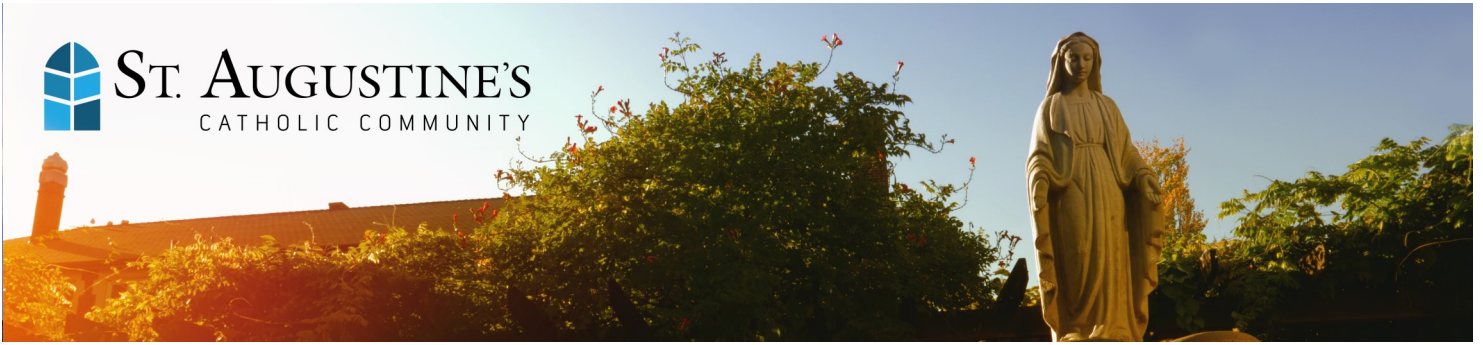




ST. AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



Mar 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SINCE 1911

OUR FAITH. OUR FOUNDATION



Hope Beyond the Tomb

There are moments in life when something feels finished. A relationship, a hope, a part of ourselves we thought would never fade. It can feel like a closed chapter, something buried and beyond reach. That is the space this week's readings step into. Not with quick fixes, but with a message that God is not done bringing life.

We see it most clearly in the Gospel. Jesus stands at the tomb of his friend. He does not rush past the grief. He does not explain it away. He stands with Mary and Martha in their sorrow and even weeps with them. That alone tells us something important. God does not stay distant from our pain. He enters into it.

Then, in the middle of that grief, Jesus calls Lazarus out. It is not just a miracle story. It is a glimpse of who Jesus is. He does not only promise life someday. He brings life into places that already feel lost. And here is the part that stays with us. Lazarus walks out, but he is still wrapped in the cloths of death. Others have to help unwrap him.

Sometimes that is how new life works for us too. God begins something within us, but the process takes time. We are slowly freed from what has held us back. And often, we do not do that alone. The people around us matter more than we realise.

At the heart of all this is something very simple. Jesus loves us personally. Not in a distant, general way, but in the same way he loved Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. He is willing to stand with us in our grief, to meet us in our doubts, and to call us forward into something new.

This week, that might mean trusting that something in your life is not as final as it might feel. It could mean letting someone walk with you through a difficult moment instead of carrying it alone. Or it might mean being that person for someone else, helping them take one small step toward light again.

Sometimes new life does not arrive all at once. It begins with a quiet call. And the courage to take a step out of what we thought was the end.

This Week

Monday, Mar 23

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

Tuesday, Mar 24

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am	Mass	+Souls in Purgatory
10:00am	Meeting	Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
6:30pm	Meeting	Parish Religious Education Program
7:00pm	Mass	+Lumen Dsouza
7:30pm	Meeting	Adult Bible Studies

Wednesday, Mar 25

8:00am	Mass	Int Sean and Shannon DeVries
7:00pm	Mass	Int Ee-laine Radelet
7:00pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, Mar 26

8:00am	Mass	+Sister Edna Walsh
9:15am	Meeting	Rosary Group
7:00pm	Mass	Int Maria Morriveau

Friday, Mar 27

8:00am	Mass	+Sister Edna Walsh
8:30am	Event	<i>Blessed Sacrament Adoration</i>
5:30pm	Meeting	Legion of Mary
7:00pm	Mass	+Ben Hume
7:30pm	Event	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar 28

8:00am	Mass	Int Mary Jo & Colyn Clay
9:00am	Meeting	Reference Committee
5:00pm	Mass	+Mary Patullo
6:00pm	Event	SAYA Praise & Potluck

Sunday, Mar 29

9:00am	Mass	Int Shawn & Chris Zuzarte
11:00am	Mass	For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates
5:00pm	Mass	+Victor Dsouza

OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$ 14,619.90

Please visit www.staugustineschurch.ca If you wish to maintain your contributions via Debit or Credit Card

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Saturday, March 4 | 2:00 PM | Church

Join us for a beautiful and meaningful tradition as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

The Blessing of Easter Baskets is a long-standing custom in many cultures, where families bring the foods they will enjoy on Easter to be blessed. These baskets often include bread, eggs, meats, and other festive foods—each symbolizing new life and the joy of the Resurrection.

