March 5th 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

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The Transfiguration

Like the story of Jesus' baptism, the transfiguration is an epiphany story. Both stories are manifestations of Jesus as he is, or as he will be. In both there is a voice, and the voice says the same words. A mountain is a place of divine manifestation. The cloud is a sign of the presence of God. Moses and Elijah stand for the Law and the Prophets.

It is no longer possible to say what happened on the mountain. Was it a vision? Was it a profound religious experience? There has been a tendency to see the Transfiguration simply as a stage in the education of the apostles. But its first and chief significance was for Jesus himself. It was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken.

But of course it also benefited the apostles. And it's this that Matthew emphasises. In the transfigured Jesus they got a glimpse of the glory of the risen Lord. Even so, they would not understand until Jesus had risen from the dead.

In the first reading we see the obedience of Abraham, obedience which brings blessings to many. It also points to the obedience of Jesus and to the blessings that would flow to the world as a result.

This Week

Monday, March 6

4:30pm	Meeting	Indigenous Relations
6:30pm	Event	Anti Human Trafficking Workshop
7:00pm	**Mass**	+Felicidad Robillo

Tuesday, March 7

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am	**Mass**	+Murray Stanley
10:00am	Meeting	Busy Hands Women's Group
6:30pm	Meeting	Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
7:00pm	**Mass**	+Maria Perrotta
7:45pm	Meeting	Philippians Bible Study Group

Wednesday, March 8

8:00am	**Mass**	Int Agnes & Shirley Torres
7:00pm	**Mass**	+Andy Hall
7:00pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, March 9

8:00am	**Mass**	+Diane Martin
12Noon	Event	Senior's Luncheon - hosted by St. Augustine's School
7:00pm	**Mass**	Int Russ Grabb
7:00pm	Meeting	The Source Bible Study Group

Friday, March 10

8:00am	**Mass**	Int Sean O'Brien
11:00am	**Mass**	St. Augustine's School
7:00pm	**Mass**	
7:30pm	Event	Stations of the Cross Led by **Faith Formation Ministry**

Saturday, March 11

8:00 am	**Mass**	+Mary Finnegan
8:30am	Meeting	ALPHA Group
5:00pm	**Mass**	
6:00pm	Event	Young Adults Movie Night

Sunday, March 12

9:00am	**Mass**	
10:00am	Meeting	Catholic Women's League General Meeting
11:00am	**Mass**	
5:00pm	**Mass**	For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates

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Sunday: $9,963.00

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

Senior's Luncheon

Venue: St. Augustine Parish Centre

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 - 12:00 noon

Maximum seating of 40; RSVP by March 7th to:

Geri Fujisawa: 604 738 1155 or gerifuji@telus.net.

Assistance with transportation may be requested when you RSVP

REIMAGINE Social Justice Education Series

JOIN US each MONDAY during LENT

Learn about **Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation** in Canada.

The evenings will be facilitated by Sr Nancy Brown SC, as we study together, ***Working Towards Freedom***, the pastoral letter of the Canadian Catholic Bishops

Date: March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Place: St Augustine's Parish Centre

To register:

socialjustice@staugustineschurch.ca **or contact** 604 736 - 4455

Stewardship Reflection

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"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

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FOOD COLLECTION

March 18th & 19th

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

Rite of Election at Holy Rosary Cathedral

Sunday February 26th

Last Sunday, February 26, St. Augustine's RCIA catechumens and candidates celebrated the Rite of Election at Holy Rosary Cathedral with Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB together with other parishes from the Archdiocese. This Rite marks the progression of the catechumens into the final period of preparation for the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. Candidates for full communion with the Catholic Church who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist receive a prayer of blessing from the Archbishop.

St. Augustine's Social Justice needs YOU!

Consider being part of the Share Lent Committee.

Give 2-4 hours of your time during Lent to:

Sell tickets for the Solidarity Lunch after Mass.

Be part of the Solidarity Lunch hospitality committee (March 26).

Participate in the Share Lent Sunday procession at Mass.

Please contact Eileen at

dcamparmo@hotmail.com

to join this wonderful Lenten activity!

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.

Why do we need to pray the Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross prayer has been a tradition of the Church going right back to the time of Jesus. The way of the cross follows the foot steps of Jesus Christ as he endures his passion for the salvation of the world.

Praying the Stations of the Cross reminds us that we are not alone in our suffering: Jesus suffers with us. He chose to embrace every aspect of human life, including suffering and death.

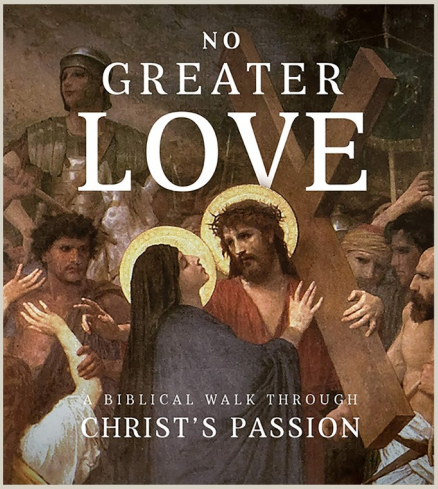
Join us every Friday at 7:30pm during Lent

as we pray the Stations of the Cross after Mass.

We will have different reflections every week. This coming Friday March 10th the theme is:

Divine Mercy and Eucharistic Way of the Cross with Adoration

St. Augustine's Adult Bible Study Presents:



WHEN: Tuesdays, March 7th to April 4th /7:45-9:15pm

WHERE: St. Augustine's Parish Hall

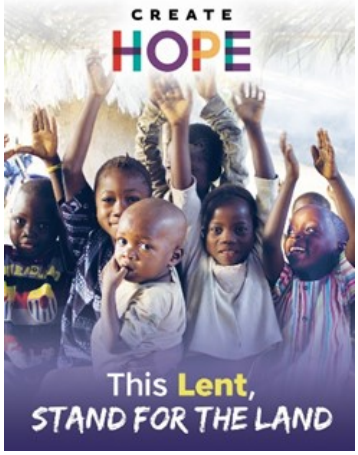
HOW MUCH: $25 for the book.

REGISTER: www.staugustineschurch.ca/ faithformation@staugustineschurch.ca/ contact Pilar Mehlis at 604-355-7260

"Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a five-part video series and full-length book that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. While taking this study or reading this book, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary.Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love

Development and Peace:

The courage to Create Hope



To delegates at the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis said, "…you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion."

These are the words that inspired the choice of "Create Hope" as a five-year guiding theme at Development and Peace — *Caritas Canada.*

The courage to Create Hope is rooted in actions big and small. For to drive away anguish and despair, it is best to act. Every action we take has a positive effect on us, our neighbours, our great human family, our children and their descendants. What will you to this Lent to Create Hope? Join our campaign at devp.org/lent.

Register and Learn More:	Coming Soon
www.staugustineschurch.ca	**(7 Thursdays) *online*** March 2nd to April 13th

Whether you are a life-long searcher, a devout religious, someone who has left the faith, or an agnostic waiting for facts, **The Search** is sure to (re) ignite the love for the journey and open up a space to explore questions about the meaning of Life and God in a casual, open and non-judgmental setting.

It's about building lasting and meaningful friendships in a fun, safe, and relaxed environment over a video and lively and inspiring conversation!

This is a virtual event on Zoom.

Contact: Linda Chehab 305.205.8943

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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