, who, despite poverty and oppression, place their trust in God.

In the Gospel, Jesus' denunciation of the public display of the Scribes provides a background for the example of genuine religious behaviour on the part of the widow. Her example of true piety contrasts sharply with the counterfeited piety of the Scribes. The widow let go of every shred of security and committed herself wholly to God. The story is as much about trust in God as about generosity. The widow's generosity results from her trust in God.

Remembrance Day – November 11



Canadians pause this day in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.

Liturgical celebrations:

Tuesday – The dedication of the Lateran Basilica (feast)

This feast celebrates the dedication of the Cathedral Church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. Originally known as the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior, this Church is called St. John Lateran because it was built on the property owned by the Laterani family and given to the Church. This Church is the Cathedra (chair) of the Bishop of Rome.

This Week

Monday, November 8

7:00pm Mass +Peggy Al-Ashhab

Tuesday, November 9

8:00am Mass +Priscilla Limjuco-Estrada
6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)
7:00pm Mass +Anita Behrend

Wednesday, November 10

8:00am Mass Int Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI
9:15am Mass St. Augustine's School
7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
7:00pm Mass +Mary Finnegan

Thursday, November 11

Remembrance Day

10:58am Mass Private

Friday, November 12

8:00am Mass +Aurelia Seballos
7:00pm Mass +Maria Villanueva Esperanza Legara

Saturday, November 13

8:00am Mass Int Silvia Arias
5:00pm Mass +Antonio Fausto Perri

Sunday November 14

9:00am Mass Int Darlene Hawke
11:00am Mass +Alberto Ma
1:00pm Bapt
2:00pm Bapt
5:00pm Mass

Pop's Prayer Intention for November

Universal: *People who suffer from depression*– We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts

Sunday: \$9,549.24

Please visit www.staugustineschurch.ca

If you wish to maintain your contributions

via Debit or Credit Card

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Sophia Ping Margo Salopek

Gwenn Lee Phillips

Liturgical Celebrations cont'd...**Wednesday – Saint Leo the Great (memorial)**

Leo's religious beliefs guided his entire life. As a deacon he worked to bring peace to the warring Roman fractions. Leo is well known for his peacekeeping efforts, and especially for his encounter with Attila the Hun. As Pope he is best known for his sermons on faith and charity. He was made Doctor of the Church in 1754.

Friday – Saint Josaphat (memorial)

John Kuncewicz was born about 1580. Upon entering the Order of St. Basil he chose the name Josaphat. He was ordained priest and soon gained renown for his preaching. After being named bishop he worked for the union of the Ukrainian Church with Rome. He was slain by opponents in 1623. Josaphat became the first Eastern saint to be formally canonized.

**Food Collection For Those In Need****Every 3rd Sunday of the Month**

"For I was hungry and you gave me food."

Matthew 25:35

2021 Fall Campaign Update

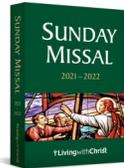
The second week of our Fall Campaign continued to show progress as donations reached more than \$330,000. Several school parents and parishioners gave testimonials at the weekend masses about their experience with our Parish and School. This will continue for the last weekend of the campaign.

We thank everyone who has participated in this year's campaign. More than 70 percent of our school families have already made a gift to the campaign. If you have any questions about the campaign, please drop by our Faith and Foundation information table at the entrance of the Church. You can also call the Faith and Foundation Office at 604-736-4455 extension 231.

Donations will be accepted until December 31, 2021. If you're writing a cheque to the campaign, please make it out to:

St. Augustine Parish School Building Fund.

Donations may be deposited in the Sunday collection or dropped off at the information table at the entrance of the Church. The Parish and School offices will also receive your gifts.

Sunday Missals are now available!

Year 2021-2022 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are available for pick up at the Parish Office during posted business hours. A perfect liturgical companion for home or Church, the Missals may be purchased for \$5.00 each.

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 RCIA process 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.

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.

November Mass Requests

The Book of the Faithful Departed will be available in the Church during the month of November for those who wish to write down the names of departed friends and loved ones.

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.



GIVING LIBERATES THE SOUL OF THE GIVER

We live in a world in which the “result” is the only thing that really matters. Prizes and certificates are given for results, more so than for the effort or the manner of giving. But Jesus measures things in a different way as we can see from the story of the poor widow. For Jesus it was not the size of the offering that mattered or counted, but the generosity of the widow. In other words, it is not the simply the result that counts but the effort made, and the spirit that is revealed. What the poor widow did was a very small thing in itself and yet Jesus noticed it and praised it. It is nice to know that even a small deed of love does not escape his attention.

In the first reading we see how another poor widow was down to the last of her food. All she had left was a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And yet, by sharing what she had with the prophet, it never ran out. From this we can conclude that it is possible to give without losing. In fact, in some cases not giving can be a sure way of losing everything that we have.

Today's readings invite us to ponder how someone who was as poor as this widow was able to perform an act of such spontaneous goodness. One needs to have been faithful over many years to the practice of generosity to have a heart like hers. It is not achieved by a few great deeds but by a lot of little ones. It is only through habitual generosity that the heart continues to remain open, and one becomes a loving person.

Saint Mother Teresa told a story how one day she was walking down the street when a beggar came up to her and said, “Mother Teresa, everybody is giving to you, I also want to give to you. Today, for the whole day, I have only thirty cents. I want to give it to you.” Mother Teresa thought for a moment. “If I take the thirty cents, he will have nothing to eat tonight, and if I don't take it, I will hurt his feelings. So, I put out my hands and I took the money. I have never seen such joy on anybody's face as I saw on the face of that beggar man at the thought that he too could give to Mother Teresa.” Mother Teresa concluded that “God looks not at the size of the gift, but at the love with which it is given.”

