



Transfiguration

The transfiguration is an epiphany story. Epiphany stories are common in ancient writing about holy people. In these stories, the veil which separates the invisible from the visible world, and the future from the present, is removed for a moment, and the truth is revealed. This is the earliest epiphany story about Jesus, older than the voice at his baptism, and older than the manifestation of Jesus to the Magi.

It is no longer possible to say what happened on the mountain. The first and chief significance of the event was for Jesus himself. It was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken. But it also benefited the apostles, and it is this that Mark emphasizes. 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.

On the mountain Elijah and Moses appeared to them. Moses represented the law, Elijah the prophets. Thus Jesus is seen as bringing the law and the prophets to fulfilment.

The first reading shows the depth of Abraham's faith in God. Living among the Canaanites who practiced human sacrifice, we see his agonizing effort to do what he thought God wanted of him. Abraham's great faith was rewarded.

The second reading is obviously linked to the first reading. It shows us the depth of God's love for us. God did not even spare his own Son, but gave him up for us.

This Week

Monday, February 26

10:00am Mass +Helen Bruchet
7:45pm Meeting Catholic in Recovery

Tuesday, February 27

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am Mass Int Tessie Dichupa
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)
7:00pm Mass Int Yulian & Markian & Constantine

Wednesday, February 28

8:00am Mass Int Linda Chehab
7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
7:00pm Mass +Maria & George Seacord

Thursday February 29

8:00am Mass Int Dannie Finnie
8:30am Event SAS Grade VI Parent Coffee Meet up
1:15pm Meeting Bible Study
7:00pm Mass +Ian Bideshi
7:00pm Meeting Parish Pastoral Council
7:30pm Meeting Faith Study Group

Friday March 1

First Friday Adoration
8:00am Mass +Roel Ramirez
1:15pm Meeting Lectio Divina Women's Prayer Reflection
7:00pm Mass +Giuseppi Nardi
7:30pm Event Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 2

8:00am Mass +Amando Robillo, Jr.
12:30pm Meeting Listening to Indigenous Voices
3:00pm Meeting Legion of Mary
5:00pm Mass +Pigoula Kotsiris

Sunday March 3

9:00am Mass Int Terry Walman
11:00am Mass For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates
First Scrutiny for RCIA
5:00pm Mass +Catherine Kitty Daly



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We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$10,964.15

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



St. Joseph's Society

The St. Joseph's Society is an annual collection to support our retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serving our local communities.

We are grateful for our priests serving us and are determined to support them in their elderly years as they have supported us.

Last Sunday's special collection supporting our retired priests who have dedicated their entire life to the Church. Generous support from the community ensures a comfortable living environment, quality medical care, and other essential services for our retired priests. If you missed the opportunity, Parishioners can make their tax-deductible donation to St. Joseph's Society in-person at the parish or online at rcav.org/joseph (envelopes available in the foyer).

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

LECTIO DIVINA Praying the Scriptures

We extend a warm welcome to women to join us to reflect together on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

We meet regularly on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month beginning at 1:15pm.

For more information contact Lynette Brook 604 441 6845.

Seniors' Luncheon

St. Augustine Parish Centre
Tuesday March 5th - 12:00 noon

As there is a maximum seating of 40,
please RSVP by Tuesday February 27th:

Geru Fujisawa at 604 738 1155 or gerufuji@telus.net.

Catholic in Recovery

If you feel you need help or you know someone who does and seeks recovery from an addiction, compulsion or some type of unhealthy attachment:

Please consider joining us in confidence at Catholic in Recovery (CIR), a 12 Steps weekly in-person meeting for Catholics at St. Augustine Church.

We meet every Monday evening from 7:45pm to 9:00pm whose sole purpose is to share our experience, strength and hope with other Catholics seeking recovery.

For the exact in-person location meeting, please contact Jean-Joseph in confidence at: cirstaugustines@gmail.com or check the daily virtual Catholic in Recovery meetings via zoom at:

<https://catholicinrecovery.com/virtual-meeting-schedule/>

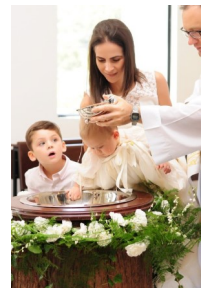
Baptismal Preparation

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

Thursday March 21st & Thursday May 2nd

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

604 736-4455 Ext 221.



