



Feb 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

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Grace in Life's Desert

Change is the one constant in our lives, whether it be personal or revolving around our Faith. It may not come across in big, dramatic leaps, but surely in our small, quiet choices. It could be in the reactions we barely notice, or in the habits we begin to slowly justify. Every day, through our choices, we are shaping the kind of person we are aspiring to be. That is what this week's readings are really about.

From the very beginning, being human has meant having the grace of freedom from our creator. We are given a good world, real responsibility, and one clear truth: we are not God. The moment we forget that, something shifts. Our choices start shaping us in ways we did not fully expect. And yet, even when we get it wrong, grace does not retreat. God keeps moving toward us. Not to trap us in shame, but to call us forward in reconciliation and repair.

Then there is the person of Jesus. Right after his baptism, before the crowds and the miracles, He goes into the desert. Remember that He does not need to prove His Divinity to anyone. He does not crave applause or fanfare. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, He endures hunger in the desert, perseveres through silence, and reveals to us what kind of Messiah He is. Not one that sits on a throne, but one that shows us what it is to be human and face real temptation.

And the temptations in the Gospel are simple yet devious like the evil one. Use your power for yourself. Make God prove something. Take the shortcut to influence and control. Each one is really about identity. Who will you trust? What kind of strength will you choose?

Jesus chooses the slow path. To Trust God over demanding control. He chooses Faithfulness in our creator over ego. He prefers Love over spectacle.

And that same pattern plays out in our lives. In the meeting where we want recognition. In the conversation where we want to win. In the moment we want comfort more than courage. We are always becoming someone.

Lent simply gives us the space to notice whether our choices are bringing us closer to becoming that person. So the next time you feel the pull toward control, status, or self-protection, slow down and come to Jesus. Choose the response that reflects who you truly want to become. That is how God's grace shapes our lives. Quietly and steadily with making one right decision at a time.

This Week

Monday, Feb 23

6:30pm	Meeting	ALPHA
7:00pm	Mass	+Ted Fronc
7:30pm	Meeting	CCO Faith Studies

Tuesday, Feb 24

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am	Mass	+Laura Roder
6:30pm	Meeting	Parish Religious Education Program
7:00pm	Mass	Int Cullen Cregan
7:30pm	Meeting	Adult Bible Studies

Wednesday, Feb 25

8:00am	Mass	Int Agnes & Mika Torres
7:00pm	Mass	Int Clara & Brian Hunt
7:00pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
7:30pm	Meeting	The Rescue Project

Thursday, Feb 26

8:00am	Mass	Int Emily Welch
9:15am	Meeting	Rosary Group
7:00pm	Mass	+Ernestine Fronc

Friday, Feb 27

8:00am	Mass	+Paulina Soon-Shin Kim
8:30am	Event	<i>Blessed Sacrament Adoration</i>
5:30pm	Meeting	Legion of Mary
7:00pm	Mass	Int Jean Doucet
7:30pm	Event	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Feb 28

8:00am	Mass	Int Sue Macdonald
8:00am	Event	The Rescue Project Retreat
5:00pm	Mass	Int Janet Levangle
6:00pm	Event	SAYA—Praise & Potluck

Sunday, Mar 01

9:00am	Mass	+Sterling Colwill
11:00am	Mass	+Danny Dobin
12:00pm	Meeting	Knights of Columbus
5:00pm	Mass	For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates

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Sunday: \$ 14,655.30

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St. Eugene de Mazenod: Founder and Missionary Heart

In celebrations of the 200th anniversary of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, we turn our attention to St. Eugene de Mazenod, whose pastoral heart gave birth to this missionary family. Living in a time of great social and spiritual upheaval, he was deeply moved by those who felt excluded from faith and society.

Rather than waiting for people to return to the Church, St. Eugene believed the Church must reach out to them with compassion, clarify, and hope. His vision continues to inspire Oblates today to preach the Gospel with humility and courage.

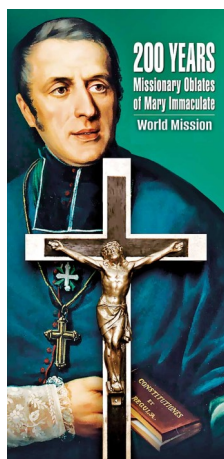
He once wrote: "The poor are to be evangelized, they are the ones Jesus Christ has sent us to."

Our parish will celebrate the anniversary with:

Cake after each Mass on February 21-22

On the Feast of St. Eugene, Mass on May 21st at 7:00pm with Archbishop Richard Smith

As an Oblate parish, we give thanks for this rich legacy and invite all parishioners in celebrating and carrying forward the Oblate mission.

**Income Tax Receipts for Year 2025**

Income Tax Receipts will be available for pick up near the Parish Hall & Church Foyer before and after all masses on the weekends of Feb 14th / 15th and 21st / 22nd. Receipts can also be picked up in the Parish office during the weekdays. All Income Tax Receipts will be mailed by the 23rd of Feb 2026.

**Rite of Election 2026****Rite of Election 2026**

This Sunday, Most Reverend Richard Smith will lead the Archdiocese of Vancouver in the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates. The catechumens are seeking to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The candidates are preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist or reception into the full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Archbishop Smith calls the catechumens and candidates to this Rite as our chief shepherd and teacher of the faith along with many priests, deacons and faithful. This is a celebration of the Church!

