



### The Baptism of the Lord

In the First Reading from the prophet Isaiah, the prophet assures the exiles in Babylon that God is coming to save them. The prophecy was fulfilled in the return from exile, but more especially in the coming of Jesus.

John the Baptist was clearly a prophet. Since the spirit of prophecy had long been absent from Israel, John's appearance raised expectations. The question arose: Could he be the Messiah? John denied that he was the Messiah, but declared that the Messiah was at hand. Thus he prepared the way for Jesus.

Baptism was a defining moment in the life of Jesus – it marked the beginning of his public mission. Luke always presents Jesus as praying before making major decisions. It's no surprise that we find him praying during his baptism. In response to his prayer, the Holy Spirit descends on him in bodily form at the beginning of his mission, just as it will come in visible form on the apostles at Pentecost at the beginning of their mission. The Father puts his seal of approval on Jesus and on the mission he is about to begin.

### Liturgical Celebrations:

#### Wednesday – Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys (memorial)

Marguerite is often referred to as the 'Mother of the Colony' for her contributions to the establishment of Ville-Marie, the place we know today as Montreal. Born in France she crossed the Atlantic in 1653 and she began to develop educational opportunities for aboriginal children and the families of the French settlers. Other women joined her and they formed an institute of unclloistered sisters, the Congregation Notre-Dame. She died in 1700 at the age of 80. Marguerite is a patron saint of poor people.

## This Week

### Monday, January 10

10:00am Mass +Bob & Gina Juneau

### Tuesday, January 11

8:00am Mass  
6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)  
11:30am Meeting Busy Hands Women's Group  
7:00pm Mass +Wilfred (Bill) Clarke

### Wednesday, January 12

8:00am Mass Private Intention  
9:15am Mass St. Augustine School  
4:30pm Baptism Henry May  
7:00pm Mass

### Thursday, January 13

8:00am Mass Private Intention  
7:00pm Mass + Ibrahim Alashhab

### Friday, January 14

8:00am Mass Private Intention  
7:00pm Mass + Esperanza Legara

### Saturday, January 15

8:00am Mass  
9:00am Retreat Saramental Retreat  
**5:00pm Mass (50% capacity)**

### Sunday January 16

**9:00am Mass (50% capacity)**

**11:00am Mass (50% capacity)**

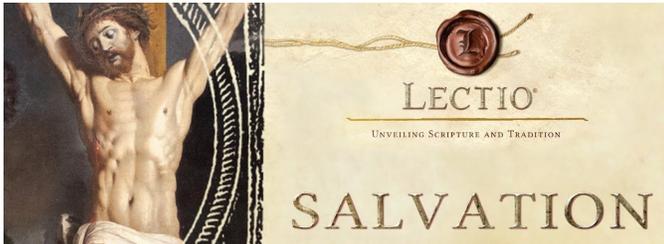
**5:00pm Mass +Yolanda Drazeta (50% capacity)**

**MARRIED IN CHRIST**

Monica Daniela Perez Montelongo  
& Jeremy Patrick Jaud

**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

Charlie Nicholas Nardi  
Henry May

**Winter Bible Study—Starting January 25th**

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!

**Pray the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius**

An intensive Retreat offered in the Archdiocese (9 months). Each participant has their own personal Retreat Director. A Retreat tailored for you personally.

**The Retreat focuses on**

- Your actual Experience of God
- A practicum of Discernment
- Finding the Lord in the deepest areas of one's soul
- Praying through one's own life and the life of Christ,
- Experience God's Presence, Healing, and Call to salvation and vocation, including any major decisions.



**The Retreat is held in 2 Parts (May to June & October to April)** Requirements include:

- Daily: 1-hour prayer period - plus 15 minutes' short prayer
- Weekly online meetings with your Retreat Director
- Online instructional session (using Microsoft Teams & Skype) [weekly in Part 1; monthly in Part 2] a silent retreat day (a specified Saturday)

Application deadline: **January 31, 2022.**

Registration fee: \$100 (bursaries available).

Information & Registration: <http://jsav.ca/>

**I Have Called You Friends - Healthy Relationship Series**

Join Fr. Richard Conlin and Fr. Raffaele Salvino as they discuss what it means to have a Christ-centered friendship and being "best friends with Jesus." Having spent 6 years together in the Seminary of Christ the King, these young priests will share about lessons learnt for cultivating genuine friendship within the context of pursuing holiness today. Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**The Letters of St. Paul - Paul Proclaims the Gospel**

St. Paul was one of the first to articulate and proclaim the Gospel. Focusing particularly on Romans, we will explore the major features of Paul's presentation of the Good News. Just as it did for Paul's original audience, this message has the potential to reinvigorate our lives. Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**St. Monica's Mission Holy Hour**

Many parents are grieving the loss of their adult child's faith in the Catholic Church. This Year of the Family is an ideal time of grace for parents to pray, fast, and sacrifice for their adult children's conversion. Through St. Monica's Mission, A Prayerful Journey of Perseverance and Hope, parents are invited to join our monthly Holy Hours on the Third Friday of the month at various parishes across the Archdiocese. Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**Bible in a Year Podcast**

*Do you want to hear God speak in your life? Do you want to understand Scripture better? Do you have questions about the Bible? Would you like to have read the WHOLE Bible?* If so, this podcast is for you. Ascension's [Bible in a Year Podcast](#), hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes. Each 20-25 minute episode includes 2 to 3 scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz, and guided prayer. Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word. Sign up at [rcav.org](http://rcav.org) to receive a monthly email with reflections and resources to encourage you on your journey. The podcast is self-paced, so it's never too late to start!

## FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE POOR

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

**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.