



New Year 2024!

There is nothing quite like a *new beginning*. It can be an important point in time when we look *back* to where we have been and look *ahead* to where we are going. It can be the ideal time to make changes or adjustments to our lives, and to pray for God's blessing upon the new journey ahead.

And as we begin to walk into this New Year, we'll generally make New Year's resolutions to improve our physical health, our relationships with others, or our spiritual lives. Without a doubt, these resolutions will involve *change*. Change is not always easy, but it is necessary if we are going to become better people.

May God bless you then on your journey through this year of 2024. The journey itself is wonderful for during the journey of our lives we continually come upon new experiences of God. May the Light of Christ guide you and help you to see these things God has prepared for you this year.

May the Blessed Mother protect you and accompany you with her prayer as you discern the will of God and make the steps though this New Year.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Ignacy Warias OMI

This Week

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00am Mass Int. Ergo Family
11:00am Mass Int. Ann Marie O'Sullivan
5:00pm Mass + Jack Burke and Denis Airey

Tuesday, January 2

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
10:00am Mass
6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Wednesday January 3

8:00am Mass Int. Patrick Celleri
6:30pm Meeting CWL Executive
7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
7:00pm Mass + Allan Vincent O'Neil

Thursday January 4

8:00am Mass Int. Clara Lum
7:00pm Mass + Gloria Ascano

Friday January 5

8:00am Mass Int. Antonio Peralta
8:30am-5:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Mass

Saturday January 6

8:00am Mass
12:30pm Meeting Indigenous Voices
5:00pm Mass + Igmidio Bernabe

Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am Mass + Fazil Khan
11:00am Mass + Bob and Gina Juneau
5:00pm Mass For Parishioners



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We are grateful for these gifts

Sunday: \$11,687.00

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



Christmas Thank-you!

We had such beautiful Christmas celebrations, didn't we? My heartfelt thanks to all of you and many guests for taking part in those celebrations. Thank you to all who have contributed to the beauty of our Christmas celebrations by serving in various ways.

I also want to thank all those involved in preparing the church so beautifully for this season. It looks gorgeous, inside and outside.

Thank you! You do such wonderful work, which we all enjoy. Last but not least, a big thanks to all children who took part in the Christmas Pageant; thank you parents and grandparents for bringing your children, and thank you to those who prepared them. You made our Christmas very special!

I would like to make one more thank-you!

On behalf on the Parish Staff and myself, sincere 'Thank You!' to all of you for expressing Christmas wishes to me and our Parish Staff: through cards, wishes, gifts and many other ways, which brightened our busy days and filled them with encouragement and joy.

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EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration

Come spend an hour with Jesus

First Fridays, January 5th 8:30am–5:30pm



Seniors Lunch

Our Parish School is hosting a Luncheon for the seniors in our parish.

Date **Thursday, January 18, 2024 ; 12:00 noon to about 1:45 pm**
(arrival to the Hall is welcomed by 11:45am for serving at 12 noon)

No cost for those attending

As there is a **maximum seating of 40**, please **RSVP by Tues, Jan. 9th**
to Geri Fujisawa at 604 738 1155 or gerifujii@telus.net.

For those seniors needing transportation help,
a request can be made for assistances when you RSVP.

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.

Faith Studies Series

CCO Faith Studies Series invites you to encounter Christ through a simple but challenging look at the Gospel message—DISCOVERY.

Discovery is a 7-week small group faith study, and the first of five levels that focuses on Jesus and explores what it means to have a personal relationship with Him. It will transform your life, deepen your faith in Jesus, help you grow closer in community, and learn how to share your faith with others.

Thursdays, January 25th to March 7th 7:30pm–9:00pm

St. Augustine's Parish Hall Cost \$10 Workbook

For more information and registration visit: staugustineschurch.ca

Family-Friendly Pub and Games Night Fundraiser

Sunday, January 21st 3pm-6pm Glitch Retro Arcade Bar

Come out for some fun and help raise money in support of our Refugee Settlement Sponsorship. Tickets include one free drink, contests and prizes. Tickets: \$15/adult, \$5/child.

E-transfer total ticket cost with names of all guests in the message section to rssgamesnight2024@gmail.com or pay cash or cheque to Heidi Battiston at St. Augustine School with names of all guests on envelope. Questions: Contact rssgamesnight2024@gmail.com

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.