

April 14th 2024

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Third Sunday of Easter



### God's forgiveness

In the first reading Peter shows great courage when he confronts the people with their part in the death of Jesus. However, he goes on to excuse them on the grounds that they acted in ignorance. In this way he may have been inspired by the dying prayer of Jesus: 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.' He urged them to repent, assuring them that if they do, their sins will be forgiven.

In the Gospel Luke's primary interest is to show that the risen Jesus is the same person the apostles had known prior to the crucifixion. He emphasises the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection but makes it clear that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to new life beyond death.

It was only by combining various passages from the prophets that the early Christians came to accept the idea that a suffering Messiah was part of God's plan of salvation. So Luke has the risen Lord showing the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and so enter into his glory. Jesus also gives them a mission – the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

In the second reading John says that authentic love is proved by obedience to the commandments. Anticipating that the Christian will sin, he reminds us that we have in Jesus an advocate who will plead our cause.

One theme occurs in all three readings: forgiveness is available to those who repent and believe in Jesus as their Saviour. This has great relevance for us. The task of preachers of the word is to assure people that God's forgiveness is available to them, thus enabling them to make a fresh start.

**Weekday Spring/Summer Mass Schedule will be in effect beginning the week of April 22nd 2024.**

Monday to Wednesday – 7pm Mass ONLY  
Thursday to Saturday – 8am Mass ONLY

**Sunday** and **Statutory Holiday Masses** remain the same.

## This Week

### Monday, April 15

7:00pm **Mass**  
7:30pm Meeting Knights of Columbus Executive

### Tuesday, April 16

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** +Adam Stepkowski  
7:45pm Meeting Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 17

8:00am **Mass** +Kristofer Bihis  
6:15pm Event In Church Rosary Prayer Group (COR)  
7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)  
7:00pm **Mass** +Mary and Leo Sweeney  
7:30pm Meeting Men's Engagement Prayer Group (COR)

### Thursday April 18

8:00am **Mass** Int Monica Bideshi  
8:30am Meeting St. Augustine School Parent Coffee –Grade III  
7:00pm **Mass**

### Friday April 19

8:00am **Mass**  
9:00am Meeting St Aug. School All Day Confirmation Retreat  
1:15pm Meeting Lectio Divina Women's Prayer Group  
7:00pm **Mass** +Rufina

### Saturday April 20

8:00am **Mass** Int. Holleran Family  
1:00pm Wedding  
3:00pm Meeting Legion of Mary  
5:00pm **Mass** +Amanda Jayamanna  
6:00pm Event SAYA Movie Evening

### Sunday April 21

9:00am **Mass** +Antonio & Giuseppina Nardi  
**Children's Mass**  
10:00am Event Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast  
11:00am **Mass**  
5:00pm **Mass** For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates



**OFFERTORY**

We are grateful for these gifts  
Sunday: \$12,951.50

*Please visit [www.staugustineschurch.ca](http://www.staugustineschurch.ca) If you wish to maintain your contributions via Debit or Credit Card*



**Donation of cell phones and laptops**



In Kenya there are no landlines and people rely on cell phones for communication. On a recent trip where MAMI supporters went on an Educational Mission Trip cell phones and laptops no longer being used were donated to MAMI Kenya. These were greatly appreciated.

Priests will be coming for the convocation in St. Albert, AB and can take the above needed items back when they return to Kenya. Anyone who has cell phones able to run WhatsApp or laptops that are at least Win 7/8 and are willing to donate them, can drop them off at the St Augustine's School or the Parish Office before the May 11/12 weekend.

**Seniors Luncheon.**

Venue St. Augustine Parish Centre  
Date **Thursday May 2, 2024 - 12:00 noon**

As there is a maximum seating of 40, please

**RSVP by Tues. April 23rd**

Geri Fujisawa at 604 738 1155 or [gerifuji@telus.net](mailto:gerifuji@telus.net).

*Transportation assistance may be requested when you RSVP.*

**Baptismal Preparation**

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

Next Class: 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**

April 20 & 21 2024

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRUNCH**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00am - 1:00pm**

\$12 Adult  
\$6 Child 4-12 yrs  
\$35 Family 4 or more

Join us for good food and a great cause. All proceeds support charitable organizations.



**Busy Hands**

The Busy Hands Women's Crafting Group is seeking donations...

We are a group of Seniors doing crafts which we sell with all proceeds going to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Missions.

