



September 16th, 2018
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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But who do you say that I am?



As they walk along, Jesus takes the initiative in probing his disciples' thoughts concerning himself: Who do people say that I am? Often in the Gospel, Jesus' questions are a signal that he is about to give a new teaching. This first question, about the opinions of others, prepares for the more personal and weighty question. Their answer lists some popular opinions: John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets. People undoubtedly thought these views

represented a very high opinion of Jesus. They envision him not as anything significant in himself, but merely as a new manifestation of an important figure from the past. But who do you say that I am? This is the question at the heart of the Gospel, addressed not only to the disciples but to every reader. All that Mark has recounted so far in his Gospel has led up to this question. Everyone who encounters him must eventually wrestle with the question: Who is he? Ultimately this question must be answered from within the depths of each person's heart. Peter's response is: You are the Messiah. What response do we give to that important question?

Liturgical celebrations:

Thursday – St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, St. Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions (memorial)

In the early 1600s, Christian communities began to flourish in Korea under the leadership of lay people. In 1836, missionaries from France, members of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, secretly entered the country. The Christian communities began to encounter hostility and, during the persecutions of the mid-19th century, over 10,000 Christians were killed. Andrew Kim, the first Korean priest, was one of these. Paul Chong, a seminarian and catechist, was one of the many lay people who suffered. These and 101 other Korean martyrs were canonized in 1984.

Friday – St. Matthew (feast)

The apostle Matthew has two names in the Gospels: Matthew and Levi. Since only the name Matthew is entered in any scriptural mention of the 12 apostles, it is commonly held that his name was Levi until Jesus called him to be a disciple, then he was called Matthew which means 'gift of God' in Aramaic. After Pentecost, Matthew worked in a church made up mostly of Jews who believed that Jesus was the Savior. Gospel bearing his name was composed around AD 85 and was written for Jewish-Christians. Tradition holds that after the Resurrection, Matthew preached in Ethiopia, where he was martyred. He is a patron saint of customs officers and accountants.

This Week

Monday, September 17

7:00pm Mass +Guaik Tanquaquio

Tuesday, September 18

8:00am Mass +Esther Pacheco
6:00pm Meeting Faith and Foundation
7:00pm Meeting Knights of Columbus Board
7:30pm Meeting Bible Study
7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, September 19

8:00am Mass Int Desirée Narvaez
7:00pm Mass +Arthur Blott
7:00pm Meeting Refugee Committee
7:00pm Meeting Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, September 20

8:00am Mass Int Clara Lum
7:00pm Mass +Ileana Gleason

Friday, September 21

8:00am Mass
10:00am Meeting Moms & Tots
10:30am Meeting Circle of Friends
7:00pm Mass

Saturday, September 22

8:00am Mass +Mr. Shui Pang Tao
9:00am Meeting Parish Renewal Committee

9:30am Meeting Legion of Mary
3:00pm Wedding
5:00pm Mass +Albert Noronha

Sunday, September 23

9:00am Mass
Event K of C Pancake Breakfast
11:00am Mass
Event K of C Pancake Breakfast
5:00pm Mass

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts.
 Sunday Envelopes: \$8,292.00
 Loose: \$696.45

MARRIED IN CHRIST

Richie Wong & King Yan Clara Sun
 Stanley Vinash Kumar & Carol Wye-Shune Mak

REST IN PEACE

Esther Pacheco

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. The first RCIA meeting is Wednesday evening September 19th. The meetings run 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 rcia@staugustineschurch.ca to register.

What people are saying about RCIA...

I would have to call myself an accidental Catholic. Before I got here, I identified as non-Christian and held pretty much everything against Christianity and, especially, the Catholic Church.

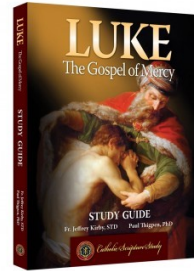
Paradoxically, I had a very strong and totally unexpected conversion experience. I could not ignore it.

When I heard about RCIA, I was told that it would be a good place to learn, question and receive the answers to my questions. I was assured that there was no obligation... I could walk away at any time... right up to and including Easter Vigil. I signed up. Questions would be (and were!) received and answered without judgment.

For anyone who is considering Catholicism – or anyone who may be sneaking in and out of Masses, as I did – I highly recommend that you sign yourself up for RCIA! It is a lengthy commitment, but one you won't regret. The intelligent and deeply spiritual presentations, the kind and caring people who will guide you through the process are an amazing gift. And, believe me, it doesn't end at Easter Vigil... you will have made close and trusting relationships with a group of people to whom you may still appeal when a question or a difficulty in the practice of "living Catholic" becomes your reality.

Blessings on your journey!

- Nancy Thome

Luke Bible Study

Come join St. Augustine's Adult Faith Group this Fall for an exciting new bible study on *Luke: The Gospel of Mercy*. It includes a teaching video, written commentary, small group discussion and a life application video for each of the sessions. Come discover St. Luke's unique insights into the heart of God presented by Dr. Paul Thigpen and Fr. Jeffrey Kirby. Sessions are held in the parish hall on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9 PM, starting September 18.

The cost is \$55

(financial assistance is available).

For more info or to register, biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca

Reduce the Demand for Buying Sex

Canada's current law criminalizes the buyers of sex. The challenge we face today is the enforcement of this law in order to reduce the demand for buying of sex.

