



May 21st 2023  
The Ascension of the Lord

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**Ascension of the Lord**

The resurrection, the ascension, and the giving of the Spirit are part of the same event. In one action that goes beyond earthly time, Jesus emerges from the tomb, returns to the Father, and gives the Spirit. However, from the viewpoint of the first disciples, who continued to live on within time, these actions are described as having taken place at different times: They found the tomb empty on Sunday morning; the risen Lord appeared to them on that day or subsequently; the termination of the appearances caused them to realise that Jesus was now permanently with God; and they received the Spirit.

The theological meaning of this feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

In both the First Reading and the Gospel Jesus gives a mission and makes a promise to his followers.

## This Week

### Monday, May 22

10:00am **Mass**

Victoria Day—Office Closed

Oblate Feast Day

### Tuesday, May 23

6:00am Meeting

8:00am **Mass**

11:00am Funeral

6:30pm Meeting

7:00pm **Mass**

Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)

+Francis-Xavier Hoán & Maria Bui

+Waverine William Gilbert

Parish Religious Education (PREP)

### Wednesday, May 24

8:00am **Mass**

7:00pm Meeting

7:00pm **Mass**

+Fr. John Joseph Brioux, OMI

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

+Chun Ho Lee

### Thursday, May 25

8:00am **Mass**

7:00pm Meeting

7:00pm Meeting

7:00pm **Mass**

+Patrick O'Sullivan

Parish Pastoral Council

Faith Study Group

Int Lucy Suavé

### Friday, May 26

8:00am **Mass**

7:00pm **Mass**

+Giuseppina & Antonio Nardi

### Saturday, May 27

8:00am **Mass**

2:00pm Wedding

**5:00pm Mass**

Int Mariquet Renshaw

+Laurier Lamarche

### Sunday, May 28

**9:00am Mass**

**11:00am Mass**

**5:00pm Mass**

+Antonietta Zanatta

For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates

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**REST IN PEACE**

+Shirley King

+ Waverine William Gilbert

**We are All Called to Serve**

Every Christian, no matter who they are or what they do, are called to serve others and make disciples.

We are all called to be a part of the Church and play an important role as we bring our gifts and talents to be shared with our faith community.

**Adult Faith Formation**

Offering Faith Studies, Bible Study Timeline, RCIA, ALPHA, The Search, and many Faith Formation programs, this Ministry provides one of many pathways for you to discover, grow, live out your faith, and become leaders who witness to God's calling for you. We are all on our lifelong personal pilgrimage of faith, and each of us is in a different place of amazing discovery.

By accepting this invitation and leap of faith, you will find yourself becoming immersed in the Word, deepening your relationship with God, making lasting friendships, accompanying others on their faith journey, be it by co-facilitating a faith formation small group, helping accompany others to and from a study program, helping with coffee and snacks, or helping with room set up and breakdown.

You'll happily discover your focus begins to shift as you make lasting friendships in the community with Christ as the centre of our lives.

Pray, reach out, and ask how to best respond to God's call to serve. We invite you to check out the bulletin, go online to [staugustineschurch.ca](http://staugustineschurch.ca) or send Faith Formation an email for info on all upcoming events.

After Mass, you can meet a leaders of the Adult Faith Formation to get more information.

**Praying the Gospel**

Women in the parish are invited to join a group which will reflect on the gospel reading for the following Sunday. The method of reflection and prayer we will be using is known as Lectio Divina. If you haven't heard of Lectio Divina before, don't worry as you will be provided with an explanation and it

is a method which is practiced and learned over time. This is an opportunity for women to strengthen their personal prayer life and to get to know others who have a similar desire to grow in their faith.

The group plans to meet on the first and third Friday of each month from 10am -11.30am with the first meeting on May 19th, in the library in the Pastoral Centre. You are very welcome to join us.

For more information contact Lynette Brook: 604 441-6845.

**Stewardship Reflection****7th Sunday of Easter - May 21, 2023**

*"I am praying for them..." John 17:9*

Prayer is the foundation of our faith and the foundation of stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

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**FOOD COLLECTION**


**June 17th & 18th**

*"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.

