

June 24th, 2018

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Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

**John the Baptist**



The observance and celebration of the birth of John the Baptist goes back many centuries. It is placed on June 24 because this date is six months from Christmas. John was conceived six months before Jesus so this date was selected. In the Middle Ages it was called the "summer Christmas" and had very elaborate rituals assigned to it.

The first reading from Isaiah speaks of the special purpose God had for his servant from his conception. "The Lord called me from birth. From

my mother's womb he gave me my name." The liturgy today applies that to John the Baptist and it also applies to us. Each of us was also chosen and given life for a reason. God called each of us into being for a purpose. None of us is an accident. God specifically and personally called each of us into being.

The second reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that John was to point the way to Christ. John prepared for Christ's coming by administering a baptism of repentance. John would not see the death and resurrection of Christ here on earth. He pointed the way and it can be like that with us.

Lastly, today's gospel reading reminds us that John became strong in the spirit for speaking the truth to the people of Israel. John called them to live by the commandments. In fact, it was his speaking the truth about Herod's lifestyle that led to John's death. We too are called to speak the truth. We speak the truth when we oppose the culture of death, when we act as the voice of the voiceless and the oppressed.

Three truths about John the Baptist also apply to us. Each of us, like him, is given life for a purpose ultimately known only to God. Each of us is called to point the way to Christ. Each of us is called, like John, to speak the truth and work for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Every one of us has a place and purpose in God's plan that is unique and irreplaceable.

**Liturgical celebrations:**

Thursday – Saint Irenaeus (memorial)

Irenaeus was born in Asia Minor, probably between 130 and 135. He went to Lyons as a missionary priest sometimes before 177. By 199 he was bishop of Lyons. His writings refuting heresies helped lay the foundations of Christian theology.

Friday – Saints Peter and Paul (solemnity)

Peter, a fisherman, was chosen by Jesus to be his disciple. After Simon confessed that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter and told him that it was on this rock that he would build his Church. Paul was born in Tarsus, a Roman citizen raised and educated as a Pharisee. His experience of the risen Christ resulted in his conversion. Paul called himself the "Apostle of the Gentiles."

**This Week**

**Monday, June 25**

7:00pm Mass +Giuseppina Nardi

**Tuesday, June 26**

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group  
8:00am Mass Int Robert Narvaez  
10:00am Meeting Busy Hands Craft Group  
6:00pm Meeting Alpha planning session  
7:00pm Mass +Emma Tinio

**Wednesday, June 27**

8:00am Mass  
7:00pm Mass Grade VII Farewell Mass  
7:30pm Event Adult Faith Study

**Thursday, June 28**

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Mass St. Augustine's School  
6:30pm Meeting Alpha Group  
7:00pm Meeting Parish Pastoral Council  
7:00pm Mass +Patricia Myhill-Jones

**Friday, June 29**

8:00am Mass +Pam Trainor  
10:00am Meeting Moms & Tots Group  
11:00am Funeral +Patricia Myhill-Jones  
7:00pm Mass

**Saturday, June 30**

8:00am Mass +Giuseppina Nardi  
9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary  
3:00pm Wedding  
**5:00pm Mass** Int End of Abortion

**Sunday, July 1st**

**9:00am Mass**  
**11:00am Mass**  
2:00pm Wedding  
**5:00pm Mass** Int End of Abortion

**OFFERTORY**

We are grateful for these gifts.  
 Sunday Envelopes: \$6,873.10  
 Loose: \$860.20

**MARRIED IN CHRIST**

*Oreste Basil Varelas & Karen Elizabeth Brown*  
*Jonathan Wei Loong Shim & Kris Angelica Salazar*

## IGNAGIAN SPIRITUALITY RETREAT



### "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" – Jn 14:27

The gift Jesus offers his disciples after the Resurrection is the gift of peace: A peace we discover in the depths of our hearts where God dwells. We need times of silence and solitude to find the centre of our life in God; to contemplate and listen the "voice" of the heart that can be rooted in our trust in God's presence and mercy. We enter this retreat to rest in this peace of God that is Jesus' gift to us as disciples.

This one-day silent retreat will give participants an opportunity to experience prayers using Ignatian (Jesuit) spirituality. It will include talks as well as time for personal prayer, small group faith sharing and spiritual direction.

