



Mar 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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A Call to Change

Sometimes the hardest thing is allowing someone to change. We get used to people as they are. The quiet one. The difficult one. The person who always struggles. Over time those impressions settle in our minds, and we begin to assume that this is simply who they are. That is what makes this week's Gospel so striking. Jesus heals a man who has been blind since birth. The miracle itself happens quickly. The man washes in the pool and suddenly he can see. But instead of celebration, the story fills with confusion.

The neighbours argue about whether he is really the same person. The religious leaders question him again and again. Even his parents speak carefully out of fear. Everyone seems more interested in explaining the situation than recognising the change right in front of them. The man himself keeps it simple. He repeats the same truth over and over: "I was blind, and now I see."

Meanwhile something else is happening quietly within him. At first he refers to Jesus simply as "the man called Jesus." Later he calls him a prophet. By the end of the story, he recognises Him as Lord. His understanding grows slowly as he reflects on what has happened.

Faith often grows that way in our own lives. We do not always begin with perfect clarity. Sometimes we simply notice that God has touched our lives in some way, and trust begins to grow from there.

The real challenge in this story is not only about the man receiving sight. It is about whether the people around him are willing to see him differently. They keep trying to place him back into the old category they understood.

Perhaps that is the invitation for us as well. Be open to the ways God may still be working in the people around you. Encourage the small steps someone is taking instead of holding onto who they used to be. And in your own life, do not overlook the quiet ways grace may already be changing you. Sometimes the most powerful witness we can offer is the same simple truth the man shared: life was one way before, and now something has begun to change.

This Week

Monday, Mar 16

6:30pm	Meeting	ALPHA
7:00pm	Mass	Int Thomas Wantrupp

Tuesday, Mar 17

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am	Mass	+Maria Qui
10:00am	Meeting	Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
6:30pm	Meeting	Parish Religious Education Program
7:00pm	Mass	+Ben Hume
7:30pm	Meeting	Adult Bible Studies

Wednesday, Mar 18

8:00am	Mass	Int Mr. Brandon
7:00pm	Mass	+Jose Nacianceno
7:00pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, Mar 19

8:00am	Mass	+Souls in Purgatory
9:15am	Meeting	Rosary Group
7:00pm	Mass	+Fr. Vince Le Plante, OMI
7:45pm	Event	Taizé Prayer Service

Friday, Mar 20

8:00am	Mass	+Andy Hall
8:30am	Event	<i>Blessed Sacrament Adoration</i>
5:30pm	Meeting	Legion of Mary
7:00pm	Mass	+Vera Rizk
7:30pm	Event	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar 21

8:00am	Mass	Int Paul Mitchell Banks
9:30am	Meeting	Liturgy Committee Meeting
5:00pm	Mass	+Peggy Agnew

Sunday, Mar 22

9:00am	Mass	For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates
10:00am	Event	Knights of Columbus Brunch
11:00am	Mass	Int Eveline Kennis-Gunawan
5:00pm	Mass	+Tony Lazazzara

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We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$ 13,088.80

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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



Oblates in Western Canada: Roots and Mission

As the Church celebrates the 200th anniversary of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, we give thanks for their lasting presence and influence in Western Canada. Arriving in the mid-1800s, the Oblates travelled vast distances to serve emerging communities across the Prairies, British Columbia, and the North. They helped establish many of the region's earliest Catholic parishes, missions, and schools, often ministering to settlers, immigrants, and Indigenous communities in remote areas where few clergy were present.

Their missionary spirit was lived through daily acts of prayer, presence, and service—frequently travelling by canoe, horseback, and on foot to bring the sacraments and pastoral care to those in need. Their work helped lay the foundations of Catholic life throughout Western Canada.

Inspired by their founder, St. Eugene de Mazenod, they embraced his guiding words: *"Among yourselves, charity—charity—charity, and outside, zeal for the salvation of souls."*

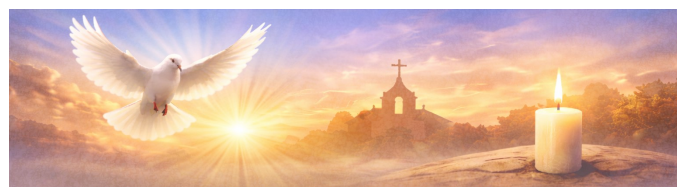
We remain grateful for the Oblates' faithful witness and their enduring contribution to the life of the Church in Western Canada.

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.



Formation Sessions for Baptised Catholics Not Yet Confirmed – Spring 2026

Adults who have been baptised in the Catholic Church but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend three formation sessions at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesdays, May 6, 13, and 20, 2026, from 7:00–8:30 pm.**

Attendance at all three sessions is required, and registration is necessary. Participants will then be confirmed in their home parishes on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026. Please contact Linda Arnold @ larnold25@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office for more info.

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.



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.



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INVITES YOU TO OUR

2026 Easter Dinner Dance

**SATURDAY
APRIL 25, 2026
5PM - 11PM**

**ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH
2028 W 7TH AVE
VANCOUVER**

5:00 PM - MASS

**6:15PM - 11:00 PM - DINNER
AND DANCE**

**EARLY BIRD ENDS ON
EASTER MONDAY
APRIL 6TH 2026**

**TICKETS START FROM \$36
SCAN FOR TICKETS
AND FOR MORE INFORMATION**



OPEN TO YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20S AND 30S

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.

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.

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>



On track for Justice – From Father to Daughter

Lives in the village of Piquiá de Baixo in Brazil began being disrupted in the 1980s, with the arrival of several polluting industries in their backyard. The villagers formed an association to defend their rights. Flavia's father started the fight, and she picked up the torch.

Last year, after a 20 year struggle, 312 families affected by industrial pollution moved to the new, cleaner, safer village of Piquiá da Conquista. The support of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's partner, Justiça nos Trilhos (JnT), made this relocation possible for 1,300 people.



Learn more about JnT's in our Mini-magazine and meet Flavia and her daughter Aylla by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lent (<https://devp.org/en/campaign/on-track-for-justice/>).



Easter Cards for Sale

Easter Cards that have been made by the women at Sancta Maria House will be for sale in the Arcade after the 9am and 11am masses on Sunday March 22nd. Cards are \$5 and can be bought with cash or e-transfer. Proceeds from the cards go to support the programs at Sancta Maria. Thank you for your support!

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

YOUNG ADULTS, DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE?

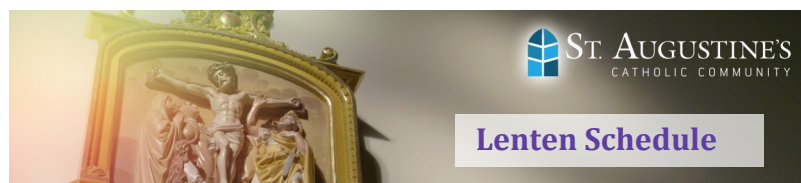
Serve with fellow Catholic young adults. Grow in faith, friendship, and purpose.



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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