



Parable of the Lamps

The first reading eulogises wisdom. We see this wisdom exemplified in the five bridesmaids in the Gospel parable.

Whereas Paul expects the second coming of Christ to happen soon, Matthew has accepted that the Parousia may be delayed. The point of the parable is this: since the disciples do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming, they must be prepared so that when he comes they can enter his kingdom. To be prepared means to be a doer rather than a mere hearer of the word.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the Pope – We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Stewardship Reflection

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

- Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

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This Week

Monday, November 13

- 10:00am **Mass** +Dianne Hanchiruk
- 7:00pm **No Mass**
- 7:45pm Meeting Catholic in Recovery

Tuesday, November 14

- 6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (virtual)
- 8:00am **No Mass**
- 6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)
- 7:00pm **Mass** +Melecio Cardenas Estoque
- 7:45pm Meeting Adult Bible Study

Wednesday November 15

- 8:00am **No Mass**
- 1:15pm Meeting Faith Study
- 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
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- 7:00pm **Mass** +Giovanni Bastone

Thursday November 16

- 8:00am **Mass** +Michele Bastone
- 6:45pm Meeting ALPHA
- 7:00pm **No Mass**
- 7:45pm Event Taizé Prayer

Friday November 17

- 8:00am **Mass** +Liam O'Loughlin
- 6:00pm Prayers +Gerry Mendes
- 7:00pm **No Mass**

Saturday November 18

- 8:00am **Mass** +Antonio Pulice
- 12:00pm Funeral +Gerry Mendes
- 5:00pm **Mass** +Teodorico "Bong" L. Maddatu, Jr.

Sunday November 19

- 9:00am **Mass** For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates
K of C Pancake Breakfast
- 11:00am **Mass** +Antonio Fausto Perri
K of C Pancake Breakfast
- 5:00pm **Mass** +Maria Chibber

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$11,610.00

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

REST IN PEACE

+Teodora Eleazar Laureles
November 13, 1944–October 29, 2023

Invitation to Seniors**Fraud Protection for Seniors**

Thursday Nov 23, 2023

10:30am - 11:30am

St. Augustine's Parish Hall

This Forum, presented by the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC) is a free session open to all Seniors.

- Understand what fraud is and how it works while learning how to identify the signs of fraud.
- Learn about the top three scams and understand why seniors are targeted.
- Know what to do if you are a victim of fraud

Please RSVP by November 17 to:

Geri Fujisawa – gerifuji@telus.net

Cathie Oberndorf – 604-488-4151

St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 8319**Annual Charity Appeal**

**Car & Cash Prizes
Totaling over \$100,000**

TICKETS

1 for \$5, 10 for \$20 & 50 for \$50



Limited tickets, please buy and support our parish council
Purchase your tickets online Sales End December 16th

Visit: <https://kofcdraw.net/c8319>

Do you believe you have an addiction, compulsion or some type of unhealthy attachment and feel you need help?

Please consider joining us at Catholic in Recovery (CIR) whose sole purpose is to help each other find healing from any type of addiction, compulsion, or unhealthy attachment. We meet every Monday evening between 7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to share our experience, strength and hope with other Catholics seeking recovery.

For more information and in confidence, please feel welcome to contact Jean Joseph for the location of the meeting by reaching out to Catholic in Recovery at cirstaugustineschurch@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League News

Mark your calendars for the Christmas Fair hosted by the Catholic Women's League, Sunday November 26 in the Parish Centre 10am-1pm. Stock up on Christmas baking, buy handmade treasures from the parish's Busy Hands, try your luck at the raffles, buy handmade Christmas cards from our neighbours at Sancta Maria House, enjoy a hot beverage and delicious baked treat.

Everyone welcome!

Christmas Fair Volunteers Needed

Are you a baker? A canner? Support the Christmas Fair hosted by the CWL by donating baked goods, jams, pickles or other homemade canned foods for sale at the Christmas Fair. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Centre on Saturday, November 25 8am-12pm or before the 9am Mass on Sunday, November 26. If you have any questions, please contact staugcwlpres@gmail.com.

