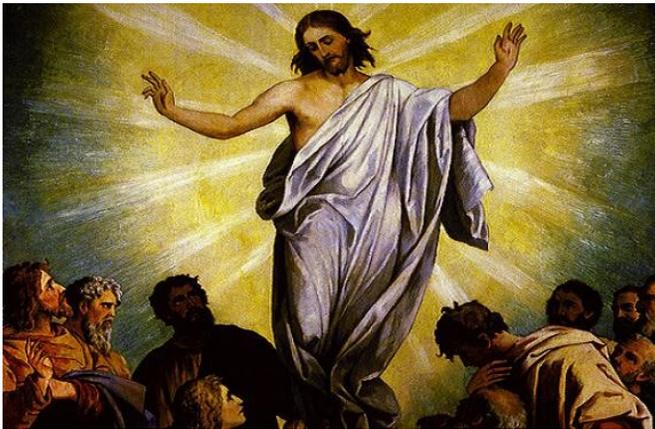


May 29th 2022
The Ascension of the Lord

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The Ascension

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles speaks of the ascension of Jesus. It also shows how Jesus, now in the glorious presence of his Father, continues to act through the Holy Spirit and through his followers.

The theological meaning of the feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making him head of the Church and Lord of creation.

The Gospel Reading consists of the end of Luke's Gospel. It contains Luke's first account of the Ascension, which is here presented as occurring on Easter Sunday. The risen Lord shows the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and rise again. Jesus also gives them a mission (the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins) and promises to send the Holy Spirit to them. They return in joy to Jerusalem to await the Spirit.

In his Gospel Luke has shown that 'the time of Israel' has yielded to 'the time of Christ'. Now, 'the time of Christ' is to yield to 'the time of the Church'. The word of salvation will go forth from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. He will tell us about that in his second book, Acts of the Apostles. The Ascension is seen as the culmination of Jesus' life and the start of the Church's mission.

This Week

Monday, May 30

7:00pm Mass +Ryan

Tuesday, May 31

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am Mass
12:00pm Meeting Busy Hands Women's Group
7:00pm Mass +Catherina Polverini
7:30pm Event Faith Study—Word on Fire

Wednesday, June 1

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass

Thursday, June 2

8:00am Mass
6:45pm Meeting The Search
7:00pm Mass

Friday, June 3

8:00am Mass First Friday Adoration
2:00pm Wedding
7:00pm Mass

Saturday, June 4

8:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

Sunday June 5

9:00am Mass Int Rose & Andrew Tin Hla
11:00am Mass +Renaldo Juliano
2:00pm Bapt
5:00pm Mass

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Liturgical celebrations:**Tuesday – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (feast)**

This feast, commemorating the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, has been celebrated in the Roman liturgy since the 8th century. Found in Luke's Gospel, this event is one of rejoicing in the wonders God has done, as both the barren Elizabeth and the young Virgin Mary find themselves with child. Each woman experiences an outpouring of the Holy Spirit: Elizabeth's response is to declare Mary and her child blessed; and Mary's response is the hymn of praise, the Magnificat.

Wednesday – Saint Justin (memorial)

Justin was of pagan Greek origin. He trained as a philosopher but later converted to Christianity. Justin was a persuasive Christian apologist, travelling and teaching about Christianity. He was martyred about the year 165.

School News**Congratulations and Save-the-Date:****Saturday June 18th at 2:00pm**

It is with deep appreciation and congratulations we announce that after 40 years of teaching our dear teacher, Mrs. Yule, is retiring. Please join us at St. Augustine's Church on **Saturday June 18th** as the School and Parish celebrate a special Mass followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall.



We will also be honouring Mrs. McFaul, whose retirement last year was not celebrated in-person due to pandemic restrictions. Please share this news and invite any alumni families you may be in contact with.

**Mass of Christian Burial—St. Augustine's Church—24 May 2022**

Fr. Otto Rollheiser, OMI
1938–2022

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on

Saturday June 18th at 2:00pm

Veni Sancte Spiritus

On Monday June 13th at 7:00pm, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 40 students—24 young people from St. Augustine's School and 16 youth from the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP).

We commend these children to your prayers and as Bread and Wine is transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist so may their lives be transformed by the outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon them.

Veni Sancte Spiritus**World Communications Day – May 29, 2029****Listening as a condition of good communication**

There is a kind of hearing that is not really listening, but its opposite: eavesdropping. In fact, eavesdropping and spying, exploiting others for our own interests, is an ever-present temptation that nowadays seems to have become more acute in the age of social networks. Rather, what specifically makes communication good and fully human is listening to the person in front of us, face to face, listening to the other person whom we approach with fair, confident, and honest openness.

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.



Vocation Reflection: "Ascension of the Lord"

By Susai Jesu OMI - OMI Lacombe Canada - Vocation Team

"As we gather around his table, it is good to ask the question. What is it that stops us celebrating our redeemed humanity? One thing that often holds us back is our fear: fear of failure, fear of being alone, fear of being misunderstood or fear of death etc. The truth is that Christ has conquered everything, and he is simply asking us to trust in him and let go of our fears that we might ascend to a new level of human integrity. Accepting our vocation is one of the greatest honors we can show our redeemed humanity. By accepting and pursuing our God given vocation we are extending the incarnation of Jesus in history and are fulfilling the hope of God that we will go to the ends of the earth to share the good news."