Income Tax Receipts for Year 2023

Income Tax Receipts will be available for pick up in the Parish Hall Foyer before and after all Masses the weekends of February 24 & 25 and March 2nd & 3rd. All Income Tax Receipts will be mailed the week beginning March 4th, 2024.

FOOD COLLECTION

March 16 & 17 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 common home.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This Sunday, February 25, St. Augustine's RCIA catechumens and candidates will celebrate 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.

Lenten Penitential Service

March 12th 7:00pm (no Mass)

In preparation for Jesus' Resurrection and our baptismal renewal. Come for a time of prayer and reflection.

Several priests will be available to hear confessions.



Marriage Mentorship

Renewing the Church through Relationships

Discover St. Augustine's

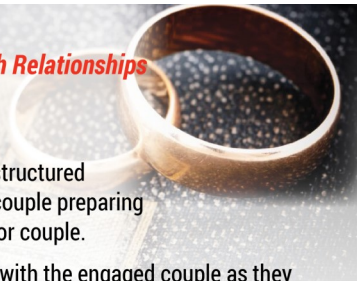
Marriage Mentorship Program:

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.

Program Coordinators Sheila & Matt O'Brien will be available at all February 24th & 25th Masses to provide information and answer any questions.



Lenten Retreat for Women

Presented by the St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League

Mountain Moments - A Sacred Journey
Exploring the Paschal Mystery

Facilitated by Fr. Leo English CSsR, *Pastor Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

Saturday, March 2nd - St. Augustine's Parish

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Registration & Refreshments

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Retreat

All women of the parish welcome.
Please Register: staugustineschurch.ca

Development and Peace



Last chance to sign the *Stand for the Land* petition

Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's last fall campaign.

Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communi-

ties of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at devp.org/act.

Thank you for your solidarity!

Greetings from the Pass the Torch Committee

St. Augustine School Pass the Torch (PTT) Committee and volunteers are hosting "PTT Coffee and Connect" event series on Thursday mornings in the Parish Hall.

As we are only nine weeks away from the Annual PTT Gala, and we are taking this time to host a small gathering each week, organized by grade, to share some coffee, conversations, baked goods and build camaraderie as we look towards our event April 27th.

We are offering PTT volunteer hours if you are able to be part of the set up or clean up crew, or provide homemade baked goods. You do not have to be from the designated grade in order to volunteer. Check out the volunteer portal for more information.

Parishioners attending the 8am Mass are welcome to join us afterwards for coffee and conversation.

Save the Date - SAS Pass the Torch Gala April 27th, 2024

St. Augustine School's Annual Pass the Torch Gala will be held Saturday, April 27th at the Hellenic Centre. We are now in the process of collecting items that will be auctioned off during the Silent Auction and we need your help! We are looking for any unused items you may have or items you received over the holidays that would be suitable for the Silent Auction. We are also asking families to check with friends or family who may be able to donate items. Some of our favorites from past years include nights at cabins and tickets to sports events. Ticket sales will be announced in the coming weeks.

Please email passthetorchevent@gmail.com with any questions.

Stewardship Reflection

"Here I am!" he answered." -Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



Stations of the Cross Schedule

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and be reminded of God's love for us and the sacrifice that was made to save us.

This Lent you are welcome to join us with our parish groups praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30pm. Each group will be using a different format.

On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:00pm

DATE	PARISH GROUP
February 16 th	Parish Lectors
February 23 rd	Liturgy of the Word with Children <i>Led by the Children for Children</i>
March 1 st	Rosary Group <i>Theme: Elderly People</i>
March 8 th	Faith Formation <i>Theme: Eucharistic Adoration</i>
March 15 th	Development & Peace <i>Theme: Share Lent: Reaping Our Rights</i>
March 22 nd	Catholic Women's League <i>Theme: Marriages and Families</i>
March 29 th at 7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council <i>Theme: Walking with Jesus</i>

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner		<input type="checkbox"/> Need Envelopes		<input type="checkbox"/> 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

PASTOR

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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

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Jayne Le Vierge 604.736.4455 x 221

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prep@staugustineschurch.ca

FAITH AND FOUNDATION

Campaign Office 604.736.4455 x 231
donate@faithandfoundation.com

ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

2154 West 7th Avenue V6K 0E3 604.731.8024
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BAPTISM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

604.736.4455 x 221

MARRIAGES/WEDDINGS

604.736.4455 x 221 parish.saug@rcav.org

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

604.736-4455 EXT.221

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Friday 6:35pm-6:50pm
Tuesday-Saturday 7:35am-7:50am
Saturday 4:00pm-4:30pm

PARISH MINISTRIES

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