



Cure of the leper

Leprosy is the clear theme of the first reading and the Gospel. In biblical times lepers were treated as outcasts. Leprosy was the ultimate uncleanness. It made the victim an outcast not only socially, but also in the religious sphere.

Jesus broke through all the religious and social taboos and reached out a loving and healing hand to the leper. In this way we see how Christian community should deal with sinners and people society rejects. Besides, a Christian is one who has been 'cleansed' by Christ in baptism, and who ought to spread the good news.

In the Gospel we have an early instance of what scholars call Mark's 'Messianic Secret,' whereby Jesus seems to hide his identity as the Messiah and Son of God until it is made apparent after his death and resurrection.

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.

This Week

Monday, February 12

- 7:00pm **Mass** +Ernestine Fronc
- 7:45pm Meeting Catholic in Recovery

Tuesday, February 13

- 6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (virtual)
- 8:00am **Mass** +Erlinda Rivera
- 10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
- 5:00pm Meeting Finance Committee
- 6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)
- 7:00pm **Mass** +Ernestine Fronc
- 7:45pm Meeting Bible Study

Ash Wednesday, February 14

- 8:00am **Mass** Int Jean Doucet
- 9:15am **Mass** St. Augustine School Ash Wednesday Mass
- 7:00pm **Mass** Int Irena

Thursday February 15

- 8:00am **Mass** Int Christine Hume
- 11:00am Funeral +Ian Bideshi
- 1:15pm Meeting Bible Study
- 7:00pm **Mass** +Jan Noga
- 7:30pm Meeting Faith Study Group
- 7:45pm Event Taizé Prayer Service

Friday February 16

- 8:00am **Mass** +Sheikhhider Mahmood
- 10:30am Funeral +Paul Tusnady
- 1:15pm Meeting Lectio Divina
- 7:00pm **Mass** +Ben Tanjuaquio

Saturday February 17

- 8:00am **Mass** +Kristofer Bihis
- 12:30pm Meeting Listening to Indigenous Voices
- 3:00pm Meeting Legion of Mary
- 5:00pm **Mass** +Bridget Finnie

Sunday February 18

- 9:00am **Mass** +Nan Barry
- 11:00am **Mass** +Teodoro Pareño
- 5:00pm **Mass** For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates



OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$11463.00

Please visit www.staugustineschurch.ca If you wish to maintain your contributions via Debit or Credit Card



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.

This Lent, let's work toward Reaping our Rights



This year, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Create Hope: Reaping our Rights campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Do this by:

Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 17, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!



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.

Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.

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 beginning at 1:15pm.

For more information contact Lynette Brook 604 441 6845.

The Rights of Rural & Peasant Communities

Everywhere on Earth, and especially in the Global South, impoverished populations are facing growing challenges due to climate change, land grabbing, resource theft, soil contamination and armed conflict.

Rural populations are particularly affected by these upheavals, and Development and Peace – Caritas Canada supports them in defending their rights to life, land, water, biodiversity, justice, health, participation, decent livelihoods, a healthy environment and more.

Join us for the Share Lent *Reaping our Rights* national campaign launch webinar on February 17, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. ET. Go to the following link to register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctc->

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.

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.

Taizé – Come Pray Together

Benediction, Prayer, Silence, & Meditative Song
A time to pause and be with God

Thursday, February 15th 7:45 PM to 9:00 PM

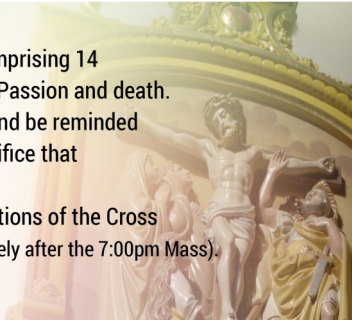
Taizé is an ecumenical Christian monastic community in Burgundy, France. The music of the community is simple and reflective, sung repeatedly and in harmony. The community's services consist of this music, punctuated by Scripture readings and silence. You are invited to pray by singing, listening and reflecting.

Stations of the Cross

A cherished Lenten tradition comprising 14 stations that symbolize Christ's Passion and death. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and be reminded of God's love for us and the sacrifice that was made to save us.

Please join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent (immediately after the 7:00pm Mass).

Starts February 16th 7:30pm



This Lent, journey with us as we honor Christ's ultimate sacrifice with two unique series from the Augustine Institute.



Encounter Jesus in a new way this Lent

Did you enjoy learning about *Rooted's* Jesse tree during Advent? Don't miss out on the opportunity to encounter Jesus through **FORMED's** Lenten programming!

By opting in to our Lenten reflection series, you'll receive an email each day with a short video on the Eucharist. Throughout Lent and Easter, you'll also receive 10 exciting new episodes of our children's art show.

FORMED

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

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

Knights of Columbus **Sunday Brunch**

February 25th 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$12 Adult
\$6 Child (3-12 yrs)
\$35 Family of 4(+)

All proceeds support local charities.



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.

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!

St. Augustine School Annual General Meeting – Feb 22, 2024

Please join the Parish Education Committee for its AGM on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the school gym. In addition to hearing the principal's update and receiving reports from the PEC on finance, participation and maintenance our Strategic Planning Committee will unveil the School's Five Year Strategic Plan. We hope you can join us for this adults only evening. For more information, please contact pec@saschool.ca or leave a message at the School Office.

Stewardship Reflection

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." -1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

"SAVE THE DATES"

PARISH MISSION



MISSION SCHEDULE:

Mission Talks: 7-8PM

Confessions:
Monday-Thursday
5:30-6:30PM & 8:15PM
(except Thursday
8:15 PM Social)

**THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST:
GIFT AND SACRAMENT**

Monday, Feb. 19 - Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024
STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH



Mission Preacher
Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM

is a member of the Fathers of Mercy, a missionary preaching Religious Congregation based in Auburn, Kentucky. Fr. Wade has served as Assistant General and as Director of Vocations and Director of Seminarians for the Fathers of Mercy. Fr. Wade has also served as the Chaplain-in-Residence at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Alabama. Both the shrine and Monastery are affiliated with EWTN, the Eternal Word Television Network. As an itinerant preacher for Fathers of Mercy, Fr. Wade has preached throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. He has produced and hosted numerous televised series for EWTN; he is author of three books and host of EWTN Global Radio's "Open Line" Tuesday.

Please Note: At the Parish Mission, Fr. Wade will conduct a book signing and his books and catechetical CDs and DVD's will be available for purchase. Cash only, please

Media with: Pastor@vly.walla.com

Mission Topics

- The Eucharist as Foreshadowed in both the Old and New Testaments
- The Church Fathers on Eucharistic Doctrine
- Rekindling Eucharistic Amazement: The Saints and the Eucharist
- The 'Most Blessed' of the Seven Sacraments

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PARISH OFFICE

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YOUNG ADULTS

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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

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| First Name | First Name |
| Spouse First Name | Spouse Last Name |
| Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth | |
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| Mailing Address | |
| City | Phone |
| Postal Code | Email |
| Comments | |