

March 10th 2024  
 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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### Accepting or rejecting the light

The first reading shows how God remained faithful to his people in spite of their infidelities. God's promises were not nullified by the sins of his people. It was because of their sins that God allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon but his mercy is seen in their home-coming.

This leads into the Gospel. God's love and mercy are seen in the fact that he sent his Son to save us. Jesus came into the world as a light.

Sadly, some preferred darkness to the light, thus sealing their own condemnation. Judgement is not passed by God; people judge themselves by their response to the light.

The reading from Ephesians stresses the enormity the love God has shown us in Christ. It makes it clear that we owe our salvation, not to our own efforts, but to the goodness of God.

### Stewardship Reflection.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." -John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increased time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and the greater Church.

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## This Week

### Monday, March 11

**7:00pm** **Mass** +Cesar Cayabyab  
 7:45pm Meeting Catholic in Recovery

### Tuesday, March 12

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (virtual)  
**8:00am** **Mass** +Maria Wojcik  
 10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Women's Craft Group  
**7:00pm** **No Mass** **Parish Lenten Penitential Service**  
 7:45pm Meeting Bible Study Group

### Wednesday, March 13

**8:00am** **Mass** Int Adam Junk  
 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)  
**7:00pm** **Mass** +Domenico Giamberardino

### Thursday March 14

**8:00am** **Mass** +Maria Wojcik  
**7:00pm** **Mass** +Peter & Ian Bideshi

### Friday March 15

**8:00am** **Mass** +Ranier Phillip Mina  
 1:15pm Meeting Lectio Divina  
**7:00pm** **Mass** +Andy Hall  
 7:30pm Event Stations of the Cross

### Saturday March 16

**8:00am** **Mass** +Maria Qui Bui  
 3:00pm Meeting Legion of Mary  
**5:00pm** **Mass** +Maria Wojcik  
 6:00pm Meeting SAYA Watch Party—The Chosen  
 6:30pm Event St Augustine's "Consider Infinity" Baroque Concert

### Sunday March 17 Pancake Breakfast 10am–1:00pm

**9:00am** **Mass** For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates  
**11:00am** **Mass** Third Scrutiny (RCIA)  
 12:30pm Meeting Listening to Indigenous Voices  
**5:00pm** **Mass** +Kristofer Bihis



**OFFERTORY**

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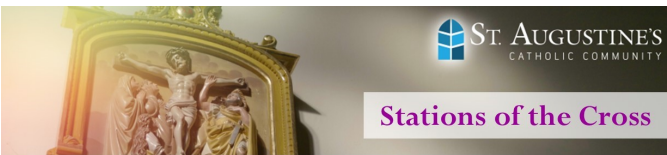
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**The St. Augustine Series presents: Consider INFINITY**

**Saturday March 16, 7:00pm - St. Augustine's Catholic Church**

Join us for a unique music experience - Lead by guest speaker, Fok-Shuen Leung, *Consider Infinity* will dive into the concept of infinity in mathematics and as it relates to the infinite God. The talk will be accompanied by sacred music from the *baroque era*, a time when math and music were considered an equal pair in creativity and understanding the natural and supernatural world. *Admission by donation (cash at the door)- all ages welcome!*



*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 led at 7:00pm**

DATE	PARISH GROUP
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Development & Peace <b>Theme: Share Lent: Reaping Our Rights</b>
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Catholic Women's League <b>Theme: Marriages and Families</b>
March 29 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council <b>Theme: Walking with Jesus</b>

**Dear St. Augustine's Parishioners**



"Taking time with Jesus." Kindly answer these 4 simple questions to help us to learn when and how to increase prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our Church.

**St. Augustine's "Time with Jesus" Survey**

It begins with silence....

The real joy comes when we can sit quietly, silently, and savour....

The fruit of silence is prayer

fruit of prayer is faith

fruit of faith is love

The fruit of love is service

The fruit of service is peace.

(Bishop Robert Barron - World Youth Day 2024)

**Seeking Housing Rental**

A long-time parish family (two parents/two young adults) is seeking rental accommodations, ideally three bedrooms/two bathrooms and storage, in Vancouver and/or neighbouring communities: East Van/Burnaby, Richmond.

The family also has an elderly dog (quiet and low maintenance).

