



ST. AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OUR FAITH. OUR FOUNDATION



The Garden Isn't Perfect

Gardens are beautiful, but no gardener expects them to be perfect. Along with flowers come weeds. Along with healthy plants come dry patches, insects, and the occasional surprise. Yet no one throws the whole garden away because it isn't flawless.

Jesus uses that very picture in this Sunday's Gospel. The field contains both wheat and weeds, and the first instinct is to pull everything up. But the farmer says, "Not yet." He knows that rushing the process could destroy the very crop he's trying to protect. There's something wonderfully hopeful about that.

We can be impatient with ourselves. We notice our weaknesses, our mistakes, our bad habits, and wonder why they haven't disappeared by now. Sometimes we're just as impatient with other people.

But God works differently. He sees the whole field. He sees not only who we are today, but who we are becoming. While we focus on the weeds, He continues nurturing the wheat.

The Gospel also reminds us that God's kingdom often grows quietly, almost unnoticed, like a tiny seed becoming a tree or a little yeast working through dough. Real change usually isn't dramatic. It's slow, steady, and often invisible until one day we realise we've become someone we couldn't have imagined years earlier.

So perhaps this week, be a little more patient. With yourself. With your family. With the people around you who are still growing. Because God hasn't finished with any of us yet. And sometimes the most beautiful harvest comes from the fields that looked the least promising in the beginning.

This Week

Monday, July 20

7:00pm Mass

7:30pm Meeting

Int Phuong Van

Safe Environment

Tuesday, July 21

10:00am Event

7:00pm Mass

Busy Hands Women's Craft Group

Int J. A Tan

Wednesday, July 22

7:00pm Mass

+ Don Rohan

Thursday, July 23

8:00am Mass

9:15am Meeting

6:30pm Meeting

Int Khristine Siy

Rosary Group

CCO Faith Studies

Friday, July 24

8:00am Mass

5:00pm Meeting

Int Lara Farrell

Legion of Mary

Saturday, July 25

8:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass

6:00pm Meeting

Int. Lina Nolan

Int. Nancy Vales

SAYA After Mass Potluck: (at Kit's Beach)

Sunday, July 26

9:00am **Mass**

11:00am **Mass**

5:00pm **Mass**

+ Salvadora Lim

+Janina Szubzda

For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates



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We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$ 14,674.10

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A Parish Journey of Faith, Welcome and Service

For parishioners who have joined St. Augustine's more recently, the arrival of Zion's mother and sister is the culmination of a journey that began more than two years ago.

It is also a story about what a parish community can accomplish together.

As part of St. Augustine's Social Justice ministry, the Refugee Settlement Sponsorship Committee took on the private sponsorship of Zion's mother and sister, who had been displaced in Türkiye since fleeing the Syrian civil war in 2014.

The goal was to support the refugee sponsorship application process and prepare for their eventual resettlement in Canada. This included a requirement to raise \$33,500 to sponsor both women.

What followed was a truly parish-wide effort.

Through book sales, music nights, school fairs, pub nights and other community events, parishioners and school families steadily contributed to the sponsorship. Earlier this year, a contribution of more than \$3,000 from St. Augustine School helped bring the campaign to its original fundraising goal.

But the work went far beyond fundraising.

Members of the parish prayed faithfully for the family throughout years of waiting and uncertainty. Volunteers supported communications, finances and settlement planning. Others have stepped forward to help with transportation, housing and the many practical needs that come with beginning a new life in a new country.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver has also been an important partner throughout the process, helping guide the sponsorship and working closely with the family and committee through the

immigration and resettlement process.

Now that Zion's mother and sister have arrived, a new phase of our commitment begins.

Because the sponsorship process has extended over more than two years, the cost of supporting their first year in Canada has increased since the original budget was established. Updated 2026 refugee assistance requirements and the higher cost of living have created an additional funding need beyond the original \$33,500 raised.

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. Donations can also be made through the parish office. Every contribution will help the committee support Zion's mother and sister as they settle into their new lives in Canada.