**Vocation Reflection:****"Running out of steam"**

"The distinction between the foolish and the wise was in the fact that the foolish expected the lamps to be lit without oil. So, they burned out! "Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." (Matthew 25:2-4)

In order to "shine" we need to take care of the fuel of our physical, spiritual and emotional selves. Others cannot do this for us! We have to learn how to rest, how to bring balance to our emotional state, how to nourish our spiritual wellness, how to build healthy and supportive relationships. And we have to learn one more thing: the wisdom of saying "no!"

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

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.

Christmas Cards for Sale



Volunteers with the Sancta Maria card making program will be selling Christmas Cards that have been made by the women at Sancta Maria House. Cards will be for sale after the masses in the Arcade and will be \$5 each (cash preferred). Proceeds from the cards go to support the programs



Now available on FORMED:

Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee

We're pleased to announce the launch of our brand-new video series! Christ's teaching on the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray for this exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online Catholic website.

Parish code is 4FX3T6

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday November 19th 10:00am–1:00pm

\$10 Adult

\$5 Child

\$30 Family 4 or more



Children's Mass

Sunday November 19th

Once a month at the 9am Sunday Mass.

This is a special Eucharistic liturgy dedicated to children.

Children participate in all aspects of the Mass as greeters, readers, gift bearers and choir.

All children and their families are encouraged to attend and participate. Please join us as we celebrate God's word.

FOOD COLLECTION

November 18 & 19 2023

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



St. Augustine's Seniors' Luncheon

St. Augustine Parish Centre

Date: Tuesday November 14, 2023 - 12:00noon

RSVP by Tuesday November 7th to:

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

Transportation Assistance may be requested when you RSVP

Seeking Prayer Partners

For the past eight years, a **Prayer Partner** initiative has linked our seniors with our Grade 7 students. As the school has now expanded to over 400 students, we are in need of an additional **19** seniors (or almost seniors!) to once again link every St. Augustine School Grade 7 student with a **Prayer Partner** during the year in preparation for their Confirmation held in 2024, prior to moving on to High School



We simply ask that a willing parishioner agree to be matched with a student, offering to pray for them during this school year. It is as simple as a daily prayer, perhaps an email message or other communications at the discretion of the students and the willingness of the 'senior'. Many seniors assume a partnership with more than one student.

We need your prayerful and caring help. Please call Cathie Oberndorf 604-488-4151 or email coberndorf@shaw.ca to join this year's group of Senior Prayer Partners. Both you and your student will be blessed by your generosity.

St. Augustine's School Annual Fall Campaign

is now into its fourth week of raising funds to eventually complete our school building project. So far, we've raised nearly \$380,000 and our goal is \$500,000 for this year. Nearly 75 percent of all school families have made a commitment and the number of parishioners (without children in the school) who are donating is also growing.

The Campaign will end on December 31, 2023 and you can deposit your gift in the Sunday collection, or at the Faith and Foundation table at the entrance of the church or go to the parish or school offices. If you are writing a cheque please make it payable to: **St. Augustine Parish School Building Fund**. You can read more about our efforts in our Fall newsletter. For any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to contact the Faith and Foundation office at 604-736-4455 (Extension 231) or email us at donate@faithandfoundation.com.

Around the Archdiocese...

Community Dinner (Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Sholom)

Join us for an interfaith dinner with the communities of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Sholom, which serves as a venue for engaging in dialogue and building friendships.

Rabbi Dan Moskovitz and Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, will engage in conversation about their journey to spiritual leadership, followed by a table discussion about your own "origin" story. On Thursday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m. at Temple Sholom in Vancouver. Cost is \$36. All are welcome! Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

ST AUGUSTINES YOUNG ADULTS

St. Augustine's Community Life

Ave Maria Garden

Advent Wreath Workshop

NOVEMBER 24, 6:30PM - 9:00PM

Hosted by the Young Adults & Ave Maria Garden

Join us and Ave Maria Garden for an evening of community and learning:
 Discover how to craft your own advent wreath using fresh evergreen and botanical elements.
 Engage in scripture readings and prayer as we prepare for the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All Ages Welcome!
 only 20 spots available

\$30 Register using the QR code or contact ya@staugustineschurch.ca

includes all workshop materials for 1 wreath

Registration Closes Nov 15

Parish Information

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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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YOUNG ADULTS

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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	