We are looking for donations of craft materials, i.e. fabrics, yarns, card-stock papers and decorative materials.

Please call Shirley Brown: 604 738-0429 to arrange pick up or drop off.

**SATURDAY MAY 4, 2024**  
**HYATT REGENCY- VANCOUVER**

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[FAITHFORMATION@STAUGUSTINESCHURCH.CA](mailto:FAITHFORMATION@STAUGUSTINESCHURCH.CA)

REGISTER HERE!  
DISCOUNT CODE: SAINTAUGUSTINES

**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.



**St. Augustine Young Adults (SAYA)**

We are a Catholic young adults group at St. Augustine's Church in Vancouver, "Serving and Yearning for the Almighty" (ie SAYA!). We host events to connect other young adults pursuing their faith ages 20 – 35 and are open to everyone at any stage of their faith journey.

✉ ya@staugustineschurch.ca  
 @saintaugyoungadults  
 www.sayoungadults.com/events

**Vocation Reflection: "Extra-ordinary"**

by Darcie Lich - OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Team



*"Ok, so does anyone else get a kick out of the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter?  
 No? Just me?  
 Don't get me wrong. I'm not being irreverent or disrespectful. I legitimately love it because it is just so real that it never fails to make me laugh. Indulge me as I share a little perspective here.*

Read the reflection here: <https://omilacombe.ca/extra-ordinary/>  
 Thank you for praying for and encouraging vocations to the Oblate religious life!

OMI Lacombe Canada - Vocation Team

A PASS THE TORCH ONLINE FUNDRAISING EVENT

**MOONLIGHT Masquerade GALA**

passthetorchgala.com

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." -Luke 24:36-37*

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

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**School News...**

**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. Please visit <http://www.passthetorchgala.com> for more information and purchase tickets online.

*Ticket sales after masses April 13/14 & April 20/21*

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

St. Augustine School has limited spots available in Grade 1 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please visit the school website [www.faithandfoundation.com](http://www.faithandfoundation.com) for more information.



**Children's Mass April 21st**

Once a month at the 9am Sunday Mass.

This is a special Eucharistic liturgy dedicated to children.


Children participate 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 Love.**

PLEASE NOTE:  
 There is no Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass on this Sunday.




*Easter Retreat*  
 April 26 - 28, 2024  
 (Friday 7:30Pm to Sunday 1:30Pm)

@ Westminster Abbey



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS:  
**TRUTH AS THE WAY TO LOVE**



Rev. Fr. David Bellusci, OP  
 Retreat Master

For more info and to register, call (604) 261-3535  
 Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Vancouver, B.C.  
 Email: [sspp@rcav.org](mailto:sspp@rcav.org)

## Refugee Settlement Sponsorship FUNDRAISING DINNER

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm

A delicious middle-eastern feast in support  
of our Refugee Settlement Sponsorship.



Featuring an engaging presentation by Fr. Sabah Kamora, a Chaldean priest. Fr. Kamora will speak about the origins of the Chaldean Church in Iraq, the challenges these Christians have faced through the ages, and its impact on their current state.

Tickets: \$25 St. Augustine's Parish Hall  
Doors: 6:00pm, Dinner: 6:30pm

Cash Bar                      50/50 Draw                      Raffle

Tickets available for purchase after weekend Masses:

April 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

For additional information: [refugeesettlement@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:refugeesettlement@staugustineschurch.ca)

*Come for an amazing evening while supporting a great cause!*

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	

## 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](mailto: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

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[prep@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:prep@staugustineschurch.ca)

### FAITH AND FOUNDATION

Campaign Office                      604.736.4455 x 231  
[donate@faithandfoundation.com](mailto:donate@faithandfoundation.com)

### ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

2154 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue V6K 0E3                      604.731.8024  
[office@saschool.ca](mailto:office@saschool.ca)

### BAPTISM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

604.736.4455 x 221                      604.736.4455 x 221

### MARRIAGES/WEDDINGS

604.736.4455 x 221                      [parish.saug@rcav.org](mailto: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)

Linda Arnold                      [rcia@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:rcia@staugustineschurch.ca)

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

Peter Allen                      604.257-3525  
Manfred & Suzanne Milbers                      604.255-0567  
Mary Ellen Turnbull                      778.995-6423

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Samantha Strudwick                      [em@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:em@staugustineschurch.ca)

#### PARISH COUNCIL

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#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

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#### FOOD COLLECTION

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#### LEGION OF MARY

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#### YOUNG ADULTS

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