If you have information or connections, please call 604-612-3777

**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](mailto:cirstaugustines@gmail.com) or check the daily virtual Catholic in Recovery meetings via zoom at:

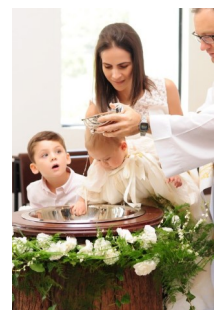
<https://catholicinrecovery.com/virtual-meeting-schedule/>

**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.



**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.



**Lenten Penitential Service**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Easter Cards for Sale**

Volunteers with the Sancta Maria card making program will be selling Easter cards that have been made by the women at Sancta Maria House.

Cards will be for sale after the 9am and 11am masses on

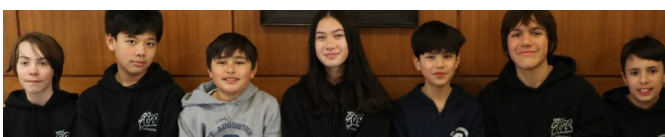
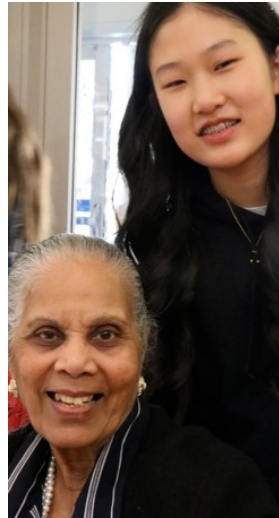
Sunday March 17th and will be \$5 each.

Cash and e-transfer will be accepted.

*Proceeds from the cards go to support the programs at Sancta Maria House*

**St. Augustine's Senior's Luncheon**

**Tuesday March 5th**



**Development and Peace**



**Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia**

In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty.

Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO.

Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

**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](mailto:obriensvan@gmail.com).**



**Pass the Torch Tickets on Sale NOW!**

Exciting news! The St. Augustine Pass the Torch Gala tickets are now on sale for the event taking place April 27th at the Hellenic Centre. Come celebrate another

school year with family, friends and fellow parishioners as we eat delicious Greek food, enjoy local wine and specialty cocktails, take part in the exciting Live auction and dance the night away.

Please visit <http://www.passtheorchgala.com> for more information or come to the table by the Parish Hall where you can chat with SAS parents about the Gala and purchase tickets online. See you there!

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE****Holy Thursday – March 28<sup>th</sup>****Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 PM**

Procession of the Oils, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist and Procession to the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall which will be open until 11:00 PM to enable the faithful to remain in prayer and meditation. Remember to bring your bells to be rung during the Gloria.

There will be no 8:00 AM Mass.

**Good Friday – March 29<sup>th</sup>****Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 12 NOON & 3:00 PM**

Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Communion.

Second Collection: The Needs of the Church in the Holy Land

**Good Friday – 7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross**

Theme: Walking with Jesus

The Parish Hall will be closed during the day. No Confessions in the evening.

**Holy Saturday – March 30<sup>th</sup>****Blessing of the Easter Baskets – 2:00 PM**

Have your Easter food and treats blessed in the church. Traditionally the faithful brought meats, bread, eggs, vegetables, and wine as a way of consecrating the whole of the Easter season. Items to bring, however are not limited to those above, so don't forget the chocolate.

**Confession Time – 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM****Easter Vigil – 8:30 PM**

The Church and Parish Centre will be closed on Holy Saturday until 7:30 PM (excluding Confession and Blessing Service at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM). Throughout the day the faithful are invited to continue the solemn paschal fast which they began on Good Friday. Service will begin in the Parish Courtyard. Remember to bring your bells to be rung during the Gloria.

**Easter Sunday – March 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 5:00 PM****Easter Monday – April 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:00 AM ONLY**

The Parish Office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday and will reopen on Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM.

**Parish Information****PASTOR**

Rev. Ignacy Varias, 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

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Linda Arnold 604.736.4455 x 229

**PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Jayne Le Vierge 604.736.4455 x 221

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM-PREP**

Ferial Khan 604.736.4455 x 224  
prep@staugustineschurch.ca

**FAITH AND FOUNDATION**

Campaign Office 604.736.4455 x 231  
donate@faithandfoundation.com

**ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL**

2154 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue V6K 0E3 604.731.8024  
office@saschool.ca

**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****RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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**USHERS**

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**FOOD COLLECTION**

Terry Murphy 604.736.5288

**LEGION OF MARY**

Immaculate.conception.praesidium@gmail.com

**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	