



Lent

The first reading introduces the theme of covenant. In it we are told of the first in a series of patriarchal covenants which served as a preparation for the covenant on Sinai. That in turn prepared the way for the new covenant God formed with humanity in Christ.

In the Gospel we hear of Jesus' victorious struggle against evil. Mark makes no reference to the fast of Jesus. In this first struggle Jesus is not God-forsaken as he will be at his last.

Like Noah, the Christian is saved by passage through water – the waters of baptism (second reading). It is through our baptism that we enter into the new covenant relationship with God, and that Christ's victory over sin and death is communicated to us.

This Week

Monday, February 19 Family Day - Office Closed

10:00am Mass +Nan Barry
7:45pm Meeting Catholic in Recovery

Tuesday, February 20

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (virtual)
8:00am Mass +Li Wai Ngan
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)
7:00pm Mass Int Maria (Nardi) Bastone
7:45pm Meeting Bible Study

Wednesday, February 21

8:00am Mass +Li Wai Yung & Li Hin Wing
7:00pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
7:00pm Mass +Wagner Porto

Thursday February 22

8:00am Mass +Nan Barry
8:30am Event SAS Kindergarten Parent Coffee Meet up
1:15pm Meeting Bible Study
7:00pm Mass Int Irena
7:30pm Meeting Faith Study Group

Friday February 23

8:00am Mass +Julian Wlosinski
7:00pm Mass +Ted Fronc
7:30pm Event Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 24

8:00am Mass Int Teresa Bastone & Lisa Pulice
3:00pm Meeting Legion of Mary
5:00pm Mass Int Marcelina Kmiecik

Sunday February 25

9:00am Mass For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates
10:00am Event Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
11:00am Mass Int Barbara Joan Edwards
5:00pm Mass +Julian Wlosinski



OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$11,587.75

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



Beginning Friday, February 16th at 7.30 pm - and every Friday in Lent - we will have the Stations of the Cross led by one of our Parish Groups. Please note that each group will use a different format. The

format used will be appropriate to the Host group.

A full list of the groups and the Stations being used will be posted in the foyer of the Church.

There will also be some booklets left out in the Church for personal use during each day of Lent

Senior's Luncheon Thursday February 8th 2024



Seniors' Luncheon

Venue St. Augustine Parish Centre
Date Tuesday March 5th - 12:00 noon

As there is a maximum seating of 40, please **RSVP by Tues. Feb. 27th**, to Geri Fujisawa at 604 738 1155 or gerifuji@telus.net.

Transportation assistance may be requested when you RSVP.



Knights of Columbus **Sunday Brunch**
February 25th 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$12 Adult
\$6 Child (3-12 yrs)
\$35 Family of 4(+)

All proceeds support local charities.

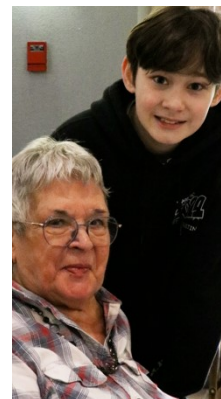


LECTIO DIVINA Praying the Scriptures

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 beginning at 1:15pm.

For more information contact Lynette Brook 604 441 6845.



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.

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.



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.
Program Coordinators Sheila & Matt O'Brien will be available at all February 24th & 25th Masses to provide information and answer any questions.

Income Tax Receipts for Year 2023

Income Tax Receipts will be available for pick up in the Parish Hall Foyer before and after all Masses the weekends of February 24 & 25 and March 2nd & 3rd. All Income Tax Receipts will be mailed the week beginning March 4th, 2024.

Refugee Settlement Sponsorship News.

Great news. We reached another milestone. Ottawa has reviewed and deemed complete our sponsorship application and settlement plans for Zion's mother and sister. It will now move to the next level of consideration, where it will be either declined or approved. This stage will take several months. Your ongoing prayers and support are greatly appreciated."

Children's Mass February 25th
Once a month at the 9am Sunday Mass.

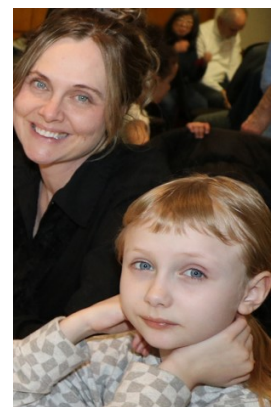
This is a special Eucharistic liturgy dedicated to children.
Children participate as greeters, readers, gift bearers and choir. All children and their families are encouraged to attend and participate. **Please join us as we celebrate God's Love.**

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



St. Augustine's Volunteer Appreciation Evening
Friday February 9th 2024

*We had a great evening hosted by the Parish Staff.
Thank you to all our wonderful Volunteers.*





Development and Peace
Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity.

Our transformative work is possible thanks to the generosity and support of our members and Canadians who stand by us.

Join the movement of over 12,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community. Visit devp.org/membership.

Lenten Retreat for Women

Presented by the St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League
Mountain Moments - A Sacred Journey
Exploring the Paschal Mystery

Facilitated by Fr. Leo English CSsR, Pastor Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday, March 2nd - St. Augustine's Parish

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Registration & Refreshments

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Retreat

All women of the parish welcome.
Please Register: staugustineschurch.ca

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.

Form fields: New Parishioner, Need Envelopes, Information Change

Form with fields for First Name, Spouse First Name, Children, Mailing Address, City, Phone, Postal Code, Email, Comments

Parish Information

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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

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BAPTISM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

604.736.4455 x 221

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