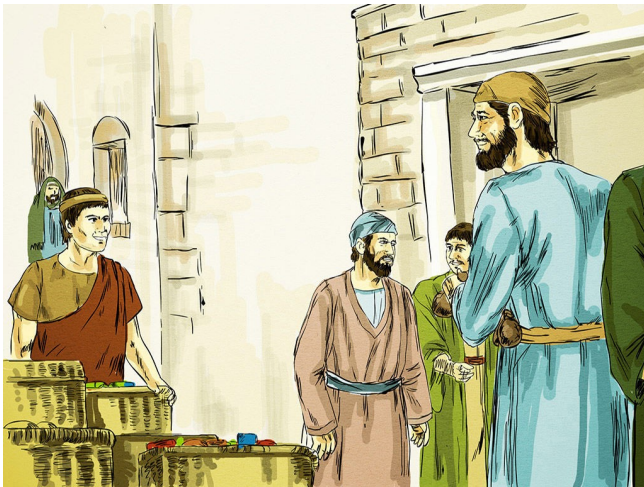


November 19 2023  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### The Responsibility of Talent

Paul believed that the second coming of Christ was imminent. Hence, he urges the Thessalonians to be watchful. However, Matthew has accepted that the Parousia would be delayed. Even so, he too spoke about the necessity of being watchful. In the parable of the talents he spells out what this watchfulness consists of: it consists in carrying out the Lord's instructions to the best of one's God-given ability.

The first reading sets before us the example of a woman who uses her talents to live an industrious and virtuous life.

### Pope's Prayer Intention for November

**For the Pope** – We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

### Stewardship Reflection

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."* - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

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## This Week

### Monday, November 20

- 7:00pm **Mass** +Antonio Pulice
- 7:30pm Meeting Knights of Columbus Executive
- 7:45pm Meeting Catholic in Recovery

### Tuesday, November 21

- 6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (virtual)
- 8:00am **Mass** +Sam Finnie & Ms. Bernie Beaumont
- 10:00am Funeral +Dianne Hanchiruk
- 6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)
- 7:00pm **Mass** +Veneranda Miranda
- 7:45pm Meeting Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday November 22

- 8:00am **Mass** Int Sidwell McLeod
- 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- 7:00pm Meeting Faith Study
- 7:00pm **Mass** +Michele Ambre

### Thursday November 23

- 8:00am **Mass** +Wayvern William Gilbert
- 10:30am Meeting Fraud Protection for Seniors
- 6:45pm Meeting ALPHA
- 7:00pm **Mass** +Mark McKay

### Friday November 24

- 8:00am **Mass** +Maria Chibber
- 6:30pm Event Advent Wreath Making
- 7:00pm **Mass** +Kristofer Bihis

### Saturday November 25

- 8:00am **Mass** +Shui Pang Tao
- 1:00pm Event +Violin Concert Majka Dimcak
- 5:00pm **Mass** +Maria Louisa Chibber

### Sunday November 26

- 9:00am **Mass** +Dianne Hanchiruk
- 10:00am Event CWL Christmas Fair
- 11:00am **Mass** +Teodoro Laureles
- 5:00pm **Mass** For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates



**OFFERTORY**

We are grateful for these gifts  
Sunday: \$10,840.00

*Please visit [www.staugustineschurch.ca](http://www.staugustineschurch.ca) If you wish to maintain your contributions via Debit or Credit Card*



**Baptismal Preparation**

The next Baptismal Preparation Course will be held at St. Augustine's Parish Centre beginning at **6:30pm on Thursday November 30th.**

**Christmas Cards for Sale**



Volunteers with the Sancta Maria card making program will be selling Christmas Cards that have been made by the women at Sancta Maria House. Cards will be for sale after the 9am & 11am Masses in the Arcade and will be \$2 each (cash preferred). Proceeds from the cards go to support the programs at Sancta Maria House.

**Catholic Women's League News**



Mark your calendars for the Christmas Fair hosted by the Catholic Women's League, Sunday November 26 in the Parish Centre 10am-1pm. Stock up on Christmas baking, buy handmade treasures from the Parish's Busy Hands Craft Group, try your luck at the raffles, purchase handmade Christmas cards from our neighbours at Sancta Maria House, enjoy a hot beverage and delicious baked treat.

