



December 18th 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Preparing for Christmas

All three readings deal with the identity of 'the One who was to come'. The identity of the child was vaguely glimpsed in the Old Testament. Isaiah talked about the coming of a very special child (First Reading). But there is no reason to believe that he knew just how special that child would be. No prophecy is fully understood until after its fulfilment.

Matthew shows that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, and in a far greater way that the prophet could ever have imagined. The New Testament reveals the true identity of this special Child (Jesus). The second reading and the Gospel make it clear that Jesus was the Son of David. This was so because Joseph, his legal father, was descended from the line of David. But he is more than that. He is also the Son of God.

Liturgical Celebrations

Wednesday - Saint Peter Canisius

Peter was born in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, in 1521. He joined the Jesuits and worked in Germany, Austria, Bohemia and Switzerland as a leader of the Counter-Reformation. Peter educated Catholics with his popular and influential catechism. Although he worked in a time of conflict with growing Lutheranism, he remained moderate and courteous. Peter died in 1597 and was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church in 1925.

Friday - Saint John of Kanty

John was born in Kanti, Poland in 1390. After his ordination, he served in the Faculty of Theology at Krakow University. A popular teacher and preacher, John was noted for his simplicity and love for the poor. He died in 1473 and was canonized in 1767.

This Week

Monday, December 19

7:00pm **Mass** +Dino Geronimo

Tuesday, December 20

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am **Mass** +Lucy Butler
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Women's Group
6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
7:00pm **Mass** +Yuet-sheung Wan

Wednesday, December 21

8:00am **Mass** Int Fr. Bautista Boj, S.J.
7:00pm **Mass** +Felicidad del Moral Villalon

Thursday, December 22

8:00am **Mass** Int Shirley Lorraine Jewitt
7:00pm Meeting Discovery
7:00pm **Mass** +Dominga Jimenez

Friday, December 23

Parish Office Closed at 12 noon
8:00am **Mass** Int Sidwell McLeod
7:00pm **Mass** +Max Mehliis

Saturday, December 24

4:30pm Caroling begins
5:00pm Mass
6:30pm Caroling begins
7:00pm Mass
8:30pm Caroling begins
9:00pm Mass
11:30pm Caroling begins
12:00am Mass

Sunday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord
9:00am Mass Int Betty Khan
11:00am Mass For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates



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We are grateful for these gifts

Sunday: \$10,638.45

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



Justice Patricia M. Proudfoot
1928 – 2019

Justice Patricia Proudfoot's life inspired many: she was dedicated to her family, loyal to her faith, untiring in her life of extraordinary public service and recognized for her commitment to education.

Once St. Augustine's Parish embraced the plan to build a much-needed new school, Father John Brioux, OMI, invited Justice Proudfoot to make what would be her first of many gifts to ensure our Parish's dream came to fruition.

The completion of the school's third floor in 2018 matched Justice Proudfoot's determination that the Parish and School community take this important step. Her significant bequest reflected her love of our Parish, her passion for Catholic education and her generous spirit.

Justice Proudfoot's faithful presence at our school touched the lives of so many. She cared deeply for the staff, loved engaging with the children, participated in our prayer partner outreach, attended our seniors' lunches, and delighted in the relationships she developed over many years.

In honour of Justice Proudfoot's love of our Parish School, its children and teaching staff, we dedicate this third floor to her memory.

December 15, 2022

2022 Fall Campaign Update

As we enter the final month of our Fall Campaign, the generosity of parishioners and school families has now reached almost \$460,000. More than 93 percent of our school families have donated to the campaign. All these funds will be directed to the final phase of our school building project. Our goal is to reach \$500,000 by the end of December and with everyone's support we will get there.

Donations may be deposited in the Sunday collection, or you can stop by the Parish or School office to drop off your contributions. If you're writing a cheque to the campaign, please make it out to:

St. Augustine Parish School Building Fund.

If you have any questions about the Fall Campaign or the school building project, please drop by the Campaign table at the entrance of the Church or call the Faith and Foundation office at 604-736-4455 Extension 231

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to Catholic education

Advent Giving Tree



Anyone who can help sort and package the collection and/or drive to Covenant House on December 22nd (12:00 pm - 2:00 pm), please contact Eileen at

dcamparmo@hotmail.com. Thank you!



St. Augustine School Open House

There will be an Open House at 7:00pm on Thursday, January 5, 2023 for new families hoping to enroll their children at St. Augustine School for the 2023-2024 school year. Please check the School website for additional information. (Adults only please).



