

November 26 2023
 Feast of Christ the King

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Christ the King

In Matthew's scene of the last judgement, Christ is portrayed as a stern King and Judge. But this image should be over-emphasized. Ezekiel in the first reading has a gentler image – that of a good shepherd who, while caring for the sheep of the flock, shows particular care for the weak and wounded ones. This was the image Christ himself used to describe his person and his mission. And his followers show that they truly belong to his kingdom by their service of 'the little ones'.

Paul says that at the end of time Christ will triumph over all evil, the last evil being death.

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

"Whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

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This Week

Monday, November 27

- 7:00pm **Mass** +Leah McMahon
- 7:30pm Meeting Knights of Columbus Executive
- 7:45pm Meeting Catholic in Recovery

Tuesday, November 28

- 6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
- 8:00am Mass** +Dao Van Nguyen
- 6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)
- 7:00pm Mass** +Janet Belray
- 7:45pm Meeting Adult Bible Study

Wednesday November 29

- 8:00am Mass** +Gerry Mendes
- 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- 7:00pm Meeting Faith Study
- 7:00pm Mass** +Nick Varelus

Thursday November 30

- 8:00am Mass** +Mike Bastone
- 6:30pm Meeting Baptismal Preparation Course
- 6:45pm Meeting ALPHA
- 7:00pm Mass** +Mana Amancai

Friday December 1

- First Friday Adoration
- 8:00am Mass** +Seamus O'Brien
- 7:00pm Mass** +Dianne Hanchiruk

Saturday December 2

- 8:00am Mass** +Alfreda Bauer
- 8:30am Meeting Men's Prayer
- 12:30pm Event Indigenous Voices
- 5:00pm Mass** Int Francisco Narvaez
- 6:30pm Event Young Adults Dinner & Dance

Sunday December 3

- 9:00am Mass** +Oronzo Pavone
- 11:00am Mass** +Reynaldo Marcos
- Bapt
- 5:00pm Mass** For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates



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We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$10,945.00

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



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and spend an hour with Jesus

December 1st

First Fridays 8:30am to 5:00pm



St. Augustine's Penitential Service

Wednesday December 13th 2023

at 7:00pm



Baptismal Preparation

The next Baptismal Preparation Course will be held at St. Augustine's Parish Centre at a date yet to be determined in **January 2024**

Cor - Men's Prayer Reflection:

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this focussed based Men's Prayer Gathering is available to all men. The St. Augustine's cohort will gather in the Parish Library at 7:30 pm every 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning Wednesday January 17th 2024.

St. Augustine's School

St. Augustine School Accepting Applications For 2024-25 School Year

St. Augustine School is accepting applications for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. An Open House for interested families will be held at the school on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Please, visit the school website www.faihandfoundation.com for more information or call the school office at (604) 731-8024. Limited spots are also available in Grades 1-7.

Annual Fall Campaign Update

St. Augustine's annual Fall Campaign to complete our school building project has raised more than \$440,000 – our goal is \$500,000 for this year. Over 83 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. Thank you for this tremendous generosity.

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.



We are thrilled to invite you to be a part of our upcoming **Catholic Educators Conference** as a valued vendor partner that will be held on **Thursday, February 15, 2024**, at the prestigious **Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, located in the heart of downtown Vancouver, BC**. Our event promises to be a fantastic platform for showcasing and promoting your products and services to a diverse and engaged audience.

Here's why you won't want to miss this opportunity:

Exposure: With the Catholic Educators Conference set to attract a large crowd of over 1500 attendees, your brand will gain maximum exposure

Networking: Connect with our 46 schools, potential clients, and fellow vendors to establish valuable business connections

Promotion: Benefit from our extensive marketing efforts that will promote your presence before, during and after the event

Innovation: Showcase your latest products and innovations to a captivated audience

For more information on how to become a vendor and sponsor of the event, please visit the following link: <https://cisva.regfox.com/cec2024>

Don't miss the chance to be a part of something truly special and grand. Your presence at the 2024 Catholic Educators Conference will be a highlight, and we can't wait to have you on board!

Best regards,

Catholic Educators Conference

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Catholic Independent Schools Vancouver Archdiocese

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.



Pope Francis calls us to hear “the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” (*Laudato Si'*, 49). Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023.

“The Government of Honduras must act diligently and suspend these extractive activities, which are carried out illegally and with total disregard for the environment.”

– Elvin Hernández, human rights investigator, ERIC–Radio Progreso

Act now!

Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park .

devp.org/act



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.

St. Augustine's Parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online Catholic website. The Parish code is **4FX3T6**

Volunteer Opportunity

The Ushers and Greeters Ministry at St. Augustine's Parish is facilitating a meeting of new and current Ushers to engage with Fr. Ignacy and discuss how we can best serve the Church and its congregation.

We encourage interested parishioners aged 18 and older to meet with us in the Church for one hour at **6:00pm on Monday December 4th.**

Do you suffer in silence with an addiction, compulsion or some type of unhealthy attachment and feel you need help?

Please consider coming to Catholic in Recovery (CIR) meeting to meet with other Catholics whose sole purpose is to help each other find healing from addiction, compulsion, or unhealthy attachment.

We meet every Monday evening at the Church Library 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 at Catholic in Recovery by email at cirstaugustines@gmail.com or 604-626-9647.

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>

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

FOOD COLLECTION

December 16 & 17 2023

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



