



### Christ is coming

When prophet Micah was writing his book in the late eighth century BC, Jerusalem was under siege and David's dynasty was in jeopardy. But salvation would come from a comparatively insignificant place – Bethlehem. From there a new leader would come to gather together the scattered exiles and unite the nation once more. Christians see this promise as foreshadowing the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who was born in Bethlehem and descended from the line of David.

The Gospel tells the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Both were pregnant. Enlightened by the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth praises Mary and hints at the uniqueness of the child she has conceived.

The Second Reading states that Jesus didn't come to offer the sacrifices of the old law, but to do the will of God. His sacrifice was essentially one of obedience (an obedience which meant accepting death on the cross). His one perfect sacrifice transcended and replaced all the former sacrifices. His sacrifice did what the sacrifices of the Mosaic Law were unable to do; it brought about reconciliation between God and His people.

## This Week

### Monday, December 20

7:00pm Mass Int Victoria Skabeikas

### Tuesday, December 21

8:00am Mass Int Gordon Ireland  
6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)  
12:00pm Meeting Busy Hands Women's Group  
7:00pm Mass Int Adoracion Manalo-Fonacier

### Wednesday, December 22

8:00am Mass +Juanita Casem  
7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)  
7:00pm Mass +Zbigniew Lewandowski

### Thursday, December 23

8:00am Mass Int Adelle & Armando Samson & family  
7:00pm Mass +Dominga Jimenez

### Friday, December 24

11:00am Wedding  
5:00pm Mass (Vaccine Check/100% capacity)  
+Maria Esperanza Legara  
9:00pm Mass (Vaccine Check/100% capacity)  
Int Fr. Ramon A. Manalo  
7:00pm Mass (No Vaccine Check/50% capacity)  
Midnight Mass (No Vaccine Check/50% capacity)

### Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00am Mass (Vaccine Check/100% capacity)  
Int Betty Khan  
11:00am Mass (Vaccine Check/100% capacity)  
1:00pm Mass (No Vaccine Check/50% capacity)

### Sunday December 26 Boxing Day

9:00am Mass (Vaccine Check/100% capacity)  
Int Catherine Camparmo  
11:00am Mass (Vaccine Check/100% capacity)  
5:00pm Mass (No Vaccine Check/50% capacity)  
Int Ashley Smith

**OFFERTORY**

We are grateful for these gifts

Sunday: \$13,776.00

Please visit [www.staugustineschurch.ca](http://www.staugustineschurch.ca)

If you wish to maintain your contributions

via Debit or Credit Card

**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

Jayden Samuel Sheng-Yuan Chang

Stanley Francis Senez

**MARRIED IN CHRIST**

Vivienne Louise Tanner

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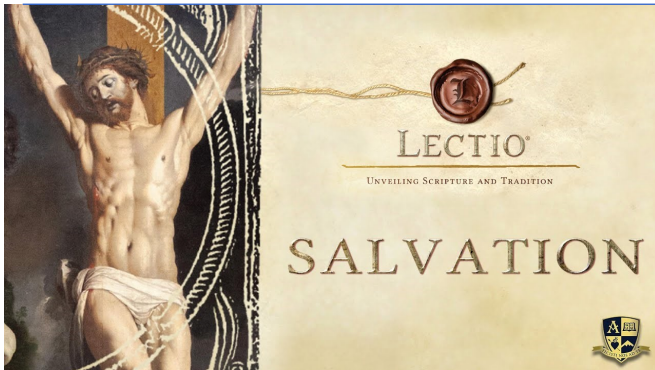
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**Updated Vaccine Protocol for Mass Attendance**

All Sunday Masses with the exception of Sunday at 5:00pm will require proof of vaccination and operate at 100% capacity.

The Sunday 5:00pm Mass will operate at 50% capacity on a first come, first served basis.

Proof of vaccination will NOT be required to attend Sunday 5:00pm Mass.



You are invited to join St. Augustine's Adult Faith Group this winter for the 10-part video study program, "Salvation". In this series, scripture scholar and theologian Dr. Michael Patrick Barber explores the topic of salvation in a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical way. This video study program, by the Augustine Institute, is inspiring, engaging, and accessible to everyone.

We invite you to join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9 PM starting January 25th. Cost is \$20 for the study guide (financial assistance available).

Registration and proof of full vaccination are required. email [biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca) for more information or to register. We hope you will join us!

FOOD COLLECTION

FOR THE POOR

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25:35*



**Advent Giving Tree for Covenant House - St. Augustine's Parish**

**Advent Giving Tree** - this year our Giving Tree collection will not be collecting items as Covenant House has asked for cash donations towards its triple matching program. St. Augustine's Social Justice Committee encourages people to donate to Covenant House in the following ways:

Make an online donation to Covenant House using the link below:

[https://secure3.convio.net/chb/site/Donation2?df\\_id=1940&1940.donation=form1&mfc\\_pref](https://secure3.convio.net/chb/site/Donation2?df_id=1940&1940.donation=form1&mfc_pref)

Go to Covenant House's Amazon Wish List and buy any of the items Covenant House has identified as needing:

[https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/11YYY69EGV1WN?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_wl\\_dp\\_ZLxCogmafHwo2](https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/11YYY69EGV1WN?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_ZLxCogmafHwo2)

To find out about the work Covenant House does with youth please check out these videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYOqwn-fHC0&ab\\_channel=CovenantHouseVancouver](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYOqwn-fHC0&ab_channel=CovenantHouseVancouver)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15CEl2wcEeg&t=6s#s&ab\\_channel=CovenantHouseVancouver](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15CEl2wcEeg&t=6s#s&ab_channel=CovenantHouseVancouver)

**2021 Fall Campaign Update -Two weeks to go**

Our Fall Campaign has now raised more than \$470,000 and we are almost at our goal of raising \$500,000. All funds will be directed to the final phase of our school building project. Thank to you to our school families and parishioners who have given so generously.

Donations will be received until December 31, 2021. You may deposit your donation in the Sunday collection or drop it off at the Parish office. If you're writing a cheque to the campaign, please make it out to:

**St. Augustine Parish School Building Fund**

*Thank you for your generosity and commitment to Catholic education.*

**Project Advance 2021—Our Way Forward**

Please donate on-line at: [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca)

**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

### PASTOR

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astendzina@rcav.org

### PARISH OFFICE

Monday & Friday 9:00am-12noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Tues/Wed/Thurs 10:00am-12noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Monday is the Priest's day off.

**Email:** parish.saug@rcav.org

### DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Linda Arnold 604.736.4455 x 229

### PARISH SECRETARY

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### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM—PREP

Ferial Khan 604.736.4455 x 224  
prep@staugustineschurch.ca

### FAITH AND FOUNDATION

Campaign Office 604.736.4455 x 231  
donate@faithandfoundation.com

### ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

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### BAPTISM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

604.736.4455 x 221

### MARRIAGES/WEDDINGS

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## PARISH MINISTRIES

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### FOOD COLLECTION

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### LEGION OF MARY

Immaculate.conception.praesidium@gmail.com

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.	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/> Need Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/> 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	