

January 14 2024
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Call

Even though this is the year of Mark, we begin with a reading from John. The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time respects an old liturgical theme of celebrating different epiphanies or manifestations of Jesus. John shows us a gradual recognition of who Jesus is – through the testimony of John the Baptist and the confession of the first disciples. Here John the Baptist calls Jesus 'the Lamb of God' and Andrew calls him 'the Messiah'.

The main theme of the readings, however, is that of call and response. In the first reading we have the call of Samuel, who played a big part in the building of Israel. His call marked the beginning of a new era. It was through him that Israel got its first kings. This paves the way for the Gospel story of the call of the first disciples – Andrew, John and Peter. The call of Peter is highlighted because of the important role he played in the first community. In the two readings we are dealing with a unique and specific call, what is more commonly called a vocation.

Stewardship Reflection

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

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This Week

Monday, January 15

- 7:00pm **Mass** +Rafael Jankowski
- 7:00pm Meeting Young Adults Leadership
- 7:30pm Meeting Knights of Columbus Executive
- 7:45pm Meeting Catholic in Recovery

Tuesday, January 16

- 6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
- 8:00am **Mass** Int Francesco Bolongaro
- 10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
- 12:00pm Meeting Engaged Couples
- 6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)
- 7:00pm **Mass** Int Alejandro Robillo
- 7:45pm Meeting Bible Study

Wednesday, January 17

- 8:00am **Mass** Int All the Unknown & Unloved
- 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- 7:00pm **Mass** Int Gloria Catugas
- 7:30pm Meeting COR—Men's Engagement Prayer Group

Thursday January 18

- 8:00am **Mass** +Dao Van Nguyen
- 10:00am Event FRC Luncheon
- 12:00pm event Seniors Luncheon
- 7:00pm Meeting Faith Study Group
- 7:00pm **Mass**

Friday January 19

- 8:00am **Mass** Int Antonio Peralta
- 10:00am Meeting Lectio Divina/Women's Prayer Group
- 7:00pm **Mass**

Saturday January 20

- 8:00am **Mass** +Dawn French
- 8:30am Event SAS Sacramental Retreat
- 12:30pm Event Listening to Indigenous Voices

5:00pm **Mass**

Sunday January 21

- 9:00am **Mass** +Diane Hanchiruk
- 10:00am Event Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
- 11:00am **Mass** For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates
- 5:00pm **Mass** Int Justin Marcos

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$10,889.00

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

REST IN PEACE

+Anton Maglica

LECTIO DIVINA Praying the Scriptures

Our first meeting for the year will be on Friday 19 Jan at 10am in the library. 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.

For more information contact Lynette Brook 604 441 6845.

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

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

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.

If you have completed Discovery, contact us to learn more about the other levels we plan to offer at the same time.

WHEN: **Thursdays, January 25, to March 7, 2024 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

WHERE: **St. Augustine's Parish Hall**

COST: **\$10 workbook**

"Taking Discovery, it changed my view and outlook on my faith life... that He wants to have a personal relationship with me."

For more and information and registration:
www.staugustineschurch.ca

Email: faithformation@staugustineschurch.ca
james.chau88@gmail.com

Phone: James Chau 604-603-8871

**Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch
Sunday, January 21st 10am – 1:00pm**

Enjoy a delicious brunch of pancakes, eggs, sausages and more. Proceeds raised support local charities and groups. Cost: \$12 - Adults, \$6 - Children (12 years and under), \$35 Families of 4 or more.

Cash only.

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

Then, please consider coming to Catholic in Recovery (CIR) meeting, a 12 Steps Program tied to the Sacraments of the Church. We meet with other Catholics whose sole purpose is to help each other find healing from any 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 604-670-4217.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January**For the gift of diversity in the Church—**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church

FOOD COLLECTION

January 20 & 21 2023

"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.

Seniors Luncheon

Venue St. Augustine Parish Centre
 Date Thursday, January 18, 2024 - 12:00 noon
 (arrival to the Hall is welcomed by 11:45 for serving at 12:00)

Maximum seating of 40

RSVP by Thursday January 15th to Geri Fujisawa: 604 738-1155 or gerifuji@telus.net. For seniors needing assistance with transportation, a request can be made when you RSVP.

Around the Archdiocese...

The Great Divorce: A Book Study for Young Adults

The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis is the story of the journey of a man taking a bus ride from Hell to Heaven. Along the way, he follows several people who, upon arriving in Heaven, meet people and situations from their past lives.

Young adults aged 19-35 are welcome to a book study with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese. The next meeting is on Friday, February 9 at 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Vanspec Centre (2811 Venables Street, Vancouver).

This is a great opportunity to connect with other young adults and the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese in a discussion setting. It also offers a chance to go deeper in overcoming the struggles of living a Christian life in the modern world.

Learn more and register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

Weekend Getaway Marriage Conference

We are excited to partner with [Family Life Canada](https://familylifecanada.com) to offer weekend getaways to married couples in the Archdiocese of Vancouver!

The Weekend Getaway is a marriage conference uniquely designed to enrich your relationship. For most couples, it's a chance to reconnect, re-establish the foundation, and rekindle romance. For others, it's a fresh start. For some, it will be the weekend that saves a marriage.

Wherever you're at in your relationship, this retreat will be a weekend to remember.

The atmosphere will be relaxed, warm and fun! You'll hear from real couples doing real life together... God's way. You'll be given time to process what you're learning. And together, build a joyful marriage that lasts a lifetime.

The next getaway is on the weekend of February 16-18, 2024 at the Fairmont Empress in Victoria, BC. The fee is usually \$299. Use promo code **RCAVVIC** to register for \$199.

Accommodations at the Fairmont Empress Victoria for conference participants should be booked separately. Special room rate starts at \$209/night before January 26; rates may vary thereafter.

The registration deadline is **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**. For more information call Joyce 604-683-0281 ext. 223 or beholdvancouver.org/events.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a basic introduction to the Christian faith - what C.S. Lewis called 'mere Christianity'

What happens at Alpha?

Each session begins with a meal, has a video, great discussion and a chance to connect!

We are running an in-home Alpha please contact Sheila and Matt O'Brien for more information alpha@staugustineschurch.ca

Vocation Live-in



There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10-11 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program



The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2024 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing

Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from January 1, 2024 until June 30, 2024 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site: kofcbc.org after Jan 1, 2024.

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Christopher Chen – State Bursary Chairman
 Knights of Columbus BC Charity Foundation
 #333 – 1231 Pacific Boulevard
 Vancouver, B.C. V6Z-0E2

Or email: chrischen.kofc@gmail.com

Deadline for requests for application is June 1, 2024.

We would like to congratulate the many recipients once again over the past years and look forward to the opportunity to assist many more young people in the advancement of their education.

Road Closures and Construction

To find about road closures and traffic delays due to road construction projects please visit the following websites for up-to-date information:

City of Vancouver: vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/roadwork
 Broadway Subway Project: broadwaysubway.ca/construction/current-work