Many of the parish communities throughout the Archdiocese with godparents and sponsors attend to hear the holy Word of God at this Rite of Election. Please keep our Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers as they complete the Rite of Election.



**Seniors Luncheon hosted by
"Our After School Club" and Grade 7 students**

Venue: St. Eugene Parish Hall

Date: Thursday, March 12th, 2026 @ 12:00 noon

As there is a maximum seating of 40, please **RSVP by Tues. March 4th** to Geri Fujisawa @ gerifuji@telus.net or 604-738-1155. Transportation assistance may be requested when you RSVP.

**STATIONS
of the
CROSS****Stations of the Cross – Fridays starting February 20th 7:30pm**

A cherished Lenten tradition comprising 14 stations that symbolize Christ's Passion and death. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and be reminded of God's love for us and the sacrifice that was made to save us. Please join in praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, immediately after the 7:00pm Mass.

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

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

March 12 / May 14 / July 9

You may register by calling or leaving a message at the Parish Office or sending an email to parish.saug@rcav.org.

Please fill out the form on the link below to register your family for the course:

<https://staugustineschurch.ca/baptismform>



This Lent, let's move forward *On Track for Justice*

"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking." – Pope Leo XIV (*Dilexi te*, §75)

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, **On Track for Justice**, has been launched! Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity. How?



By donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 22, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world!

Get the Mini-magazine and follow the **Solidarity Calendar** with your family. Discover all the resources at (<https://devp.org/en/campaign/on-track-for-justice/resources-lent-2026/>)

For more information, contact Eileen Cervi at dcampar-mo@hotmail.com.

The Spiritual Exercises Retreat: in Daily Life

(Esp. for Young Adults seeking God's Will for their Life)

An intensive (9 month) Retreat offered in the Archdiocese.

A Retreat tailored for you personally.

The Retreat:
Discerning your actual Experience of God.
Pray through your own life and the life of Christ
Find God's Presence, Healing, & Call in the deepest areas of your soul



Free (+ \$100 Application Processing Fee)

Information & Registration: <http://jsav.ca/>

Application Deadline: **Feb 28th**

Inquiries: events@jsav.ca

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S**
Young Adults

YOUNG ADULTS,
DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE?

Serve with fellow Catholic young adults. Grow in faith, friendship, and purpose.



JOIN US!



St. Augustine's Young Adults looking for Volunteers

We warmly invite young people interested in supporting and walking with our young adults to join us. Please scan QR code for more details.



Stamp Collection Box

We request you to please save your used stamps and drop these off from time to time in the stamp box in the foyer for the Archdiocese Vocation Fund. All stamps have value and are gratefully received. Your contributions are very appreciated!

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S**
Young Adults

Praise & POTLUCK
MUSIC, MEALS, AND MEANINGFUL CONNECTION

JOIN CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS AGES 19-39
FOR OUR MONTHLY PRAISE & POTLUCK.

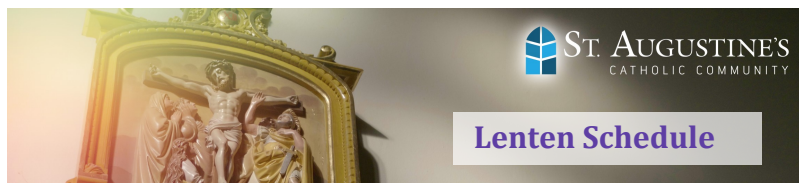
AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH
IN ST. EUGENE HALL
TIME: 6-8 PM

REGISTER HERE

OUR NEXT MEETING: **FEB 28**







*Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and be reminded of
God's love for us and the sacrifice that was made to save us.*

Join our parish after the 7pm Mass praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be led at 7:00pm

This Lent attend our Holy Hour 3:30pm on Sunday, March 15th

Eucharistic Adoration every Friday mornings from 8:30am—10:00am.

Parish Penitential Service will be held on March 10^h 7:00pm. NO Mass.

DATE	EVENT
Feb. 20 th	8:30am—10:00am Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross – St. Eugene
Feb. 27 ^h	8:30am—10:00am Eucharistic Adoration 7:30pm Stations of the Cross for Children
March 6 th	8:30am—10:00am Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross for Families
March 10 th	7:00pm Penitential Service – NO MASS
March 13 th	8:30am—10:00am Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 pm We Are Not Alone Stations of the Cross
March 15 th	3:30pm Holy Hour
March 20 th	8:30am—10:00am Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross—Create Hope
March 27 th	8:30am—10:00am Eucharistic Adoration 7:30pm Mary's Stations of the Cross
April 3 rd	7:00pm Good Friday—Everyone's Way of the Cross

We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the World.

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	Last Name
Spouse First Name	Spouse Last Name
Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth	
Mailing Address	
City	Phone
Postal Code	Email
Comments	

Parish Information

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.

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CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Wednesday 6:35pm—6:50pm
Thursday-Saturday 7:35am—7:50am
Saturday 4:00pm—4:30pm

PARISH MINISTRIES

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