

June 16th 2024

OUR FAITH. OUR FOUNDATION.

SINCE 1911

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time


Small Beginnings

In Mark 4:1-34 we have a collection of parables, most of which deal with the growth of seed. They serve as a commentary on what has been happening in Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom.

The prophet Ezekiel foretold that God would take a twig from the top of the cedar and plant it in Zion. Under God's protective power that twig would grow into a great cedar. Thus Ezekiel dreamed that God would transplant the exiled people of Israel back to the land of their fathers. He glimpsed a future son of David whose kingdom would be universal.

The promise is fulfilled in Jesus who ushers in the kingdom of God. The parables of the seed that grows by itself and the mustard seed were meant to encourage the early Church which was worried about the slow growth of the kingdom. They were telling the disciples to be patient, to trust, and not to expect instant results. Through the power of God, from small and insignificant beginnings the kingdom will grow into something great.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 7:00 pm Mass ONLY
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8:00 am Mass ONLY

SUNDAY AND STATUTORY HOLIDAY MASSES REMAIN THE SAME

Saturday: 5:00pm
 Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

This Week

Monday, June 17

7:00pm	Mass	+Kristofer Bihis
6:00pm	Meeting	Faith & Foundation
7:30pm	Meeting	Knights of Columbus Executive
7:45pm	Meeting	Catholic in Recovery (CIR)

Tuesday, June 18

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
10:00am	Meeting	Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
6:30pm	Meeting	Parish Religious Education (PREP)
7:00pm	Mass	+Gary Levangie
7:45pm	Meeting	Faith Studies (Final session)

Wednesday, June 19

7:00pm	Mass	+Francisca Malama
7:30pm	Meeting	Men's Engagement Prayer Group (COR)

Thursday June 20

8:00am	Mass	+Alicia Wood
1:15pm	Meeting	Faith Studies
7:00pm	Meeting	Faith Studies
7:00pm	Mass	St. Augustine's School Farewell Mass

Friday June 21

8:00am	Mass	+John Lancaster
1:15pm	Meeting	Lectio Divina Women's Prayer Group

Saturday June 22

8:00am	Mass	Int Sue Macdonald
2:30pm	Wedding	
5:00pm	Mass	Int Aminah Persad-Dubey
6:30pm	Meeting	Legion of Mary

Sunday June 23

9:00am	Mass	Int Gloria Lee Son
11:00am	Mass	Int Olivia Tin Hla
5:00pm	Mass	For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates

MARRIED IN CHRIST

Jessica Kirk & Bruce Laven

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts

Sunday: \$8,933.25

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

REST IN PEACE

+Alicia Wood

Funeral Mass

Gardens of Gethsemane

June 21st at 11:00am



St. Augustine's Legion of Mary

Each Saturday the Legion of Mary meets in the Parish Library from 6:30pm.



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 on Saturdays at 6:30pm. *All are welcome!*

Email Fraud Warning

Our parish has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to recent **Internet email phishing scams**. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance.



Never respond to emails requesting gift cards, or any other form of personal financial assistance, even if it appears to be from a priest, deacon, religious, parish staff or bishop. If you have any doubt, please contact the sender by other means to verify any requests

Important Notice Regarding Parking Courtesy in Our Neighborhood

Recently, the City has received complaints regarding parking in our neighborhood, particularly during church services and events. As a result, they have kindly requested our cooperation in complying with parking restrictions.



We understand that finding parking can sometimes be challenging, especially during peak times. However, it is imperative that we prioritize being good stewards of our community and respect our neighbors.

Please familiarize yourself with local parking regulations and abide by them at all times. This includes avoiding parking in restricted areas or blocking driveways.

Baptismal Preparation

Classes are held at the Parish Centre beginning at 6:30pm.

Tues July 2nd, Thurs Sept 12th & Thurs. Nov. 7th

You may register by calling or leaving a message at the Parish Office with your name and contact number:

604 736-4455 Ext 221.



Stamp Collection



Thank you to Parishioners who generously contribute new and used stamps to the Stamp Box located in the Church foyer. All stamps are welcomed, small and large amounts, even whole collections. Recently collected stamps were worth between \$300-\$400.

Proceeds go towards the Archdiocesan Vocation Fund.

Taizé - Come Pray Together

Benediction, Prayer, Silence, & Meditative Song

A time to pause and be with God

Thursday, June 20th 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.

FOOD COLLECTION

July 20 & 21 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

Refugee Settlement Sponsorship Update

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our fundraising event on June 1.

We're very pleased to announce that the event raised \$5,875 towards our sponsorship goal.

These events and funds raised couldn't be done without the help of our parishioners. Thank you.

Accommodation Wanted

Female parishioner, in her early 30s, seeks 1 private room or bachelor accommodation for moving in in July or August.