### Around the Archdiocese...



**Permanent Diaconate Program**  
Now accepting applications

CONTACT [DEACONS@RCAV.ORG](mailto:DEACONS@RCAV.ORG)

### Grief to Grace Healing Retreat

Grief to Grace is a retreat program to help those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse to find healing. Centered on Jesus Christ, the five-day program is facilitated by mental health professionals and will be held in Kelowna, B.C. Due to the confidentiality and sensitivity of this retreat, the exact address will only be shared to those who register. From Tuesday, May 23, at 3:00 p.m. to Saturday, May 27, at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please email

[griefftogracekelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griefftogracekelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential phone call to 250-808-6403.

### World Youth Day Formation Session: Preparing for Pilgrimage

What is a pilgrimage, and how do we prepare for it spiritually, mentally, and physically? WYD 2023 pilgrims are invited to the third and final formation session as we prepare to make the pilgrimage to Lisbon this summer. This session is an opportunity for pilgrims to connect with one another and dive deeper into preparation for what is to be a transformative experience at WYD Lisbon. On Thursday, June 1, from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. at John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### Birthright Walkathon 2023


Join Birthright Vancouver's annual 3k fundraising walk! Funds raised will go towards supporting women and new mothers in Vancouver. Participants will meet at Holy Name of Jesus Parish and will proceed to Queen Elizabeth Park. On Saturday, June 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, please email [birthrightvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightvancouver@gmail.com).

Birthright Vancouver is a downtown crisis pregnancy service that provides free, non-judgmental and confidential support to pregnant women and their children.

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

"My tears are of joy and healing and not of sadness anymore. I am free and I am not alone." -Testimonial

Have you forgotten how to laugh and enjoy life? Can you even begin to imagine what that would be like? Did the abortion decision change everything? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and see what joy-filled tears feel like and be reminded that you are His – always have been and always will be. On Friday, June 9, to Sunday, June 11. For confidential information, please call 604-525-0999 or email [info@pacscanada.org](mailto:info@pacscanada.org).



**After abortion care**  
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Post Abortion  
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### Vocation Reflection: "Flip It Upside Down"

by Darcie Lich - Vocation Team - Oblate Associate

"But the best part about reading this story backward is that it paints, very clearly, a picture of our own vocations. You see, at the very beginning of the scripture passage, it says "the eleven disciples went to Galilee..." But if you keep reading further backwards in this gospel, you'll find that there are usually twelve disciples mentioned. That means there is a space for us in this calling. We've been given the same job: teach, baptize, make disciples, and do it by going out to the world. Because we, ourselves, are the twelfth disciple. Sometimes, the best sources of clarity and insight come from a painting that gets flipped upside down."

Read the reflection here: <https://omilacombe.ca/become-an-oblate/>

### Novena Prayer for Oblate Vocations (May 21-29)

As every year, we pray for Oblate vocations in the Novena from the Feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod on May 21st to the feast of Blessed Joseph Gerard on May 29th. For this year, we take the theme "Let us pray for vocations with our saints". The reflections for each day were prepared by the General House community. The novena reflections and prayer is available here: <https://omilacombe.ca/may-21-29-2023-novena-for-vocations/>

Thank you for praying for and encouraging vocations  
to the Oblate religious life!

Jarek Pachocki OMI  
OMI Lacombe Canada - Vocation Director

### Pope's Prayer Intention for May

For Church movements and groups—We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

We're firing up the grill!



# Backyard BBQ Bash

May 27, 2023 | 6-10pm  
St. Augustine's Parish

Join us for mass at 5pm  
followed by an outdoor BBQ in the courtyard at  
600pm

Food and soft drinks will be provided

Kindly register at  
<https://SAYABBQ.eventbrite.com>  
so we know how much food to provide

**SCAN ME!**





### St Augustine's Young Adults MASS + BBQ

We're firing up the grill and you are invited!

Come meet other young adults and form community and friendships

Young Adults ages 19-39 are invited to join us on May 27 for a BBQ in the courtyard.

Mass at 5pm, followed by the BBQ from 6-10

\*Food and soft drinks provided\*

Please Register at <https://sayabbq.eventbrite.com/>

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	

## Parish Information

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### PARISH OFFICE

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 Monday is the Priest's day off.

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