



July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OUR FAITH. OUR FOUNDATION



Still Worth Sowing

Some days we find ourselves being quick to write people off.

At times it's other people, and other times it's ourselves. We quietly decide that nothing will ever change, that the damage has already been done, or that we've missed our chance.

Then in complete contrast, Jesus tells a story about a farmer who seems almost reckless with his resources.

He scatters good seed everywhere. On the path. Among the rocks. Into the thorns. To any sensible farmer, it looks wasteful. But that's exactly the point. God's love has never been careful or calculated. His love for us is generous beyond reason.

Jesus isn't looking for perfect soil. He's looking for willing hearts.

Perhaps that's why He spent so much of His time with people others had already dismissed. He saw possibilities where everyone else saw failure. He believed new life could grow in places that looked completely barren.

Maybe we need that reminder too.

There are parts of our own lives we would rather keep hidden. Old regrets. Wounds that haven't fully healed. Habits we're still trying to break. Yet those are often the very places where God quietly plants His grace.

This week, don't be so quick to decide what can or cannot grow. Not in your own heart, and not in someone else's.

Because God has never been in the business of giving up on people. He keeps sowing seeds of hope, even in the places the rest of us would walk straight past. And sometimes, that's exactly where the greatest harvest begins.

This Week

Monday, July 13

7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Meeting

+Helena & Jerzy Kwiatek
Safe Environment

Tuesday, July 14

10:00am Event
7:00pm Mass

Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
+Don Calistus

Wednesday, July 15

7:00pm Mass

Int Mary Jo & Colyn Clay

Thursday, July 16

8:00am Mass
9:15am Meeting
7:45pm Event

For Thanksgiving of Unknown
Rosary Group
Taizé Prayer Service

Friday, July 17

8:00am Mass
5:30pm Meeting

+Joel Coelho
Legion of Mary

Saturday, July 18

8:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

+Ian Miller
+Christine Guaglia

Sunday, July 19

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates
+Carolina Tagas
+Nelly Rosales



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We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$ 15,025.70

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A Family is Reunited

After years of waiting, uncertainty and separation, Zion's mother and sister are finally here. They arrived in Vancouver on July 9, marking the end of a long and often difficult journey from Türkiye and the beginning of a new chapter together with Zion, Esther and their growing family in Canada.

For those who have followed their story, the road to this moment has been anything but straightforward. Zion's mother and sister fled their home city of Kobani during the Syrian civil war in 2014 and have lived as displaced refugees in Türkiye ever since. In May 2024, they missed a scheduled Canadian immigration interview after being unable to obtain the travel permits required to travel within Türkiye.

This spring brought renewed hope. On May 11, both women completed their long-awaited interviews with the Embassy of Canada in Ankara, along with their required medical examinations. Their applications moved forward and, in June, the family received the news they had waited years to hear: travel to Canada was being arranged.

But even in the final days, nothing felt certain. With flights booked for July 9, Zion's mother and sister were still waiting for the travel and exit permits required to leave their village, travel to Istanbul and ultimately depart Türkiye. The situation was painfully familiar, and there were real fears the family could once again miss an important step in the process.



Zion and Esther, the Refugee Settlement Sponsorship Committee and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver continued working with Canadian officials and the International Organization for Migration to resolve the issue. **Then, on July 3, the news finally came. The permits had been received.**

"Family received all their permits! On their way July 9th. Praise God!" Evelyn Vollet, chair of the RSS Committee, shared with the committee. For Zion and Esther, the arrival is the answer to years of hope, prayer and perseverance. Throughout this journey, the St. Augustine's parish and school communities have walked alongside the family. Parishioners, students, families and volunteers have prayed, fundraised and quietly supported the sponsorship in countless ways.

Earlier this year, St. Augustine School contributed more than \$3,000 raised through the inaugural Fall Fair, Christmas Market and other school events, helping the Refugee Settlement Sponsorship Committee reach its original fundraising goal.

"This is a beautiful example of our school community living out its faith through service, generosity and care for others," shared Principal Michael Yaptinchay. Heidi Battiston added, "It was wonderful to see students, parents and staff come together over several events to support something so meaningful for our wider parish community."

Today, we give thanks that Zion's mother and sister are safely here and that a family separated for so many years can begin the next part of their lives together. Please join us in welcoming them to St. Augustine's and continue to keep Zion, Esther and their family in your prayers as they begin the important work of settling into life in Canada.

As the family begins settling into life here in Vancouver, we are also mindful that the costs connected with refugee settlement continue to rise. To help support these ongoing needs, donation envelopes will be placed in the pews and at the back of the church. Parishioners are welcome to contribute whatever they wish. Every gift, large or small, will help the Refugee Settlement Sponsorship Committee continue offering practical support as Zion's mother and sister begin this new chapter in Canada.

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.

