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Third Sunday of Lent

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LIVING WATER

[Coming back to the Living Water](#)

There is something very human in this week's readings. They remind us how quickly we can lose perspective when life becomes difficult.

The people of Israel had already seen God do incredible things for them. They had been led out of slavery and guided through the desert. Yet when things became uncomfortable, they began to complain and question whether God had abandoned them. Fear made them forget everything God had already done.

If we are honest, we recognise that tendency in ourselves. Trusting God is easy when life feels stable. It becomes harder when we are tired, uncertain, or waiting for answers that do not seem to come.

St. Paul reminds us that real hope does not come from circumstances going our way. It comes from knowing that God has already shown His love through Jesus. In Christ we see a God who does not remain distant from our struggles but steps into them.

That truth becomes very personal in the Gospel when Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well. What begins as a simple request for water turns into a deeper conversation about the thirst we all carry inside us. Jesus tells her that the water He offers is different. It is Living Water, something that reaches beyond physical needs and touches the deeper longing of the heart.

Lent gives us a chance to pause and notice where we are looking for that kind of fulfilment. Many things promise satisfaction, but they rarely last. Christ invites us to come back to the one place where real life begins.

This week, it might simply mean slowing down long enough to listen. A few quiet minutes in prayer. A moment of patience instead of frustration. A small act of kindness when it would be easier to ignore someone. These simple choices open space for grace to work. And often that is how faith grows, not through dramatic moments, but through ordinary decisions where we choose to return to the living water Christ offers.

This Week

Monday, Mar 09

6:30pm	Meeting	ALPHA
7:00pm	Mass	+Eric Oakley
7:30pm	Meeting	CCO Faith Studies

Tuesday, Mar 10

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am	Mass	Int Davide Xuasa
11:00am	Mass	Funeral Mass—Giovani Bonato
10:00am	Meeting	Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
6:30pm	Meeting	Parish Religious Education Program
7:00pm	No Mass	Lenten Penitential Service
7:30pm	Meeting	Adult Bible Studies

Wednesday, Mar 11

8:00am	Mass	Int Mary Jo & Colyn Clay
11:00am	Mass	Funeral Mass—Chiv Vou
7:00pm	Mass	+Adelaide Crawford
7:00pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, Mar 12

8:00am	Mass	+Socorro Rosales
9:15am	Meeting	Rosary Group
12:00pm	Event	Senior's Luncheon
6:30pm	Meeting	Baptism Preparation Course
6:00pm	Meeting	Hospitality Meeting
7:00pm	Mass	+Terence McAuley

Friday, Mar 13

8:00am	Mass	+Ophelia Menezes
8:30am	Event	<i>Blessed Sacrament Adoration</i>
5:30pm	Meeting	Legion of Mary
7:00pm	Mass	Int Marcus & Emma Bustamante
7:30pm	Event	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar 14

8:00am	Mass	+Nhi Ly
8:30am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group
5:00pm	Mass	+Patricia Wilmot

Sunday, Mar 15

9:00am	Mass	+Maree Fell
11:00am	Mass	Int Cik Siang Kartasasmita
3:30pm	Event	Lenten Holy Hour of Adoration
5:00pm	Mass	For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates

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We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$ 18,539.39

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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



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.



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

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRUNCH

Sunday, March 22nd

\$12 Adult, \$6 Child 3-12 yrs

\$35 Family 4 or more

Join us for good food and a great cause.
All proceeds support charitable organizations.



Food Collection for the Door is Open Every 3rd Sunday of the Month

Mar 14 & 15th 2026

Please help by donating non-perishable food items to benefit those in need in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.



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.



Knights of Columbus – Men of Faith and Service

Are you looking for a way to grow in faith while serving your parish and community? The Knights of Columbus is a brotherhood of Catholic men committed to living the Gospel with authenticity and dedication.

Knights support the Church, defend the Catholic faith, stand with the Holy Father and clergy, and assist families within our parish and the wider community. Their guiding principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Knight, speak with members of the Knights of Columbus at the Pancake Brunch on March 22 after the morning Masses. All men of the parish are warmly invited to come, ask questions, and discover how you can be part of this meaningful ministry.

TOGETHER, WE BLOOM.

This International Women's Day, Sancta Maria House invites you to donate toward building a Marian bouquet of roses for women overcoming addiction.

Please visit @sanctamariahouselvan on Instagram or Facebook stories on March 8th for full details or donate by scanning the QR code below.

@sanctamariahouselvan
sanctamariahousel.org

To donate, please visit
canadahelps.org/en/dn/143634

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>



Development and Peace – Women protecting the Earth

In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours.

Courageously, these women resist to continue to exist on their land. To assert and protect their rights, they formed a women's association called Seeds of the Earth with the support of Justiça nos Trilhos (JnT), a partner of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada.

Discover JnT's work in our Mini-magazine and learn more about the women by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lent (<https://devp.org/en/campaign/on-track-for-justice/>).



Save The Date

EASTER DINNER AND DANCE
SATURDAY APRIL 25 2026
5PM MASS
6:15PM DINNER & DANCING
ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

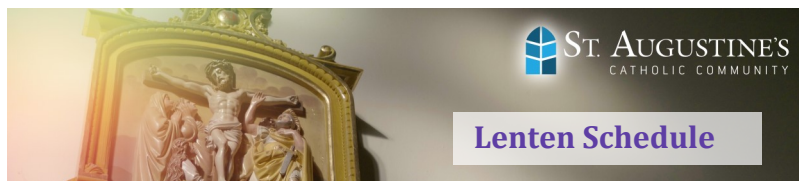
YOUNG ADULTS,
DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE?

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.



*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

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