There will also be practical needs ahead, including furniture and household items once long-term housing has been secured. We ask parishioners not to bring or drop off items at this time. The committee will share a specific list of needed items once the family's housing arrangements are finalized.

For now, we simply say thank you.

Thank you to every parishioner who donated, attended an event, volunteered, prayed or offered encouragement. Thank you to our school students, families and staff. Thank you to the many volunteers who have stepped forward to help prepare for the family's arrival and settlement.

The journey is not over. In many ways, a new one is just beginning.

As a parish community, we have walked alongside Zion and Esther through years of hopeful waiting. Now, we have the privilege of helping welcome their family home.



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.

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is the process of inquiry for those interested in learning about the Catholic faith. It is an opportunity for adults to 'come and see' what Catholic Christians believe. The process welcomes those who feel drawn to Christ. There is no commitment by attending a meeting.

It is for adults who are thinking about joining the Catholic Church, adults who have been baptized in other Christian traditions and are thinking about being received into full communion with the Catholic Church and for baptized Catholics who have not been confirmed.

The RCIA process runs from Sep. 23RD through May until Pentecost.

We meet Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm.

If you are interested in the Catholic faith or know someone who is, contact Linda Arnold for information and to register: rcia@saug.ca

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>



St Joseph' Parish (Mission) invites you to the Grotto of Our Lady Lourdes at Fraser River Heritage Park (7494 Mary St, Mission) to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in honour of Our Lady, on Saturday, **Aug 15th at 1pm**. Main celebrant will be Most Rev. Richard W. Smith,

Archbishop of Vancouver. Confessions will be heard on site between 10am – 1pm. After Mass, procession to the Grotto where the Rosary is prayed and then Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Please bring your own picnic lunch and chairs. For bus info, please contact the Bus Coordinator in your parish or email : info@aquinasinstitute.ca. See official poster in lobby of the church. Visit www.MissionGrotto.com

Catholic Family Summit 2026—Rooted in the Word

Join with other families from around the Archdiocese to discover the beauty and power of God's Word through activities for all ages. The day will also include a Eucharistic procession, anticipated Sunday Mass, and dinner. The cost for this event is \$15/adult and \$10 for children 5 and older; families are capped at \$65 each.

Saturday, August 8, 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Christ the Redeemer Parish, West Vancouver.

Learn more and register by July 27 at beholdvancouver.org/events.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SUMMER VIDEO EVENINGS

THURSDAYS, beginning **JULY 30, AUG 06, 13, 20**
7:00 PM - 9:15 PM



Learn together about **SAINT CARLO ACUTIS**, the saint of today the First Millennial Blessed

Explore the life of **SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**, his surrender, his deep theology, and journey to sainthood

from **CATHOLICISM** series
Explore with **ROBERT BARRON** the Assumption of the **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**, and learn more from his 'CATHOLICISM' series

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.**

Stronger Together

PROJECT
ADVANCE
2026

Project Advance Update – Halfway There!

Our parish community has reached an exciting milestone—we've now raised **\$55,000** toward our **\$100,000** Project Advance goal!

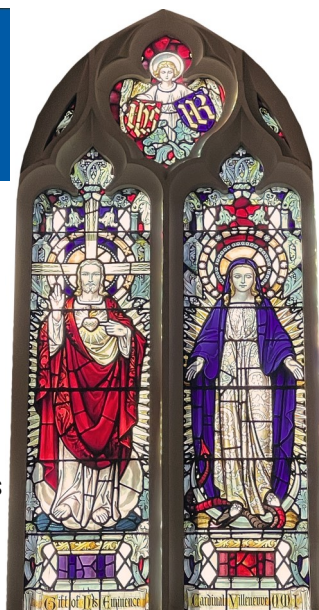
With only **\$13,300** remaining to meet our Archdiocesan obligation of **\$63,300**, we're within reach of an important milestone. Once that obligation is fulfilled, every additional dollar raised is returned directly to St. Augustine Parish.

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.



DONATE HERE

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)

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MUSIC MINISTRY

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Chris Susanto—5pm Sun Mass

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