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Second Sunday in Lent

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The Making of a Catholic Soul

Lent has a way of bringing us back to a simple but uncomfortable truth: We are a work in progress, we are not finished yet. We are still being shaped. The readings today all point in that direction. They speak about metamorphosis. They talk about change, but not the kind that happens in a moment of drama. It is the kind that unfolds through trust, through obedience, through staying the course even when the road ahead is unclear.

We hear about Abraham who leaves what is familiar because he believes God is calling him somewhere greater. His name changes, his future expands, and what seemed small becomes part of a much larger promise. That transformation did not come from ambition. It came from trust in God's Promise to him .

Then the Gospel brings us to the mountain, where the disciples see Jesus "transform" in a way they never had before. For a brief moment, his glory is unmistakable. But that moment was not given so they could stay on the mountain. It was given to strengthen them for what was coming. They would need that memory when things became confusing and painful.

That is often how transformation works in our lives too. We are given glimpses of grace. A Mass that steadies us. A confession that clears the air. A prayer that finally feels honest. A sermon that was written only for us to hear. Those moments are not emotional highs. They are reminders of who God is and who we are becoming.

Real change usually happens quietly. It happens when we begin to trust that even our struggles are not wasted. It happens when we cooperate with grace instead of resisting it. It happens when we choose patience instead of pride, forgiveness instead of resentment, faith instead of fear. Not the spotlight but steady growth in God's grace.

The sacraments then do not become religious obligations to tick off. Instead they transform into places where God continues the work of reshaping us. The Eucharist strengthens us. Reconciliation restores us. Each encounter with grace gently forms us from the inside out. So then, Lent reminds us that it is not about becoming perfect. Rather it becomes an invitation to return to Jesus in prayer especially when it feels dry and heavy. We receive grace instead of trying to fix ourselves. We begin to trust that small acts of faithfulness are not small at all. Over time, they become the mountain moments that carry us forward.

This Week

Monday, Mar 02		
6:30pm	Meeting	ALPHA
6:30pm	Meeting	CWL Executive Meeting
7:00pm	Mass	+Maria Arrais
7:30pm	Meeting	CCO Faith Studies
Tuesday, Mar 03		
6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am	Mass	+Bienvenido & Engracia Torres
10:00am	Meeting	Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
6:30pm	Meeting	Parish Religious Education Program
7:00pm	Mass	+Maria & Nicola Cosco
7:30pm	Meeting	Adult Bible Studies
Wednesday, Mar 04		
8:00am	Mass	Int Michael De Cotiis
8:30am	Meeting	Coffee & Connect
9:15am	Mass	St. Augustine School Mass
7:00pm	Mass	+Catherine Meyer
7:00pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
7:30pm	Meeting	The Rescue Project
Thursday, Mar 05		
8:00am	Mass	Int Sarah Van
9:15am	Meeting	Rosary Group
7:00pm	Mass	+Celina D'souza
Friday, Mar 06		
8:00am	Mass	Int Vincent Tan
8:30am	Event	<i>Blessed Sacrament Adoration</i>
5:30pm	Meeting	Legion of Mary
7:00pm	Mass	+Jimmy Kelly
7:30pm	Event	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, Mar 07		
8:00am	Mass	+Murray Stanley
8:30am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group
5:00pm	Mass	+Marlys Owen-Jones
Sunday, Mar 08		
9:00am	Mass	For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates— (Children's Mass)
11:00am	Mass	+Carmen Dipaolo
5:00pm	Mass	Int Timothea Lee



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Celebrating the Oblates

On February 21st and 22nd, our parish community joyfully gathered to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate with special Anniversary Masses, giving thanks for two centuries of missionary service and faithful witness.

We thank Fr. Ignacy and Fr. Mike Dechant for celebrating these beautiful liturgies. A special thank you to Fr. Michael for his homily on the life of St. Eugene de Mazenod and the Oblates' missionary journey to Canada. His reflection reminded us of the courage, faith, and zeal that continue to shape our parish and Church today.

We are also sincerely grateful to our Parish Hospitality team for generously providing cake and refreshments after all the Masses, creating a warm and joyful time of fellowship for everyone.

Finally, thank you to all who attended and celebrated with us. Your presence and prayers made this anniversary truly special. May the missionary spirit of St. Eugene continue to inspire us, and may we carry forward the legacy of the Oblates with renewed faith, hope, and love.

Lenten Penitential Service – March 10 at 7:00pm

(Please note: There will be no 7:00pm Mass that evening.)

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Church invites us to pause, reflect, and return to the Lord with open and humble hearts.