Celebrate The New Year at St. Augustine's.
Delicious Dinner, Entertainment, Door Prizes, & More

TICKETS

\$30 Adult

\$15 Child (up to 14 years old)

Payable by cheque or cash

DINNER

Prime Rib, Herb Roasted Chicken
Vegetable Medley, Baked Potatoes
Dessert, A Glass of Wine
Coffee, Tea & Juice

TICKET SALES: After Mass December 10, 11, 17 & 18
and Parish Office

Hosted by the CWL & Knights of Columbus

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: "Quit Arguing"

by Darcie Lich - Vocation Team - Oblate Associate

"Emmanuel means we don't have to do it alone. It's our in our nature to want to be certain about things. We want to know unequivocally that things will work out. We all want a sense that God is with us in some way. But sometimes we forget that if God has a plan, God is here to help with it. God is here to be part of it. God is with us. And I think that's it... that's how Mary and Joseph said yes. They trusted that if God was going to lead them to it, God would also be with them through it."

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

Quit Arguing

Full disclosure: sometimes I have a really hard time relating to Mary and Joseph.

That may be alarming for you to hear. You might even find it a bit irreverent. (Or, who knows? Maybe you're relieved to hear someone else say what you've secretly been thinking, yourself.)

But it's true.

Let's be honest. The fact that they were the earthly parents of Jesus means they're well out of my league to begin with. Oddly enough, I can live with that part. God picked them and not me for a reason – they'd have been infinitely better at raising the Son of God than I ever would have been. (I'm pretty sure that neither Mary nor Joseph would have let Jesus eat Cheetos that he found under the fridge.)

But it's the stuff leading up to the birth of Jesus that I struggle with most. We know the story: when the angel shows up and tells Mary that she's going to bear God's Son, she asks one question, and immediately answers, "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38).

In this Sunday's gospel (Mt 1:18-24), Joseph responds in much the same way when the same sort of thing happens to him. An angel appears to Joseph in a dream, and tells him that the baby his fiancée is carrying is from the Holy Spirit, and that he really should take Mary as his wife after all. And then Matthew tells us that "When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him."

This is where it becomes clear to me that, Cheetos notwithstanding, I wouldn't have been on the parental shortlist. Because God knows I'd have argued. Lots. I'd have pointed out that the timing wasn't right. I'd have asked if there was an easier way to do it. I'd have complained that it was too hard. I'd have declared the plan unrealistic. I'd have insisted that if I had to do it, it was going to be done my way.

Every time it appears that God has some sort of plan in mind for me, I throw a bunch of excuses up, complain that's really rather inconvenient, sulk if it's not what I had in mind, and sometimes just flat-out refuse. And this is why I often have a hard time relating to Mary and Joseph: they both immediately said 'yes'.

I often find myself wondering how they did it. No arguing. No quibbling. No excuses. Was it really that simple? Did the gospel writer leave out six paragraphs' worth of anxiety? Was a three-hour conversation edited out? What it was that made their yeses so easy?

Emmanuel.

God is with us.

Emmanuel means we don't have to do it alone. It's our in our nature to want to be certain about things. We want to know unequivocally that things will work out. We all want a sense that God is with us in some way. But sometimes we forget that if God has a plan, God is here to help with it. God is here to be part of it. God is with us. And I think that's it... that's how Mary and Joseph said yes. They trusted that if God was going to lead them to it, God would also be with them through it.

The deep and abiding message of salvation history is that if we pause long enough, if we stop arguing with the angel long enough to take a look around and a look within, we will find that God is with us. And when we truly are aware of it, when we truly trust that God is with us, it makes the yeses a little easier.

Mary said yes.

Joseph said yes.

As our Advent journey brings us ever closer to Bethlehem, may we find it a little easier to relate to Mary and Joseph, as the angel's reminder of "Emmanuel" gives us the courage to say 'yes', too.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
(Romans 1:7)

FOOD COLLECTION

January 21st & 22nd

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

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Penitential Service — December 14TH 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Carol Service — December 24TH
4:30 PM, 6:30 PM, 8:30 PM & 11:30 PM

Christmas Eve Masses — December 24TH
5:00 PM - *Family Mass*
7:00 PM

9:00 PM - *with Gospel Artist Marcus Mosley*
12 Midnight

Christmas Day Masses — December 25TH
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Feast of the Holy Family — December 30TH
10:00 AM & 7:00 PM (NO 8:00AM MASS)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
December 31ST 5:00 PM
January 1ST 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday Masses
January 7TH 5:00 PM
January 8TH 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Baptism of the Lord — January 9TH
10:00 AM & 7:00 PM (NO 8:00AM MASS)

December 26th, December 27th, and January 2nd - 10:00AM Mass Only
After Mass hospitality will resume after the Christmas Break

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☐ 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

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