Everyone welcome!

**Christmas Fair Volunteers Needed**

Are you a baker? A canner? Support the Christmas Fair hosted by the CWL by donating baked goods, jams, pickles or other homemade canned foods for sale at the Christmas Fair. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Centre on Saturday, November 25 8am-12pm or before the 9am Mass on Sunday, November 26. If you have any questions, please contact [staugcwlpres@gmail.com](mailto:staugcwlpres@gmail.com)



**"What have I made of myself?"**

by Susai Jesu OMI - OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Team

"When Jesus talks about talents, we must not think he means a musical talent or a football talent. Such talents are important but are outrageously over-valued and over-rewarded. Ultimately, it is important to develop and use our talents, but more importantly, to develop our character. Talent is formed quietly, while character is formed in midst of the world. When a person develops him or herself and also his or her talent, then a kind of wholeness results."

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

**St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 8319**



**Annual Charity Appeal**  
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**TICKETS**  
1 for \$5, 10 for \$20 & 50 for \$50

Limited tickets, please buy and support our parish council  
Purchase your tickets online Sales End December 16<sup>th</sup>

Visit: <https://kofcdraw.net/c8319>

**FOOD COLLECTION**

December 16 & 17 2023

*"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.



### The week of signing the petition

Together, let's support the communities of Guapinol and San Pedro in Honduras!

#### **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada**

is responding to the call from our partner ERIC–Radio Progreso to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. We stand with them as they defend their right to water for survival and struggle to obtain:

- Justice
- Reparations and protection
- The cancellation of irregularly granted mining permits
- The restoration of their national park

**"It is urgent to cancel all mining in this area of our park. All the damage caused to our rivers and mountains must be repaired."**

– Daniel Márquez, Guapinol defender and former political prisoner



Let's ask the Honduran government to better protect environmental and human rights defenders and to act for justice. Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act).

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### ***Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee***

**We're pleased to announce the launch of our brand-new video series!**

Christ's teaching on the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray for this exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

St. Augustine's Parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online Catholic website. The Parish code is **4FX3T6**



### **In Thanksgiving ...**

This past Tuesday, our Parish hosted our second of five **Seniors' Lunches**. We thank our Grade 7 students for setting up the Hall, greeting our forty guests, helping to serve the lunch and cleaning up the Parish Centre at the end. It is wonderful to see our seniors and young people come to know one another. We also thank the five women who prepared the meal, served our guests and stayed to clean up the kitchen. And we thank our seniors: they are delightful guests who so enjoy one another's company and always leave looking forward to our next lunch! Watch the bulletin for our January date.

We also thank the fifty six seniors and supporters who have committed to be a **Prayer Partner** for our Grade 7 students this school year. All are blessed by such care, prayerfulness and generosity.

### **St. Augustine's School Annual Fall Campaign**

St. Augustine's annual Fall Campaign to complete our school building project has raised nearly \$430,000 – our goal is \$500,000 for this year. Over 80 percent of all school families have made a commitment and the number of parishioners (without children in the school) who are donating is also growing. Thank you for this tremendous generosity from our community.

The Campaign will end on December 31, 2023 and you can deposit your gift in the Sunday collection, or at the Faith and Foundation table at the entrance of the church or go to the parish or school offices. If you are writing a cheque please make it payable to: **St. Augustine Parish School Building Fund**. You can read more about our efforts in our Fall newsletter. For any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to contact the Faith and Foundation office at 604-736-4455 (Extension 231) or email us at [donate@faithandfoundation.com](mailto:donate@faithandfoundation.com).



*Around the Archdiocese...*

**Community Dinner (Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Sholom)**

Join us for an interfaith dinner with the communities of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Sholom, which serves as a venue for engaging in dialogue and building friendships.

Rabbi Dan Moskovitz and Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, will engage in conversation about their journey to spiritual leadership, followed by a table discussion about your own "origin" story. On Thursday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m. at Temple Sholom in Vancouver. Cost is \$36. All are welcome! Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

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	

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