Our Lenten Penitential Service is a beautiful opportunity to encounter God's mercy in a deeper way through prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Lent is a season of renewal – a time to lay down what burdens us and receive Christ's healing grace.

Whether it has been months or many years since your last confession, know that you are warmly welcomed.



St. Augustine's Catechumens and Candidates Celebrate the Rite of Election at Holy Rosary Cathedral

St. Augustine's Catechumens and Candidates joyfully attended the Rite of Election on February 22nd at Holy Rosary Cathedral with Archbishop Richard Smith. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and prayers to our Catechumens and Candidates, and we offer our best wishes to our dedicated RCIA team as they continue walking with them toward the joy of the Easter Vigil. **A special thank you to Linda Arnold for her faithful leadership and commitment to guiding those seeking to grow in faith.**

The Rite of Election is a significant step in the RCIA journey, where catechumens are formally chosen ("elected") by the Church and their names are enrolled as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Candidates, who are already baptized, continue their preparation to be fully received into the Catholic Church.

With this rite, they enter the Period of Purification and Enlightenment—a time of deep spiritual reflection and preparation. During this season, which coincides with Lent, the focus shifts from learning about the faith to a more personal conversion of heart. This period is marked by the **Scrutinies** and the **Presentations**. The **Scrutinies**, celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, are special rites that help the Elect recognize and overcome sin, strengthening their commitment to Christ.

In addition, the Church entrusts the Elect with two central prayers of our faith: the Creed, presented in the third week of Lent, and the Lord's Prayer, presented in the fifth week. These rites help deepen their connection to the Church and prepare them to fully participate in the life of faith. This period of preparation culminates in the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, where the Catechumens and Candidates will be welcomed fully into the Church. We invite you to join us for this joyous and sacred occasion as we witness their commitment to Christ and celebrate the new life of the Resurrection.

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.

Lenten Holy Hour - Sunday, March 15th 3:30pm One Hour with the Lord in Lent

Lent is an invitation to deepen our relationship with the Lord. It is a spiritual renewal, where anyone who seeks God will continue to grow in Him.

Holy Hour is an opportunity to draw closer to God during Lent – a dedicated time for prayer, meditation, and reflection. It is a call to make a small sacrifice of our personal time to sit at the foot of the cross and strengthen our faith in the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

Join us for Holy Hour March 15th 3:30pm



The Oblates Around the World: A Global Mission

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, we give thanks for the remarkable missionary legacy that has shaped our parish, our country, and the wider world.

Founded in France in 1816 by St. Eugene de Mazenod, the Oblates arrived in Canada in 1841, bringing with them a deep zeal to proclaim the Gospel, especially among the poor. Beginning in Quebec and quickly expanding across the country, they ministered in remote and rural communities, served Indigenous peoples, established parishes and schools, and carried the faith from east to west and into the North. Their missionary spirit has played a significant role in shaping the Catholic Church in Canada.

Today, the Oblates serve in more than 60 countries around the world, responding to the needs of local communities with faith, simplicity, and perseverance. Whether through parish ministry, education, social outreach, or accompaniment of the marginalized, they strive to be close to the people they serve and attentive to the signs of God's presence.

St. Eugene captured this calling simply: "We are missionaries—this is our essential vocation." **As an Oblate parish, we gratefully celebrate this 200-year milestone and give thanks for their witness.**

Extra Lenten Confessions starting next week

As we journey through Lent, we invite you to take advantage of additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will now also be available on **Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.**



Lent is a beautiful season of renewal and grace. We encourage everyone to make time to encounter the Lord's mercy and prepare our hearts more deeply for Easter.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's work in a nutshell

Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we've been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote **justice, peace and dignity.**



Guided by **Catholic Social Teaching**, we support **partner-led projects** that reach over **7 million people in more than 30 countries** around the world.

Watch this [one-minute video](https://devp.org/en/campaign/on-track-for-justice/resources-lent-2026/) (<https://devp.org/en/campaign/on-track-for-justice/resources-lent-2026/>) for a glimpse of what this work of solidarity looks like. Share it widely; and join our efforts!

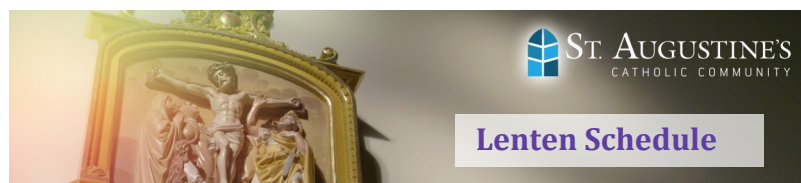


Seniors Luncheon hosted by "Our After School Club" and Grade 7 students

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.



*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	

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Monday - Wednesday 6:35pm—6:50pm
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