We warmly invite you and your family to bring your unique basket(s) and take part in this brief and prayerful blessing service.

All are welcome—come share in this cherished tradition as we ready our hearts and homes for Easter!

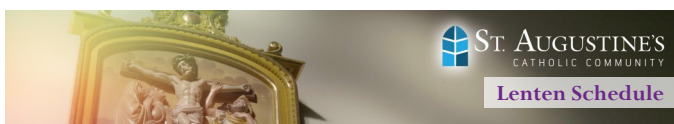
**Oblates in Western Canada: Roots and Mission**

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.



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 praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30pm.

DATE	EVENT
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.	

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!

**Extra Lenten Confessions**

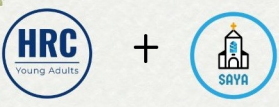
As we journey through Lent, we invite you to take advantage of additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will now also be available on **Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.**



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.

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.



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

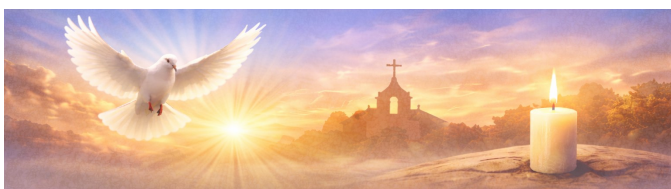
**6:15PM - 11:00 PM - DINNER
AND DANCE**

**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



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.



Archdiocese of Vancouver

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land

This Good Friday, support the Church of the Holy Land and help bring hope during these difficult times. Political and economic instability, poverty, and discrimination make it difficult to live in the lands where Christ once walked.

Your tax-deductible gift will enable many social, educational, and parish renewal projects, and permit a measure of peace for Christians who depend on your support more than ever. The continuing hope and prayer of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land is for peace and a sense of security. Thank you for making a difference!

This Lent, please give generously

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's On Track for Justice campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

"Our longstanding partnership with Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is very important to us. It allows us to promote economic alternatives to mining and industrial agriculture, thereby strengthening local economies and agroecology. Your contributions help change the reality of communities here and make a difference for many other organizations around the world."

– Mikael Carvalho, Coordinator, Justiça nos Trilhos, Brazil

Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at devp.org/give. Thank you for your solidarity!



EMAIL FRAUD WARNING

Our parish has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to recent internet phishing scams. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance.

Never respond to emails requesting gift cards, or any form of personal financial assistance, even if it appears to be from a priest, deacon, religious, parish staff or bishop. If you have any doubt, please contact the sender or the Parish Office to verify any requests.

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>




YOUNG ADULTS, DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE?

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



JOIN US!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00pm

Procession of the Oils, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist and Procession to the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall which will be open until 11:00pm to enable the faithful to remain in prayer and meditation. Remember to bring your bells to be rung during the Gloria. There is no 8:00am Mass

Good Friday – April 3rd

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 12noon & 3:00pm

Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Communion

Second Collection: The Needs of the Church in the Holy Land

Good Friday – 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

Theme: Stations of Hope

The Parish hall will be closed during the day. No Confessions in the evening.

Holy Saturday – April 4th

Blessing of the Easter Baskets – 2:00pm

Have your Easter food and treats blessed in the church. Traditionally the faithful brought meats, bread, eggs, vegetables, and wine as a way of consecrating the whole of the

Easter season. Items to bring, however are not limited to those above.

Easter Vigil – 8:30pm

The Church and the Parish Centre will be closed on Holy Saturday until 7:30pm (*excluding Blessing Service at 2:00pm. There is no 8:00am Mass*). Throughout the day the faithful are invited to continue the solemn paschal fast which they began on Good Friday.

Service will begin in the Parish Courtyard.

Easter Sunday – April 5th

Resurrection of the Lord – 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Easter Monday – April 6th 10:00am Mass only

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.

Email: info@staugustineschurch.ca

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FAITH AND FOUNDATION

Campaign Office 604.736.4455 x 231
donate@faithandfoundation.com

ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

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PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK 604.736-4455 EXT.221

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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