Summer Hospitality Volunteers Needed

As we prepare for the summer season, we are looking for parishioners who would be willing to help with our Sunday hospitality after weekend Masses. This includes volunteers who can assist with hosting, serving, set-up and clean-up, as well as those who are able to contribute baked goods.



Hospitality is a simple but meaningful way to help build parish community, welcome visitors, and create a warm space for conversation after Mass. If you are able to help with hosting or provide baked goods, please contact the Parish Office: parish.saug@rcav.org. Your time, effort, and generosity are deeply appreciated.

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. **Please contact lwc@saug.ca for more information if you are interested.**

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.

Sept 10 / Nov 12 / Jan 14

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>



FINAL MATCH WATCH PARTY

 Date: Sunday, July 19, 2026

 Time: 12 - 2 PM
Door open after 11 AM mass

 Location: St. Eugene - Parish Hall

FREE Admission - Ticket required for entry
Please pick up your ticket after the masses at the **Welcome & Connect** table from July 4-19.

Stamp Collection Box

Please continue saving your used stamps and dropping them off in the stamp box in the foyer for the Archdiocese Vocation Fund. All stamps have value and are gratefully received. Thanks to your generosity, we recently raised \$700. Your continued contributions are very much appreciated!



Fall 2026 Faith Formation

COME AS YOU ARE. GROW TOGETHER.

This fall, we invite you to pause, connect, and take your next step — whatever that looks like for you. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, whether you're full of questions, craving deeper community, or just looking for a quiet place to rest in God's presence, there's a seat for you at our table.

THREE PATHS, ONE COMMUNITY



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

A guided journey for the curious, the seeking, and anyone ready to complete their sacraments.

Wednesdays

Sept 23, 2026 – May 2027 | 7:00–8:30pm



ALPHA

Explore Faith and Life

An open, welcoming space to wrestle with the big questions — about life, faith, and meaning — together.

Thursdays

Sept 24 – Dec 3, 2026 | 6:30–8:30pm



BIBLE STUDY

The Gospel of Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

Walk through Scripture at a comfortable pace, in good company.

Tuesdays

Sept 22 – Dec 8, 2026 | 7:45–9:15pm

Registration opens August 1st. Sign up at www.staugustineschurch.ca or email faithformation@saug.ca

No experience needed. No pressure to speak. Just an open door.

RCIA and ALPHA are free. The Gospel of Luke study has a small materials fee for the workbook and online video access.

Whether you're a lifelong Catholic, a returning seeker, or someone who's never set foot in a church — you are welcome here.

This fall, take a step closer to Christ, alongside friends doing the exact same thing.

Questions? We'd love to hear from you: faithformation@saug.ca

Stronger Together

PROJECT
ADVANCE
2026

Project Advance Update – Halfway There!

Our parish community has reached an exciting milestone—we've now raised **\$50,000** toward our **\$100,000** Project Advance goal!

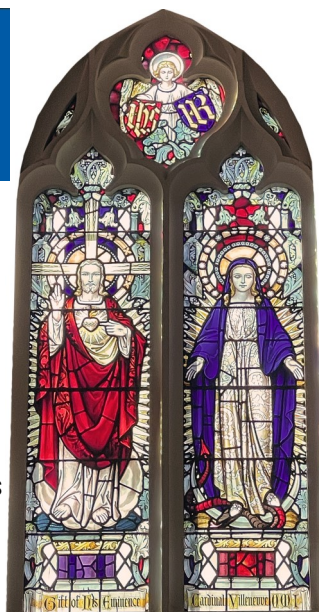
With only **\$13,300** remaining to meet our Archdiocesan obligation of **\$63,300**, we're within reach of an important milestone. Once that obligation is fulfilled, every additional dollar raised is returned directly to St. Augustine Parish.

Last year, your generosity helped raise **\$140,000**, allowing us to continue the restoration of our beautiful stained-glass windows and our historic pipe organ. This year, funds raised beyond our allotment will support the ongoing restoration of our stained-glass windows, as well as important repairs and upgrades to our parish HVAC system.

Every gift, regardless of size, brings us closer to our goal and helps preserve and strengthen our parish for future generations. If you have not yet had an opportunity to participate, we warmly invite you to make a gift.

To learn more or donate online, visit our [parish website](#) or the [Project Advance page](#). You may also make your gift through the parish office by calling **604-736-4455**.

Thank you for your continued generosity, faith, and support of our parish community.



REGISTER HERE	
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	
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.

Email: parish.saug@rcav.org

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MARRIAGES/WEDDINGS/BAPTISMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

604.736.4455 x 221
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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

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Linda Arnold rcia@saug.ca

LWC (LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN)

Julie Kennedy lwc@saug.ca

MUSIC MINISTRY

Michael Molnar, *Director of Music 5pm & 11am Mass* music@saug.ca
Manfred & Suzanne Milbers—*9am Sun Mass*
Chris Susanto—*5pm Sun Mass*

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