Many are familiar with the story of fifteen-year-old Jewish girl namely Anne Frank. The diary she kept in captivity has been translated into many languages. A year before she died in a Nazi concentration camp she wrote in her diary: “Give of yourself. You can always give something, even if it is only kindness. No one ever became poor from giving.” It is an amazing statement coming from one so young, especially when one considers the circumstances in which she was living at the time.

From the readings and the above-mentioned stories, we can trust that when we share such things as knowledge, love, peace, with others our own supply of these qualities is in no way diminished. Giving brings its own reward. Thus, let us give of ourselves to others and by giving may we experience true liberation in our souls and raise up the souls of others. When

we give our consent to God by accepting our vocation, even a vocation that seems to be a life of scarcity like consecrated celibacy or celibate priesthood, we become intentional widows for the kingdom. The more deeply we give our consent, the more deeply we live from Divine abundance and our ministry helps to raise the soul of others to their true dignity and calling in life.

By Susai Jesu, OMI

Vocation Team - West

Knights of Columbus



The 60th annual Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal ticket draw has begun. There are 12 cash prizes with 5 main draws and 7 early bird draws.

Tickets may be obtained digitally online at:

kofcdraw.net/c8319

Tickets are \$3.00 each or 5 for \$15.00 and 10 for \$30.00

The proceeds support many Charitable organizations within the province.

If you have any questions, please ask any Knight of Columbus in the Parish.

Thank you for your support.

St. Augustine's Catholic Community is seeking a Communications Coordinator

The Communications Coordinator will be responsible for creating, together with the Pastoral Team, a comprehensive communications strategy for the Parish. The successful candidate will be responsible for facilitating all Parish wide communications, working with Staff, Parish Pastoral Council, Committees, and Parishioner groups. The Communications Coordinator will promote programs and events to the Parish and the wider community through various communications channels. The Communication Coordinator will maintain, expand, and promote the Parish in its shared mission to welcome and invite all to participate and celebrate in Word and Sacrament, fostering evangelization and social justice.

Qualifications:

Practicing Catholic in good standing with a commitment to ongoing formation in Catechetical and Spiritual leadership development and a positive role model

Excellent communication skills and initiative

Proficient in PC and Mac applications

Knowledge of Tilma

Specific tasks and duties:

Develop and manage a comprehensive Parish communications plan

Prepare the weekly Parish Bulletin

Maintain and create content for the parish website and other media platforms

Design and maintain PowerPoint announcements

Prepare the bi-monthly “The St. Augustine's Parishioner” newsletter

Promote Parish events using a variety of communication methods

Manage the Parish's email list and publish the electronic newsletter

Prepare and oversee Communication Budget

This is a part-time position with the possibility of expansion to full-time.

Position reports to the Pastor. Salary commensurate with experience. Benefits according to the CISVA benefit plan.

Submit your questions or a resume to astendzina@rcav.org

OPENING OF THE SYNODAL PATH – Pope Francis

Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. Encounter, listen and discern. I would like to reflect on these three verbs that characterize the Synod.

The first is encounter. The Gospel passage begins by speaking of an encounter. A man comes up to Jesus and kneels down before him, asking him a crucial question: "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" So important a question requires attention, time, willingness to encounter others and sensitivity to what troubles them. The Lord is not stand aloof; he does not appear annoyed or disturbed. Instead, he is completely present to this person. He is open to encounter. Nothing leaves Jesus indifferent; everything is of concern to him. Encountering faces, meeting eyes, sharing each individual's history. That is the closeness that Jesus embodies. He knows that someone's life can be changed by a single encounter. The Gospel is full of such encounters with Christ, encounters that uplift and bring healing. Jesus did not hurry along or keep looking at his watch to get the meeting over. He was always at the service of the person he was with, listening to what he or she had to say.

The second verb is listen. True encounter arises only from listening. Jesus listened to that man's question and to the religious and existential concerns that lay behind it. He did not give a non-committal reply or offer a prepackaged solution; he did not pretend to respond politely, simply as a way of dismissing him and continuing his way. Jesus simply listens, for whatever amount of time it takes; he is not rushed. Most importantly, he is not afraid to listen to him with his heart and not just with his ears. Indeed, he does more than simply answer the rich man's question; he lets him tell his story, to speak freely about himself. Christ reminds him of the commandments, and the man starts to talk about his youth, to share his religious journey and his efforts to seek God. This happens whenever we listen with the heart: people feel that they are being heard, not judged; they feel free to recount their own experiences and their spiritual journey.

Finally, discern. Encounter and listening are not ends in themselves, leaving everything just as it was before. On the contrary, whenever we enter into dialogue, we allow ourselves to be challenged, to advance on a journey. And in the end, we are no longer the same; we are changed. We see this in today's Gospel. Jesus senses that the person before him is a good and religious man, obedient to the commandments, but he wants to lead him beyond the mere observance of precepts. Through dialogue, he helps him to discern. Jesus encourages that man to look within, in the light of the love that the Lord himself had shown by his gaze, and to discern in that light what his heart truly treasures. And in this way to discover that he cannot attain happiness by filling his life with more religious observances, but by emptying himself, selling whatever takes up space in his heart, in order to make room for God.

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

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