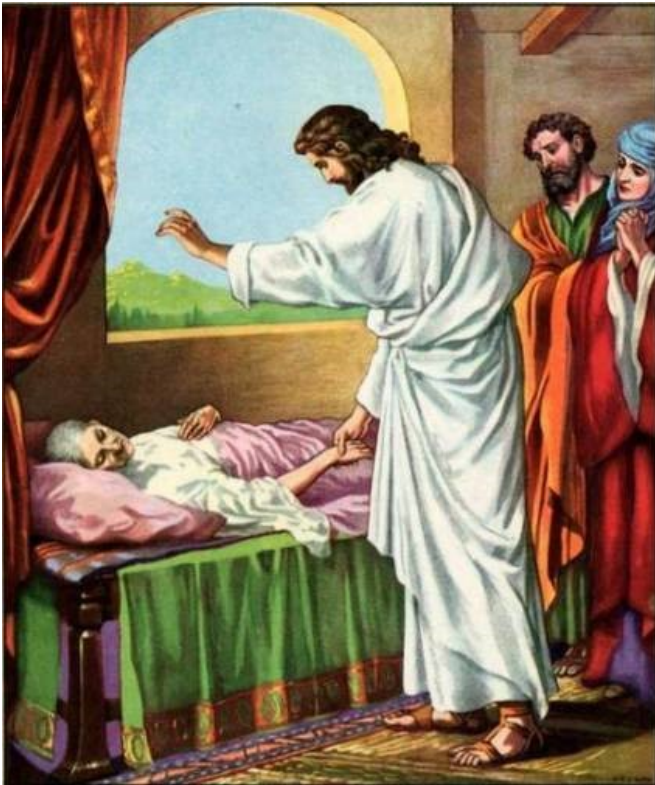




February 4th 2024
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus' response to suffering

The Book of Job confronts the problem of suffering. The common explanation was that suffering was a punishment for sin. But, though Job is a good man, he suffers greatly.

His suffering causes him to take a gloomy view of life.

This sets the scene for the Gospel. However, what we see in the Gospel is not Jesus' answer to the question 'why suffering?', but his response to actual suffering. He heals the sick and proclaims the good news of salvation. The Gospel shows the urgency with which he dedicated himself to preaching the Gospel, something we exemplified also in St. Paul in the second reading.

In the midst of his activity Jesus found time to pray in quiet places. It was during these hours of solitude that he maintained and fostered the most important thing in his life – his relationship with the Father.

This is the secret of his successful ministry.

This Week

Monday, February 5

7:00pm	Mass	+Gloria Ascanio
6:30pm	Meeting	Catholic Women's League Executive
7:00pm	Meeting	Young Adults Leadership
7:45pm	Meeting	Catholic in Recovery

Tuesday, February 6

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am	Mass	Int Linda Arnold
10:00am	Meeting	Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
6:30pm	Meeting	Parish Religious Education (PREP)
7:00pm	Mass	+Nan Barry
7:45pm	Meeting	Bible Study

Wednesday, February 7

8:00am	Mass	Int Ben Hume
7:00pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
7:00pm	Mass	+Rosa Cavigliano

Thursday February 8

8:00am	Mass	Int Jadwiga Tomaszewska
12noon	Event	Senior's Luncheon
1:15pm	Meeting	Bible Study
7:00pm	Meeting	Faith Study Group
7:00pm	Mass	Int Ferial Khan

Friday February 9

8:00am	Mass	+Emma Isaac
6:30pm	Event	Volunteer Appreciation Evening
7:00pm	Mass	+Nan Barry

Saturday February 10

8:00am	Mass	+Dao Van Nguyen
3:00pm	Meeting	Legion of Mary
5:00pm	Mass	+Fazil Khan

Sunday February 11

9:00am	Mass	Int Daniela O'Brien
10:00am	Meeting	Catholic Women's League
11:00am	Mass	For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates
5:00pm	Mass	Int Mary Ellen Turnbull



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Sunday: \$10,612.00

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Ash Wednesday Palms

We will be collecting last year's Palms until **Sunday February 11th 2024**. Palms from last year may be placed in the basket located in the Foyer of the Church.



Baptismal Preparation

Please note the following dates for future Baptismal Preparation Classes. All Classes will be held at the Parish Centre and begin at 6:30pm.

- Thursday March 21st
- Thursday May 2nd

You may register by calling or leaving a message at the Parish Office with your name and contact number: 604 736-4455 Ext 221.

LECTIO DIVINA Praying the Scriptures

We extend a warm welcome to women to join us to reflect together on the gospel reading for the following Sunday.

We meet regularly on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.

For more information contact Lynette Brook 604 441 6845.

St Augustine's Legion of Mary



Each Saturday beginning on February 3rd, the St. Augustine's Legion of Mary will meet in the Parish Library between 3:00–4:30pm.

The group focuses on praying the Rosary and other Marian devotions. Weekly visitation of local Care Homes and praying together with our brothers and sisters in need are among our many outreach activities.

Please join us next Saturday at 3:00pm; all are welcome.

Faith Studies Series

DISCOVERY - SOURCE - GROWTH
TRUST - COMMISSION

CCO Faith Studies Series invites you to encounter Christ through a simple but challenging look at the Gospel message.

DISCOVERY is a 7-week small group faith study, and the first of five levels that focuses on Jesus and explores what it means to have a personal relationship with Him.