When: Saturday, August 4, 2018

Where: St. Augustine's Parish

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (bring your own lunch)

Fee: \$10

The facilitators are Frances Cheung and Katherine Tam, spiritual directors trained in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Pre-registration is required.

E-mail [faithformation@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:faithformation@staugustineschurch.ca) or phone 604-250-9118

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



Welcomes people who feel drawn to Christ. People from no particular background, Christians from Protestant denominations, and men and women from other religions. Baptized, Catholic adults who were never confirmed and who want to be received into full communion with the Church may do so through the RCIA.

RCIA runs from mid-September through May to Pentecost. RCIA meetings are on Wednesday

evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at St. Augustine's Parish Centre.

If you are interested in the Catholic faith or know someone who is, please contact Linda Arnold: 604 736-4455 Ext 229 or [larnold25@gmail.com](mailto:larnold25@gmail.com)

### Alpha comes to St. Augustine's.

Starts: June 28, 2018 (Thursday)

Ends: September 6, 2018 (Thursday)

6:30pm to 8:00pm

Whether you are seeking some answers to basic questions about Christianity or have no church background at all, you are welcome! There's no pressure, no follow up, and it's free to register.

Alpha is a way to explore life's big questions in a casual, open and non-judgemental setting.

It is about building meaningful and lasting friendships in a fun, safe and relaxed environment over food, video and lively and inspiring conversation.

Contact: Clara Lum

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

For more info or to register online:

[www.staugustineschurch.ca](http://www.staugustineschurch.ca)



### Did you know...

St. Paul (d. A.D. 67/8) was born in the city of Tarsus in Cilicia, a provincial capital under Hellenistic influence. Tarsus was a noteworthy locale; a place of culture and learning. As a Tarsusian, the Apostle could claim citizenship from Tarsus and from Rome. This dual citizenship was a useful tool, later employed by St. Paul when he defended himself before the authorities as a Christian "troublemaker." It is not surprising that the Apostle's upbringing fostered both learning and piety.

St. Paul was known by two names: his Jewish name "Saul" which can be translated "asked of Yahweh," and the Roman name "Paulus," rendered simply as "Paul." Holding two names was a common practice among the Diaspora; those Jews who lived outside Palestine.

The Apostle was a descendent from the tribe of Benjamin, one of the famous "Twelve Tribes of Israel." This particular tribe brought forth King Saul; the first king of that chosen nation.

Having lived a strict life as a Pharisee, St. Paul stated that he had kept "the Law" to a great degree of perfection and enthusiasm. This Pharisaical life was nurtured by his teacher, Rabbi Gamaliel, considered the greatest master of his day. This teacher may have been the same Gamaliel who stood before the Sanhedrin and asked for tolerance on behalf of the Christians.

During St. Paul's life, the Apostle practiced the skill of tent-making, a trade he utilized in his missionary efforts as a means of financial support. Fittingly, St. Paul placed a strong emphasis on honest manual labor.

## 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

### Summer Mass Schedule (July and August)



Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – 7:00 pm (no morning Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday)

Thursday, Friday and Saturday – 8:00 am (no evening Mass on Thursday and Friday)

Exceptions:

July 2 (Canada Day) 10:00 am and August 6 (BC Day) 10:00 am

There is no change for weekend Masses.

### Around the Parish...

#### Sale of Religious Articles

JMJ Love Works Charity humbly asks for your support in our fundraising effort to provide food baskets for the least fortunate families in the Philippines. After all Sunday Masses on July 1st we will be selling religious articles and statues the proceeds of which will be used for our food basket and feeding program.

We appreciate your support of this good cause. Thank you and may God bless you all abundantly!

Sunday, July 1st after all masses.

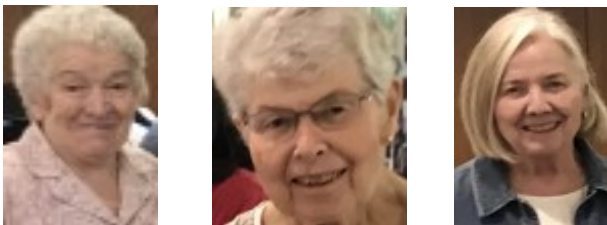
#### Looking for Volunteers

Volunteers to help deliver donation boxes to **The Door is Open**, on Monday mornings, following collection of food donations on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at all Masses.

