



ST. AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

May 03, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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You are not Alone; Christ walks with you

It's easy to make Easter about a moment in the past, but the real takeaway is much simpler. In the Gospel this week, God doesn't pull away from us when things get messy. He moves closer. Through Jesus, He makes it clear that His love doesn't depend on us getting everything right. It's already there, steady, even when we're not.

In the Gospel, Jesus is speaking to us, through his message to the disciples, who are unsure about what's coming next. There's that quiet anxiety of not knowing how things will play out. And instead of giving them a detailed plan, He gives them something better. He reminds them that they're not being left on their own.

This hits home more now with the current events in the world. We're trying to figure things out, wondering if we're making the right calls, hoping we're not missing something important. We want clarity, but most days don't come with clear answers.

So maybe the shift here is this. Instead of trying to solve everything, stay with what's already in front of you. Your work. Your family. The conversation you've been putting off. The person who needs a bit more patience from you. The thing you know you should do but keep delaying.

That's usually where it starts. It's not big, dramatic moves. It's small, steady ones. Showing up properly. Doing the next thing well. Being a little more present than you were yesterday.

And when you live like that, something begins to change. Not overnight, but enough to notice. You feel a bit more grounded. A bit less rushed. A bit more sure of yourself, even if nothing outside has really changed. So don't overcomplicate this week. Just stay with what's yours to do. Show up for it properly. And somewhere in those small, ordinary moments, when you slow down and respond a little differently, you might start to notice something deeper at work.

This Week

Monday, May 04

7:00pm	Mass	Int of ALPHA Participants
6:30pm	Meeting	CWL Executive Meeting
7:30pm	Meeting	CCO Faith Studies

Tuesday, May 05

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am	Mass	+Larry Battle
10:00am	Meeting	Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
6:30pm	Meeting	Parish Religious Education Program
7:00pm	Mass	+Ranga Jayamanna
7:45pm	Meeting	The Search

Wednesday, May 06

8:00am	Mass	+ Bernardina Guerrero
7:00pm	Mass	Int Andre Meyer
7:00pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, May 07 (Parish office will be closed from 12-3 pm)

8:00am	Mass	+Sister Edna Walsh
9:15am	Meeting	Rosary Group
7:00pm	Mass	+Mike Montagano

Friday, May 08

8:00am	Mass	Int Silvano Xausa
8:30am	Event	<i>Blessed Sacrament Adoration</i>
5:30pm	Meeting	Legion of Mary
7:00pm	Mass	+Tadeusz Kwiatek

Saturday, May 09

8:00am	Mass	+Monica Ireland
9:30am	Meeting	Liturgy Meeting
5:00pm	Mass	Delia & Manuel Gutierrez

Sunday, May 10

9:00am	Mass	+Emma Isaac
11:00am	Mass	Int Robert & Charmaine Edwards
5:00pm	Mass	For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates



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Sunday: \$ 16,917.90

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS PEC ELECTIONS ARE HAPPENING IN MAY 2026!



Notice of Elections to Parish Education Committee (PEC) for St. Augustine School: May 30-31, 2026

The PEC is responsible for governing St. Augustine School on behalf of the Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver (CISVA). The PEC is comprised of members elected by the Parish and members appointed by the Pastor and/or PEC. Information on the PEC can be found on the School's Website at www.faithandfoundation.com/pec.

This year parishioners will be electing three members to PEC. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of positions, elections will be held at the Parish on May 30 and 31, 2026. The names of candidates standing for election will be published in the Parish Bulletin the weekend of May 23-24, 2026.

Those interested in learning more or standing for election are invited to contact Rebecca Cleary or Savio Chiu, the members of the PEC's Nominating Committee, at pec@saschool.ca to learn more and obtain a copy of the Nomination Form and additional information regarding the elections. All candidates seeking election must arrange a meeting with Father Ignacy to confirm their candidacy. Then, the fully completed Nomination Form must be delivered in a sealed envelope to the Nominating Committee on or before May 19, 2026 at 9:00 pm.

CISVA advises "It is imperative that capable and committed Catholics stand for election to an Education Committee. It is important that they reflect a wide skill set willing to take on the many needs of a committee – in the areas of finance and administration, human resources, policy, repairs and maintenance, fundraising, in organizing people for parent participation and those who recognize the importance of team play and confidentiality."

Parishioners may confirm their inclusion on the Voters' List by viewing the Voters' List at the Parish Office under the supervision of the Returning Officer on Saturday May 16 and 23 following 5 pm Mass and on Sunday, May 17 and 24, 2026 between the 9 am and 11 am Masses. Those eligible to vote in the election are Catholics who have reached the age of 19 and who are registered on the Voter's List and are participating members of the parish. Also eligible to vote are the non-Catholic spouses of all Catholics eligible to vote. A person may vote in only one parish.



The Oblates in British Columbia

In celebration of the **200th Anniversary of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate**, we reflect on their enduring presence in British Columbia and their foundational role in cultivating the Catholic Church across the region. From the mid-19th century, Oblate missionaries traveled vast and rugged territories, establishing early parishes, schools, and missions, particularly among Indigenous and remote communities. Their history is deeply woven into the life of the local Church, as they have consistently walked with the people they serve; sharing in their joys, challenges, and faith. This legacy has helped shape Catholic communities grounded in hospitality, perseverance, and hope.