It will transform your life, deepen your faith in Jesus, help you grow closer in community, and learn how to share your faith with others.

If you have completed Discovery, contact us to learn more about the other levels we plan to offer at the same time.

WHEN: Thursdays, January 25, to March 7, 2024 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

WHERE: St. Augustine's Parish Hall

COST: \$10 workbook

"Taking Discovery, it changed my view and outlook on my faith life... that He wants to have a personal relationship with me."

For more and information and registration:

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FOOD COLLECTION

February 17 & 18 2024

"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.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY

If you feel you need help and want to talk about an addiction, compulsion or some type of unhealthy attachment:

Please consider joining us at Catholic in Recovery (CIR), a 12 Steps weekly meeting for Catholics. We meet every Monday evening from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This is a 12 Steps Program tied to the Sacraments of the Church. We meet weekly whose sole purpose is to share our experience, strength and hope with other Catholics seeking recovery.

For the location of our weekly meeting, please contact Jean-Joseph in confidence at: cirstaugustines@gmail.com

Cor - Men's Prayer Reflection:

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this focussed based Men's Prayer Gathering is available to all men. The St. Augustine's cohort will gather in the Parish Library at 7:30 pm every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday in 2024 is on Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday is an integral part of the Lenten season in many Christian religions including Catholic, Orthodox and some Protestant religions. Lent is a religious time period of 40 days before Easter Sunday focusing on prayer, penance, and a renewal of faith.

Ashes used on Ash Wednesday



In the Catholic tradition, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are remnants of the palm leaves distributed from the prior year on Palm Sunday. Catholics keep the palm leaves throughout the year and return them to the Church before Ash Wednesday of the next year. The leaves are then turned into ashes for use in the Ash Wednesday services. During

the service, the parishioners proceed to the front of the church and the ashes are placed on each person's forehead in the shape of a cross. The ashes are washed off but remain on the forehead throughout the day of Ash Wednesday.

Stewardship Reflection

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed... He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" -Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

Around the Archdiocese

World Day of the Sick Mass

As the Church marks the World Day of the Sick on February 11, the Catholic Health Association of BC encourages everyone to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers.

The theme of this year's observance is *"It is not good that man should be alone—Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships."* The best therapy for those who are ill, Pope Francis adds, is to offer them our love and communion, despite the pace of our own frenetic lives.

Archbishop Miller, CSB, will celebrate Mass for World Day of the Sick on Saturday, February 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (555 Slocan St. Vancouver). Reception to follow. All are welcome! Pray with us on this day. To learn more, visit chabc.rcav.org/wds2024.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at St. Augustine's during the 8:00am Mass on Saturday February 10th.

Momentum Single Mothers Lunch

This is an opportunity for women to gather, share, pray, and learn more about Momentum, a faith community for Catholic single mothers that offers retreats, as well as in-person and online gatherings. We will be joined by Claire Brown, who has been a single mother to her son since his birth in 2000. Claire is a co-founder of Momentum and a Professor at McGill University.

On Saturday, February 24, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Learn more and register for free via beholdvancouver.org/events.

International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

The International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking is celebrated annually on the Feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita on February 8.

The primary objective of this day is to create a greater awareness of the phenomenon of human trafficking and to reflect on the situation of violence and injustice that affects so many people's lives. Another goal is to attempt to provide solutions to counter human trafficking by taking concrete actions.

The theme of the 10th Edition of the Day is *Journeying in Dignity: Listen, Dream, Act*, with the following objectives:

- To pray together as brothers and sisters of all ages, cultures, and faiths to end human trafficking and other forms of exploitation;
- To raise awareness about human trafficking at all levels - local churches, traditions, and communities;
- To celebrate the 10th year anniversary of the Day with partners and people of goodwill;

To close the year dedicated to young people (2023-2024).

Pope's Prayer Intention for February

For the terminally ill – We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Volunteering Opportunities

Are you passionate about making a positive impact in your community?

Sancta Maria House

Sancta Maria House a Healing/Recovery Home for women is inviting female volunteers to consider joining our team. We need assistance with household management, arts and crafts, social activities and gardening. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents.

sanctamariahhouse@agapestreetministry.org

Agape Street Ministry

Agape Street Ministry is calling on compassionate individuals like you to join our dedicated team of volunteers! Together, let's make a difference in the lives of the working women on the streets by telling them "Jesus loves them". info@agapestreetministry.org

Save the Date - SAS Pass the Torch Gala April 27th, 2024

St. Augustine School's Annual Pass the Torch Gala will be held Saturday, April 27th at the Hellenic Centre. We are now in the process of collecting items that will be auctioned off during the Silent Auction and we need your help! We are looking for any unused items you may have or items you received over the holidays that would be suitable for the Silent Auction. We are also asking families to check with friends or family who may be able to donate items. Some of our favorites from past years include nights at cabins and tickets to sports events. Ticket sales will be announced in the coming weeks. Please email passthetorchevent@gmail.com with any questions. See you there!

HOUSING HELP FOR REGENT STUDENTS

Regent College is a graduate school of theology located on the UBC campus. Regent students are in desperate need of high quality and affordable housing to continue in their calling to study theology and serve the body of Christ. If you have a rental suite, or know someone who does, will you consider advertising it to Regent students? Visit housing.regent-college.edu to sign-up. Thank you!

Registration form for parish members with fields for contact information and checkboxes for new parishioner, envelopes, and information changes.

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