Seattle and other cities across Canada and the USA are implementing a Demand Reduction Model to reduce commercial sexual exploitation. This model focuses on the participants in these crimes who do have a choice: the buyers who drive demand.

Hear from Valiant Richey, former Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County, Seattle, who will be sharing his experience of working on the demand side of this exploitation and educating the public on strategies for enforcement. Valiant Richey also sheds light on who these buyers are.

Join us for an informative talk, followed by a Q&A session by the Anti-Human Trafficking Committee of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Register for an upcoming session:

Tuesday, Oct. 2, at St. Anthony's Parish, West Vancouver

Wednesday, Oct. 3, at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver

Event from 7-9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For more info. please contact Evelyn Vollet at evollet@rcav.org

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

Around the Parish...

Archbishop Michael Miller, C.S.B. with
Aiden & Airin Chueh,
recipients of the Serra Club's thirteenth
Annual Servers Award.

Save the Date:**St. Augustine's Annual Harvest Dinner**

Date: Saturday, October 27 at 6:15pm
Venue: Parish Centre
More details to follow soon.

LADIES

The Circle of Friends/Lectio Divina meets the 1st & the 3rd Fridays of each month. Learn how the heart of the Gospel can become more relevant to your daily lives. Join others to be inspired.

10:30-12 noon in the Parish Library.

Contact: Barbara - 604-564-1474.

Taizé Prayer Service

Come and experience a quiet meditative Taizé prayer service with candle-light, music and prayers, scriptures and silence. Prayer Service Time: 7:45 pm - 9 pm, at the Church.

Song practice session: 7:30 pm - 7:45 pm, at the parish centre

Starting September, the monthly Taizé Prayer Service is on every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

parishcouncil@staugustineschurch.ca or tao.agnes@gmail.com



ALPHA finale—September 6th, 2018

SAVE THE DATE - CWL Retreat

Saturday Oct 20 from 9 am to noon.

Speaker : Katherine Kelly

All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend this morning of reflection.

Busy Hands for Seniors

Are you looking for company or ways to keep your mind and hands busy? Check out the Busy Hands Group. Some of us do crafts while others play games such as Mahjong. You don't need to know how to do either, we'll teach you and you'll have fun and make new friends too. We meet at 10:00am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the Parish Centre.

For more information call Shirley Brown: 604 738-0429 or just come along, we'd love to meet you.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast September 23rd

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast after the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday September 23rd.

All are welcome; admission by donation.

Around the Archdiocese...**Archdiocesan Men's Retreat, Sept. 28- 30 at Rockridge Canyon, Princeton**

The theme this year is "A Man After God's Own Heart."

We will follow the story of King David and rediscover the fulfillment that comes from directing our entire lives toward God. With powerful presentations, time for prayer, sacraments, fellowship, and rest, this retreat offers something for everyone. This is The Men's Retreat you do not want to miss! Registration is now open. For more info visit

www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat or contact

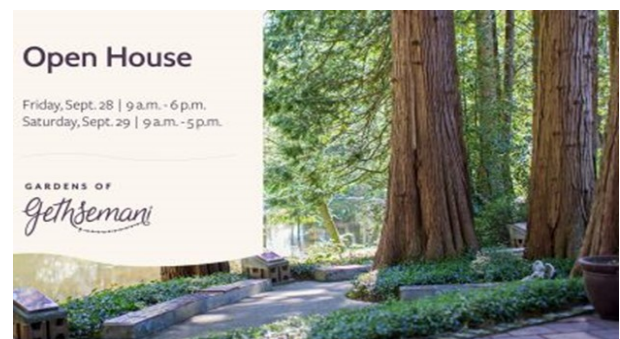
David Cummings: 604-312-7742 or david@davidcummings.ca.

Seminar of Hope -Saturday September 29th**How to pray for your Sons, Daughters & Loved Ones**

Christ the Redeemer Parish 599 Keith Road, West Vancouver

9:00am—4:30pm Lunch provided; free babysitting

To register contact Parish office at office@ctrwestvan.ca or: 604 922-1371



Oblate Corner



The Sacred Heart

Posted by Frank Santucci

As a person passionately in love with Jesus the Savior, it is no surprise that Eugene had a strong attachment to the devotion to the Sacred Heart. In 1819 he had made the Oblate Church of the Mission the center for this devotion in Aix. When he moved to Marseilles, he tried to return to Aix every month to be with the Oblate community on first Fridays.

... You know quite well what a pleasure it would be for me to spend the Feast of the Sacred Heart with you. But various reasons oblige me to be absent. In the first place a pastoral visitation has been fixed for the vigil and the day after

Letter to Hippolyte Courtès, 5 June 1833, EO VIII n 446

Now that he was a bishop, it appears that he was to preside at the procession through the city on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Pastoral commitments in Marseilles did not make this possible. René Motte writes about how Eugene instilled a sense of the importance of the love of Jesus Christ in others.

Eugene is quoted as saying to Father Timon-David:

“There is no need for me to recommend to you to develop in your young people a thorough understanding that in adoring Our Lord’s Sacred Heart, they should not so much focus their attention on this sacred object of their love as they should extend it to the living person of Jesus Christ who is present”.

Blessed Joseph Gerard’s reaction to the news of Eugene’s last illness is one of many illustrations of this devotion when he wrote: “I have just learnt that your Lordship has fallen seriously ill [...] We remember with edification your great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and we are going to appeal to this Sacred Heart with the most ardent confidence”.

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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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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