



March 17th 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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The seed must die

The first reading talks about a new covenant between God and his people. This new covenant was brought about through the death of Jesus: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood'.

In the Gospel Jesus talks about his imminent death. It shows

the very real disquiet with which he approached it. But it also stresses that what was to take place was within the purposes of God. Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat dying in order to yield a harvest, thereby suggesting that his own death will bear much fruit.

John has no account of the agony in the garden in his Gospel. The nearest he gets to it is when he reports Jesus as saying, 'My soul is troubled.' And in the words, 'Should I ask the Father to save me from this hour?' we catch an unmistakable echo of his prayer in Gethsemane.

We catch a similar echo in the second reading: 'He learned to obey through suffering.' This reading also stresses the fruitfulness of Jesus' death: he became the source of eternal life for all who obey him.

Days of Mercy – March 19th–27th & March 30th

This Lenten Season we will increase our Confession times to provide more opportunities to prepare for Easter.

Please note: No Confessions on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Confession Times:

Monday – Friday Evenings: 6:25pm – 6:50pm
Tuesday – Saturday Mornings: 7:25am – 7:50am
Saturday, March 23rd: 3:45pm – 4:30pm

This Week

Monday, March 18

7:00pm **Mass** +Jim Brown
7:45pm Meeting Catholic in Recovery

Tuesday, March 19

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (virtual)
8:00am **Mass** +Maria Qui Bui
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
7:00pm **Mass** +Fr. Joseph Sluga, OMI
7:45pm Meeting Bible Study Group

Wednesday, March 20

8:00am **Mass** Int Evelyn Vollet
7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
7:00pm Meeting Marriage Mentorship
7:00pm **Mass** +Eileen Hendry
7:30pm Meeting COR—Men's Engagement Prayer Group

Thursday March 21

8:00am **Mass** +Maria Wojcik
6:30pm Meeting Baptismal Preparation
7:00pm **Mass** +Krystyna & Zbigniew Zdanowicz

Friday March 22

8:00am **Mass** +Maria Wojcik
7:00pm **Mass** +Carol Roache
7:30pm Event Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 23

8:00am **Mass** +Nhi Ly
3:00pm Meeting Legion of Mary
5:00pm **Mass** +Robert Bentley

Sunday March 24


9:00am **Mass** +Maria Wojcik
11:00am **Mass** For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates
5:00pm **Mass** Int Ben Hume



OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$11,211.50

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Stations of the Cross

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and be reminded of God's love for us and the sacrifice that was made to save us.

This Lent you are welcome to join us with our parish groups praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30pm. Each group will be using a different format.

On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be led at 7:00pm

DATE	PARISH GROUP
March 15 th	Development & Peace Theme: Share Lent: Reaping Our Rights
March 22 nd	Catholic Women's League Theme: Marriages and Families
March 29 th at 7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council Theme: Walking with Jesus

Recommended by Parishioners...

The movie "Cabrini" about St. Frances Cabrini is now showing in several Cineplex Theaters from March 8 until March 19.

"Arriving in New York City in 1889, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children. She soon sets off on a daring mission to convince the mayor to secure housing and health care for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world has ever seen."



Baptismal Preparation

Classes are held at the Parish Centre beginning 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SURVEY
Thank you for your input!


Name _____
Email _____ Phone # _____

#1 Which windows are best for you to spend one hour with Jesus?

- Fridays at 8:30am until 12:00pm
- Fridays at 5:30pm until 6:45pm
- Fridays at 7:30pm with Benediction at 8:30pm
- Saturday mornings after Mass - 8:30am until 10:00am

#2 Would you be open to being an Adoration Guardian? (someone that is entrusted with being a guardian to sit with Jesus for one hour)

- Yes
- Maybe
- No, thank you
- I want to learn more!

Please provide any additional comments and/or suggestions (back of form) 

QR Code for Eucharistic Adoration Survey



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.

