

January 26 2024  
 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Teaching with authority

Here Mark begins to tell us the kinds of things Jesus did in proclaiming the kingdom.

Deuteronomy presents Moses as the ideal prophet. The prophet can never speak on his own authority, but speaks on behalf of God. The Jews believed that God would raise up in the last days a prophet like Moses. The early Christians regarded Jesus as the awaited prophet. His teaching was given with authority and confirmed by miracles, the sign that God was with him. In today's Gospel we see how Jesus spoke with authority, and how the ordinary people recognized this.

### 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

### Stewardship Reflection

*"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

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## This Week

### Monday, January 29

- 7:00pm **Mass** +Ian Radelet
- 7:00pm Meeting Young Adults Leadership
- 7:45pm Meeting Catholic in Recovery

### Tuesday, January 30

- 6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
- 8:00am **Mass** +Kristofer Bihis
- 10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
- 6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)
- 6:30pm Meeting Baptismal Preparation Course
- 7:00pm **Mass** +Amando Robillo, Jr.
- 7:45pm Meeting Bible Study

### Wednesday, January 31

- 8:00am **Mass** Int Kelly O'Brien
- 7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- 7:00pm **Mass** +Consul General of Italy Marco Nobili
- 7:45pm Prayers +Norah (Nan) Barry

### Thursday February 1

- 8:00am **Mass** +Leonita Bunagan Abadu
- 11:00am Funeral +Norah (Nan) Barry
- 1:15pm Meeting Bible Study
- 7:00pm Meeting Faith Study Group
- 7:00pm **Mass**

### Friday February 2

- First Friday Adoration
- 8:00am **Mass** Int Gail & Ian Delahunt
- 7:00pm **Mass** +Fazil Khan

### Saturday February 3

- 8:00am **Mass**
- 12:30pm Meeting Indigenous Voices
- 3:00pm Meeting Legion of Mary
- 5:00pm **Mass** For Parishioners by Missionary Oblate

### Sunday February 4

- 9:00am **Mass** Int Daniela O'Brien
- 11:00am **Mass** Int Peter & Nathalie Allen
- Bapt
- 5:00pm **Mass** Int Mary Ellen Turnbull

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Sunday: \$10,501.00

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**REST IN PEACE**

+Norah (Nan) Barry

+Ian Bideshi

+Paul Tusnady

**Ash Wednesday Palms**

We will be collecting last year's Palms until **Sunday February 11th 2024**. Palms from last year may be placed in the basket located in the Foyer of the Church.

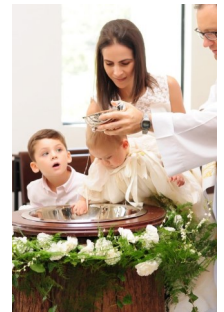
**Baptismal Preparation**

Please note the following dates for future Baptismal Preparation Classes. All Classes will be held at the Parish Centre and begin at 6:30pm.

Tuesday January 30th

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.

**CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY**

**If you feel you need help and want to talk about an addiction, compulsion or some type of unhealthy attachment:**

Please consider joining us at Catholic in Recovery (CIR), a 12 Steps weekly meeting for Catholics. We meet every Monday evening from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This is a 12 Steps Program tied to the Sacraments of the Church. We meet weekly whose sole purpose is to share our experience, strength and hope with other Catholics seeking recovery.

For the location of our weekly meeting, please contact Jean-Joseph in confidence at: [cirstaugustines@gmail.com](mailto:cirstaugustines@gmail.com)

**St Augustine's Legion of Mary**

Each Saturday beginning on February 3rd, the St. Augustine's Legion of Mary will meet in the Parish Library between 3:00–4:30pm.

The group focuses on praying the Rosary and other Marian devotions. Weekly visitation of local Care Homes and praying together with our brothers and sisters in need are among our many outreach activities.

Please join us next Saturday at 3:00pm; all are welcome.

**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.

**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.

For more information contact Lynette Brook 604 441 6845.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

February 17 & 18 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.

## Urgent Call to Action



The Catholic Women's League of Canada has an **urgent call to action** for the members of St. Augustine's Parish regarding the new legislation related to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) -- Euthanasia -- where *mental health is the only underlying cause for the request for assisted suicide*, which is slated to come into effect on March 17, 2024. Federal Justice Minister Arif Virani recently said that he is open to discussions about

further delaying this legislation and *will consult with Members of Parliament (MPs) and senators*. This means we have an opportunity **to make our voices heard and defend the vulnerable members of our society!** If this legislation is delayed again, apparently there is a good chance that this extension of MAiD to mental illness alone will not happen at all.

**Please participate in this urgent call to action** by writing to your MPs using the postcards available after Masses this weekend and writing letters to your MP at the House of Commons (**no postage required**): [Name of Member of Parliament], House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0A6.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of Canada has on its website an online petition to sign regarding this issue, as well: <https://epcc.ca>. We encourage you to sign it.

## Faith Studies Series

DISCOVERY - SOURCE - GROWTH  
TRUST - COMMISSION

**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:  
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## St. Augustine's Seniors' Luncheon

The Senior's Luncheon which was postponed from January 18<sup>th</sup> is **RESCHEDULED TO FEBRUARY 8, 2024**.

*Those who had registered for January 18<sup>th</sup> and rescheduled for February 8, 2024 need not RSVP*

Venue            *St. Augustine Parish Centre*  
Date             **Thursday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 noon**

*Maximum seating of 40; please **RSVP by Tues. January 30<sup>th</sup>** to Geri Fujisawa: 604 738 1155 or [gerifuji@telus.net](mailto:gerifuji@telus.net).*

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

## Around the Archdiocese...

### World Day of the Sick Mass

As the church marks the World Day of the Sick on February 11, the Catholic Health Association of BC encourages everyone to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers.

The theme of this year's observance is *"It is not good that man should be alone—Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships."* The best therapy for those who are ill, Pope Francis adds, is to offer them our love and communion, despite the pace of our own frenetic lives.

Archbishop Miller, CSB, will celebrate Mass for World Day of the Sick on Saturday, February 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (555 Slocan St. Vancouver). Reception to follow. All are welcome! Pray with us on this day. To learn more, visit [chabc.rcav.org/wds2024](http://chabc.rcav.org/wds2024).

### Spiritual Care Training Program

Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way to answer this call.

The eight-week course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries and self-care. The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, from February 1 to March 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30. Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, it takes place on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. (8:30 a.m. in April). It begins with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome!

The next Mass and vigil takes place on Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vancouver.

Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