Fully employed; references available.

Contact: Alizé Couzigou, alize.czg@outlook.com

Marriage Mentorship Renewing the Church through Relationships

Discover St. Augustine's
Marriage Mentorship Program:

The program is virtues-based, structured and relational, made up of the couple preparing for marriage and a parish mentor couple.

The mentor couple will journey with the engaged couple as they prepare for marriage and will continue the relationship with them into their marriage. Building a relationship with a couple who they can: learn to trust, to turn to in times of difficulty, to ask tough questions and seek support from throughout your marriage.

We are looking for potential mentor couples to help engaged couples in a mentor relationship and to connect to our faith community. At this stage we not asking for a commitment, only your interest in considering whether this may be a calling. We will provide all the details and training. All you need is at least 5 years of marriage.

For more information or interest in joining please contact Program Coordinators Sheila & Matt O'Brien: obriensvan@gmail.com.

CWL of Immaculate Conception Parish

The Catholic Women's League of Immaculate Conception Parish (28th Ave. in Dunbar) invites you to hear Camara Van Breemen, a Vancouver palliative care specialist and international speaker, on Wed, June 26th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Centre.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops held an international, inter-faith symposium on palliative care in May which the Pope addressed. As part of this international effort, we invite you to learn more about palliative care which "prevents and relieves suffering through the early identification, correct assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, whether physical, psychosocial or spiritual". All are welcome to attend

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21 is a time for all Canadians to celebrate more than the arrival of the Summer Solstice – National Indigenous Peoples Day should be a moment when Christians take time to stop and reflect on our past history. More importantly, how will we live into a future of increased respect and justice for Indigenous peoples of this land.

As part of our commitment to renewal and reconciliation with Indigenous sisters and brothers on this land, we will do Land Acknowledgement next weekend before Masses. This small but significant gesture, an act of reconciliation that recognizes the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples and honors their enduring connection to the land. As noted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, land acknowledgement is a way to deepen reconciliation efforts in our parish.

During his Papal visit in Canada Pope Francis invited us to foster a spirit of healing and reconciliation.

For Indigenous peoples, "land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values" (Pope Francis, *Laudato si*, n. 146). Land acknowledgement reflects our faith's teachings to respect creation and uphold human dignity.

The Church has doctrine relating to the theology of creation, teaching us that creation is a gift from God the Creator to all peoples. The Indigenous practice of respect for the land is a beautiful tradition that recognizes land as a gift. When we acknowledge the land and the people, we are not making a political statement, we are recognizing a mutual spiritual truth that unites us and draws us into a deeper understanding of God our Creator.

Let us embrace this journey with open hearts and minds, guided by our faith and dedication to building a loving and just community.

For more information: <https://rcav.org/indigenous-peoples/parish-resources>

Around the Archdiocese...

Second Collection: Pro-Life Sunday

On Pro-Life Sunday, we reflect on the sanctity of human life from its beginning at conception to its natural end. This weekend's second collection will help further the pro-life cause by supporting crisis pregnancy centres, anti-euthanasia groups, university pro-life groups, post-abortion ministry and others. Tax-deductible donations can be made in person at the parish or online at rcav.org/second-collection

Stewardship Reflection

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

-2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 Building our Parish Community

Thank you for your support to Project Advance so far

Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners who have made a gift to Project Advance. To date, we have received gifts totalling \$26,000 from our parishioners. Remember that funds received over our Archdiocesan goal (\$61,300) will be returned to us and used for to restore our stained glass windows. Please continue to respond in prayer and generosity.

Help Us Restore Our Stained Glass Windows!

Our stained-glass windows require special care and attention. These windows face numerous threats to their preservation:

- + The weight of the glass and leaded mullions can cause structural strain over time, risking damage to the windows.
+ Rust on the heavy steel frames supporting the windows jeopardizes their stability and longevity.
+ Exposure to sunlight fades the vibrant colors.
+ Harsh weather conditions, including heavy rain and temperature fluctuations accelerates deterioration.

Visit: www.staugustineschurch.ca

Your donation will support the conservation of our cherished stained glass windows. We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal.

Thank you for your support!

information below and submit it to the parish office or drop into the collection basket. please print in block letters.



Form with fields for: New Parishioner, Need Envelopes, Information Change, First Name, Spouse First Name, Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth, Mailing Address, City, Phone, Postal Code, Email, Comments.

Parish Information

PASTOR

Rev. Ignacy Warias, OMI 604.736.4455 x 227 pastor@staugustineschurch.ca

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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FAITH AND FOUNDATION

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BAPTISM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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604.736-4455 EXT.221

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Wednesday 6:35pm - 6:50pm

Thursday-Saturday 7:35am - 7:50am

Saturday 4:00pm - 4:30pm

PARISH MINISTRIES

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