Read the reflection here: <https://omilacombe.ca/become-an-oblate/>

Thank you for praying for and encouraging vocations
to the Oblate religious life!

Jarek Pachocki OMI
OMI Lacombe Canada - Vocation Director

Ascension of the Lord

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord is not a feast which brings an end to Jesus' work rather this feast marks a transition from a limited sphere of activities like preaching, healing, living and dying within the geographical space of Israel to the exalted position of being in glory at the Father's right hand and interceding for us all.

Forty days recalls the experience of the two prophet ancestors who had spoken with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration. For forty days God instructed Moses in the law on Mount Sinai, for forty days Elijah journeyed to Horeb before his encounter with God in the absolute silence outside the cave. Forty is also a biblical number of transitions to a new stage of salvation history. For forty days the apostles share the company of the risen Jesus, eat with him, and wait for the Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father who will be given to them. Therefore, the Ascension points to the need for Pentecost and the Spirit-filled passion that will make the disciples the witnesses of Jesus throughout the world until he comes again.

In today's Gospel, Luke explains that suffering is not the last word for any of us. Christ comes to his followers and offers them his blessing. Through his death, resurrection and ascension Jesus restores to them a deeper

sense of hope and peace. This experience of faith will continue to remain with them in the Spirit promised by the Father. This is also very clear in the Acts of the Apostles where Luke tells of the presence of Christ in the early Church reminding us of the Lord's promise that we will never be alone. He also reminds us that Christ's passion and his rising from death are the source of our hope. The ascension experience tells us that Christ has conquered everything of the past and the present and is with us to the end of time. He leaves behind us the Advocate so that we might be people of the spirit, people with a new dignity who are reconciled with one another. Definitely, his return to the Father in glory gives us new cause to celebrate our redeemed humanity. Luke concludes his Gospel by again opening his disciples' eyes and hearts to the Scriptures, as he had done at Emmaus. But now he goes further by commissioning them to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all the nations. Again, before their ascending Lord, the disciples prostrate themselves with joy and just as Luke's Gospel had begun in the Temple and so also it ends there.

As we gather around his table, it is good to ask the question. What is it that stops us celebrating our redeemed humanity? One thing that often holds us back is our fear: fear of failure, fear of being alone, fear of being misunderstood or fear of death etc. The truth is that Christ has conquered everything, and he is simply asking us to trust in him and let go of our fears that we might ascend to a new level of human integrity. Accepting our vocation is one of the greatest honors we can show our redeemed humanity. By accepting and pursuing our God given vocation we are extending the incarnation of Jesus in history and are fulfilling the hope of God that we will go to the ends of the earth to share the good news.

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Synod Report Update



What came out of the Synod Conversation Circles and where are we headed? As Synod Coordinator I am conscious of my responsibility to bring this information to you.

The discernment process is evolving and we are probably a month away from bringing news on this front.

Stay tuned and thank you for your patience.

God Bless,

Ben

Synod Coordinator
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Pope's Prayer Intention for May

For faith-filled young people – We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

[Around the Archdiocese...](#)**Bus Service from Vancouver to Gardens of Gethsemani**

Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery and Columbus Homes are sponsoring a bus ride from Vancouver to Gardens of Gethsemani in Surrey on the last Saturday of each month. The bus will depart from St. Patrick's Parish on Main Street at 12 p.m. and will be back at St. Patrick's around 3:30 p.m. The next bus service is on Saturday, June 25. Register to secure your spot for free at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Joy of the Family: A RCAV Family Gathering

Join families from across the Archdiocese of Vancouver for a fun family event to celebrate the closing of the Year of the Family and the World Meeting of Families 2022. We will have activities for children of all ages, bouncy castles, soccer games, capture the flag as well as a BBQ lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus. More information and registration to come. Sunday, June 26 at 12 p.m. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

Homecoming Youth Retreat

Homecoming is a special 4-day, overnight retreat for youth born in 2007 & 2008 (those youth entering Grade 9 /10 in Sept. 2022). The retreat provides youth an opportunity to build community with their peers. Monday, July 4 to Thursday, July 7 at Camp Jubilee, North Vancouver. Cost: \$400. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

Stewardship Reflection**May 29, 2022 – The Ascension of the Lord**

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

(Revelations 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

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**PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW
ARBUTUS REZONING APPLICATION**

The City of Vancouver is expected to announce a public hearing in June on the rezoning proposal of the property between 7th and 8th avenues (east side of Arbutus) to accommodate a BC Housing 13-storey, 129 single room occupancy building. This would serve as a combination low-barrier supportive and affordable housing complex, and will include harm reduction services.

After the public hearing, City councillors will vote to approve or reject the rezoning application. The public hearing will be our last opportunity for input.

To help you understand the concerns of our parish, school, and our neighbours, and to inform yourselves on the process, please join us for one of these virtual sessions.

SESSION ONE

REGISTER TO ATTEND

SESSION TWO

June 1ST at 7:00PM

Our School will host an information session on the status of the rezoning and housing proposals, including a review of the school's concerns with the proposal. A social justice perspective will be offered. Opportunities to become involved will be shared.

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The Kitsilano Coalition will host a talk with Simon Fraser University professor Dr. Julian Somers, an expert in homelessness and addictions, who will speak to his extensive research on people facing these very difficult challenges.

School parents are asked to read this weekend's school Weekly Update to register for one or both of the sessions and a meeting link will be emailed to you.

Parishioners (non-school families) are asked to email:

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