St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus



Our prayer devotion to St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church will be on **Mon. April 8, 2024 at 7:30 pm.** The St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon has been Blessed by Pope Francis. Intentions: Pro Life, Fallen Away Catholics, Matrimony, Vocations, Catholic Education & the Priesthood. Please join us after the 7:00p Mass for this annual Knight's of Columbus devotion.

Birthright

Birthright is a crisis pregnancy service that provides free and confidential services to pregnant women and their unborn children. Whether it's providing a pregnancy test or infant clothing, or discussing a woman's situation and available community resources, we as volunteers are committed to providing love, care, and support to women during the challenges of their pregnancy.

Our Vancouver chapter has been around for over 50 years now, and has hundreds of stories of happy mothers and children as a result of its work. Have a look at our annual newsletter, which is attached to this email!

We have an urgent need for daytime office volunteers, a secretarial position, and people to support our volunteers. If you're interested in supporting our mission, I hope you'll consider volunteering with us, sharing our work with others, or making a tax-deductible donation to Birthright Vancouver. I'm also happy to answer any questions you might have about Birthright.

Contact us:

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 604-687-7223 | Text: 778-228-4771 | 24-hour helpline: 1-800-550-4900
 Email: birthrightvancouver@gmail.com
 Website: www.birthright.org/vancouver

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." -Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

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FOOD COLLECTION

April 20 & 21 2024

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

This Lent, please give generously



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's **Reaping our Rights** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. **Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.** "Development and Peace – Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our insti-

tutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**"

– Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia

Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarit**

A PASS THE TORCH ONLINE FUNDRAISING EVENT

MOONLIGHT Masquerade GALA

passtheorchgala.com

Pass the Torch Tickets on Sale NOW!

Exciting news! The St. Augustine Pass the Torch Gala tickets are now on sale for the event taking place April 27th at the Hellenic Centre. Come celebrate another school year with family, friends and fellow parishioners as we eat delicious Greek food, enjoy local wine and specialty cocktails, take part in the exciting Live auction and dance the night away.

Please visit <http://www.passtheorchgala.com> for more information or come to the table by the Parish Hall where you can chat with SAS parents about the Gala and purchase tickets online. See you there!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**Holy Thursday – March 28th****Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 PM**

Procession of the Oils, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist and Procession to the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall which will be open until 11:00 PM to enable the faithful to remain in prayer and meditation. Remember to bring your bells to be rung during the Gloria.
There will be no 8:00 AM Mass and no Confession Time.

Good Friday – March 29th**Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 12 NOON & 3:00 PM**

Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Communion.
Second Collection: The Needs of the Church in the Holy Land

Good Friday – 7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

Theme: Walking with Jesus
The Parish Hall will be closed during the day and no Confession Time.

Holy Saturday – March 30th**Blessing of the Easter Baskets – 2:00 PM**

Have your Easter food and treats blessed in the church. Traditionally the faithful brought meats, bread, eggs, vegetables, and wine as a way of consecrating the whole of the Easter season. Items to bring, however are not limited to those above, so don't forget the chocolate.

Confession Time – 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**Easter Vigil – 8:30 PM**

The Church and Parish Centre will be closed on Holy Saturday until 7:30 PM (excluding Confession and Blessing Service at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM). Throughout the day the faithful are invited to continue the solemn paschal fast which they began on Good Friday. Service will begin in the Parish Courtyard. Remember to bring your bells to be rung during the Gloria.

Easter Sunday – March 31st – 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 5:00 PM**Easter Monday – April 1st – 10:00 AM ONLY**

The Parish Office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday and will reopen on Tuesday April 2nd at 10:00 AM.

Parish Information**PASTOR**

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday & Friday 9:00am-12noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm
Tues/Wed/Thurs 10:00am-12noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm
Monday is the Priest's day off.

Email: parish.saug@rcav.org

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BAPTISM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

604.736.4455 x 221

MARRIAGES/WEDDINGS

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PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

604.736-4455 EXT.221

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Friday 6:35pm-6:50pm
Tuesday-Saturday 7:35am-7:50am
Saturday 4:00pm-4:30pm

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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

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