Please contact Terry Murphy 604-736-5288

**The Parish Religious Education Program** is looking for dedicated Catechists and helpers to help for the next school year. The students are ages 6 to 12. Training will be provided. If you are available on Tuesday evenings and/or Saturday afternoons, contact [prep@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:prep@staugustineschurch.ca)

### Last week in the Parish...



CWL Service Pin Awards & Sisterhood Luncheon

### Project Advance

Thank you for your gifts to Project Advance.

Gifts can be returned anytime in the collection baskets. Gifts can be made on the Archdiocese website for Project Advance and our parish.

Our goal is \$65,000.

### Around the Archdiocese...

#### Vocation LIVE-IN



The Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC, is planning a weekend LIVE-IN for young men who are interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother, and want to see for themselves what seminary life is like.

The Seminary of Christ the King has students in high school (Grades 9 - 12), in college (Arts I-IV), and in theology.

The LIVE-IN is open to anyone who is thinking of entering the seminary in the next few years. The LIVE-IN provides an opportunity to spend two days at the Seminary and to become acquainted with other young men who have the priestly or religious vocation in mind.

Those attending should arrive any time Friday evening, preferably between seven and eight o'clock. Bring a sleeping bag, school clothes, and some old clothes for sports, a towel, etc., and your high school transcript or your last report card. Anyone planning to come should fill in the application form below and forward it to: Vocation Live-In - Seminary of Christ the King PO Box 3310 Mission BC V2V 4J5

Information may also be telephoned to 604-826-8715 or faxed to 604-826-8725. Email: [frpeterosb@gmail.com](mailto:frpeterosb@gmail.com)

#### Pro-life Mass and Prayer Vigil

July 7, 2018 @ 9:00 am at St. Joseph's Church 2449 The Boulevard, Garibaldi Highlands, BC

Contact: Michele Smillie at 604-683-0281

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Saturday, July 7. Mass is at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Squamish followed by the Rosary. For upcoming dates visit

<http://rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil/>

#### Rosary Rally



Our Lady said "Only I can help you." Come to ask her to obtain graces for the world and our families, particularly by praying for the fulfillment of the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. We also recall her 3rd apparition at Fatima, on 13th July, 1917. This rally will be at the NORTH Plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery, facing West Georgia St (not the South Plaza on Robson St).

Saturday, July 14, from 10-11 a.m. For more info, please contact David Pearce at 604-929-4812.

#### Mass of Remembrance July 29, 2018

Join us for our month Mass of Remembrance as we pray for our family members that have passed away this month. Masses are at 12:30pm and 2:30pm in our Evangelist Chapel, at Gardens of Gethsemani.

Oblate Corner



IT IS YOU WHO SINCE THE MOST FRAGILE DAYS  
OF MY INFANCY HAVE LED ME  
AS IF BY THE HAND

Posted by Frank Santucci

Eugene's retreat led him to look at his impending episcopacy with discomfort but with gentle trust in God.

And even so it is in this state of affairs I am called suddenly to receive the plenitude of the priesthood, elevated to the sublime episcopal dignity. My good God! If you had not accustomed me to the qualities of your infinite mercy, if already you had not inspired in my heart a gentle trust, there would be every reason to draw back with horror.

In moving sentiments, he recalls God's gracious care for him throughout his life and entrusts himself to doing God's will.

But no, you are my Father, it is you who since the most fragile days of my infancy have led me as if by the hand. Everything you have done for me in the course of my life is too present to my memory, I feel again still today too vividly the effects not to count on your infinite goodness, not to throw myself with total abandon into your paternal bosom, fully resolved to do this time and always everything you demand of me, were it to cost me my life.

Too happy to devote the few days left me to spend on earth to do your holy Will in bad times as in good, with the world's approval or condemnation, amidst consolations or overwhelmed with griefs. For I do not know what is awaiting me in the new ministry I am about to begin.

As always, nothing happens to me that you have not willed, and my happiness and my joy will be always to do your Will.

*Retreat journal before being consecrated Bishop, 7-14 October 1832, EO XV n 166*

With boundless confidence in the God who has never abandoned him, he will continue to find his happiness and his joy in always doing the will of God for him.

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

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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

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BAPTISM

604.736.4455 x 221  
Preparation classes held first Thursday of the month

MARRIAGES/WEDDINGS

604.736.4455 x 221      parish.saug@rcav.org

RECONCILIATION

Weekdays    15 minutes before weekday Mass  
Saturday    4:00pm—4:30pm

PARISH MINISTRIES

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