As an Oblate parish, St. Augustine's continues this tradition through hospitality, compassion, and a commitment to living the Gospel in everyday life.

Looking ahead, all are warmly invited to the **Jubilee Mass on May 21 at 7:00pm with Archbishop Richard Smith**. This special celebration is a meaningful opportunity to gather as a parish community in gratitude for the past, to honor the missionary spirit of the Oblates, and to renew our shared commitment to faith and service. We encourage all parishioners, families, and friends to take part in this joyful occasion as we come together in prayer, thanksgiving, and unity to mark this historic milestone.

We are Hiring for a full-time Administrative Assistant

St. Augustine's Parish is hiring a full-time Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant is the Parish's first point of contact and must create an environment of hospitality for everyone who enters the office.

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for a wide variety of administrative duties, including typical secretarial and receptionist duties. The Administrative Assistant coordinates functions to ensure the smooth operation of the Parish office. If you are interested in applying for this position visit our website to learn more at the link below: <https://saug.ca/employment-opportunity>

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.

May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother Sunday, May 17

The Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to participate in the May Crowning of Mary. Sunday, May 17th after the 9:00 am Mass in St. Eugene Hall. You are invited to bring flowers to place at the Statue of Mary during the short prayer service, then join us for refreshments afterward.



May is the Month of Mary, Mother of Jesus, as we honour her and strive to imitate her virtues. Please join us in celebrating Mary.

All ladies of the parish are invited to join the CWL general meeting following this event.

Diaconate Sunday | May 2-3, 2026

This weekend, we give thanks for the ministry of permanent deacons, whose vocation is rooted in the early life of the Church. In the Acts of the Apostles, the first deacons were chosen to serve the needs of the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, so that the Gospel could be lived as well as proclaimed.

Deacons remind us that service is not something on the edge of Christian life. It is at the heart of it. Jesus Himself tells us, "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant" and He shows us this most clearly by giving His life in love.

Through the Word, the altar, and works of charity, deacons help the Church remain close to Christ the Servant. Let us pray for our deacons, thank them for their faithful service, and ask the Lord to raise up more men who will answer this call with generous hearts.

Thank you, Deacons, for your faithful service to our Church.

Refugee Settlement Sponsorship Update

We have received some very positive news. Zion's family now has an interview scheduled with the Embassy of Canada in Turkey on May 11, 2026. This is an important step forward, though there are still many logistics to work through. Please keep Zion and Esther's family in your prayers. And a tremendous thanks to our school community whose recent, generous contribution has helped us reach our fundraising goal! We'll provide further updates once we know more.



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 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>



Honouring Linda Arnold: Celebrating 30 Years of Faithful Service – Retirement Mass May 17th

With grateful hearts, St. Augustine's parish wishes to announce the retirement of **Linda Arnold**, our beloved Director of Administrative Services, effective May 15th. For 30 years Linda has lived faithfully as a devoted disciple of Christ, sharing her many gifts and talents in service to our parish and school community. Her steady presence, tireless work, and cheerful dedication have strengthened our ministries, supported our staff and families, and reflected Christ's love in countless ways.

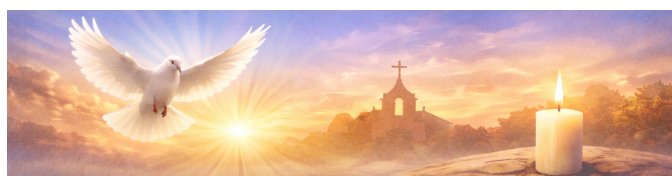


To honour Linda's years of faithful service and to give thanks to God for her vocation among us, please join us for Mass on **Sunday, May 17th at 11:00 AM**, followed by a reception in St. Eugene Hall. Let us come together in prayer and thanksgiving for Linda's tenure, entrusting her retirement to the Lord's continued blessings and peace.

All are warmly invited to celebrate this special occasion.

Volunteers needed for Liturgy of the Word for Children

We are joyfully seeking volunteers age 18+ to help lead Liturgy of the Word for Children—a ministry that opens young hearts to Scripture in a way they can truly understand. Are you called to share your faith, inspire curiosity, and help children encounter God's Word in a warm and welcoming space? We would love to have you join our team. Training and resources will be provided. Our Safe Environment staff will assist you with the required criminal record check. No teaching experience is needed—just a willing spirit and a love for nurturing the faith of our youngest parishioners. Your presence can make a lasting difference. Contact lwc@saug.ca



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 register on the link below for the sessions **and inform the Parish office about your confirmation.**

<https://olphchurch.ca/news-event/adult-confirmation-prep/>



Ambrose Matilda Music Connection

12th Annual Fundraising Sharing Event

Performances by Archbishop Special Award Winners

Sat. May 9th, 2026 | 7pm

St. Augustine's Church

2028 7th Ave W, Vancouver, BC V6J 1T4

The spirit of World Youth Day Korea 2027 through music. Featuring AMMC winners and award recipients, the event includes performances, stories, and reflection on the AMMC history. Proceeds will support the 6th competition and nurture young musicians.



Ticket Purchase



Performers' Bio

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		REGISTER HERE
☐ New Parishioner ☐ Need Envelopes ☐ Information Change		
Name:		
Spouse Name		
Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth		
Mailing Address		
City	Phone	
Postal Code	Email	

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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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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