

# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2020



## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 22 TO AUGUST 30

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 22</b>	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 23</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	For the sick of the parish	
11:00 am	Vittorio Nudo	Rosalba Nudo
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug 24</b>	
8:30 am	The Silas Family	Raymond and Marilyn Silas
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug 25</b>	
8:30 am	Nevine Shehata	Becket Parish
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug 26</b>	
8:30 am	Angela Rogers	St. David's Social Club
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug 27</b>	
8:30 am	Elaine Leclerc (L)	Anna Donald
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug 28</b>	
8:30 am	Shirley Legath	Gloria & Mark Brennan
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 29</b>	
4:30 pm	The deceased members of the Quelch and Reuben families	Carolyn Quelch
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>	<b>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Magdalena Nitti Saluzzi	Michelle Figueredo & family

### **SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)**

Aug 23: Vittorio Nudo, requested by Rosalba Nudo

Aug 30: Jack Scimone, requested by his daughter Connie.

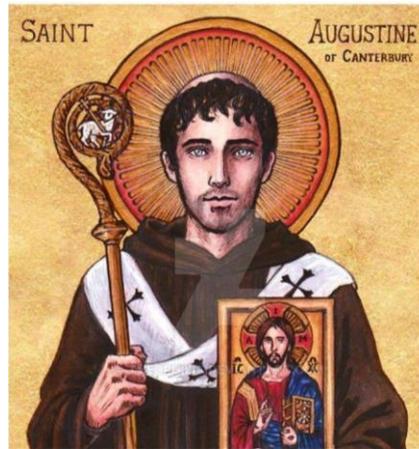
**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Fr. Adelchi Bertoli* of St. Monica's Parish.

*Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

### **BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:**

Tinned ham, turkey, chicken, Prem/Kam consommé/broth crackers, gravy, stew, pudding.

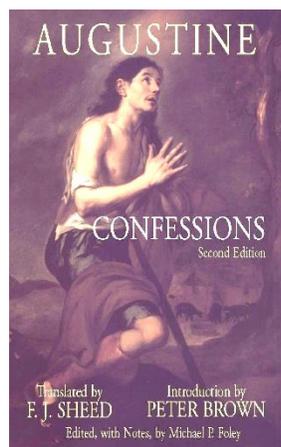
## FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE, AUGUST 28



Augustine was born at the town of Tagaste (in now modern-day Algeria) in 354, and grew to become one of the most significant and influential thinkers in the history of the Church. His teachings were the foundation of Christian doctrine for a millennium. The story of his life, up until his conversion, is written in the autobiographical "Confessions," the most intimate and well-known glimpse into an individual's soul ever written, as well as a fascinating philosophical, theological, mystical, poetic and literary work. Augustine, though being brought up in early childhood as a

Christian, lived a dissolute life of revelry and sin, and soon drifted away from the Church – thinking that he wasn't necessarily leaving Christ, of whose name he acknowledges "I kept it in the recesses of my heart; and all that presented itself to me without that Divine name, though it might be elegant, well written, and even replete with truth, did not altogether carry me away." He went to study in Carthage and became well-known in the city for his brilliant mind and rhetorical skills and sought a career as an orator or lawyer. But he also discovered and fell in love with philosophy at the age of 19, a love he pursued with great vehemence. He was attracted to Manicheism at this time, after its devotees had promised him that they had scientific answers to the mystery of nature, could disprove the Scriptures, and could explain the problem of evil. Augustine became a follower for nine years, learning all there was to learn in it before rejecting it as incoherent and fraudulent. He went to Rome and then Milan in 386 where he met St. Ambrose, the bishop and Doctor of the Church, whose sermons inspired him to look for the truth he had always sought in the faith he had rejected. He received baptism and soon after, his mother, St. Monica, died with the knowledge that all she had hoped for in this world had been fulfilled. He returned to Africa, to his hometown of Tagaste, "having now cast off from himself the cares of the world, he lived for God with those who accompanied him, in fasting, prayers, and good works, meditating on the law of the Lord by day and by night." On a visit to Hippo he was proclaimed priest and then bishop and spent the rest of his life as the pastor of the North African town, from where he spent much time refuting the writings of heretics. On Aug. 28, 430, as Hippo was under siege by the Vandals, Augustine died at the age of 76.

### WORTHWHILE READING



*Confessions*, by St. Augustine, translated by F.J. Sheed. The *Confessions* of Saint Augustine is considered one of the greatest Christian classics of all time. It is an extended poetic, passionate, intimate prayer that Augustine wrote as an autobiography sometime after his conversion, to confess his sins and proclaim God's goodness. Just as his first hearers were captivated by his powerful conversion story, so also have many millions been over the following sixteen centuries. His experience of God speaks to us across time. Considered by many to be the greatest spiritual autobiography of all time, Augustine's *Confessions* holds a special place among the world's great books. It is, after the Bible and *The Imitation of Christ*, the most widely translated and

highly esteemed book in Christian history

## HERE'S A QUESTION ON CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION

*What did Jesus' death achieve?*



First, Jesus' death "manifested" the Resurrection, to use the new words of the second Eucharist Prayer. We would not have known about the resurrection of Jesus without its being dramatized for us.

Second, Jesus' death actualized the Lord's acceptance of human nature and the world on suffering within which humankind had been mired since the fall. Jesus is the Second Adam, to use the words of St. Paul.

Third, Jesus' death was a sacrifice. It represented a passing over (passover) on his part through sin, death, and suffering. The shedding of his blood caused the angel of death to pass over us and leave us alone. This is why the Passover story is so essential to Christian understanding, and why the theology of the Lamb is central to Christian symbolism and speech.

Fourth, Jesus' death was an act of atonement. He made humankind "at one" with the Father. His death and resurrection united the human and the divine.

Fifth, Jesus' death was an act of satisfaction. This does not mean that the Father required the death of Jesus — as some early medieval theologians like St. Anselm of Canterbury suggested (though some moderns have sought with some success to rehabilitate Anselm's theory).

Sixth, Jesus' death was an act of reparation. It repaired the broken relationship between God and humankind.

Seventh, Jesus' death was an act of expiation. This means a pouring out of his life as an act of love.

In all this, we have to remember that Jesus' death achieved nothing apart from the Resurrection. And, by the same token, the Resurrection would have achieved nothing for humanity had Jesus not assumed human nature and died "within it," so to speak. That is why the Church and the liturgy nowadays speak of the "paschal mystery," one unified reality of suffering, death, resurrection and exaltation.

*~ By Msgr. M. Francis Mannion*

### WORDS TO PONDER

"Life is never made unbearable by circumstances, but only by lack of meaning and purpose". Viktor Frankl, Holocaust survivor.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW WEEKEND EMPLOYEE

Those of you coming to church since we reopened our doors last month have met David Alizadeh, our new weekend custodian, warmly welcoming our parishioners at the door with hand sanitizer. David, newly arrived from Iran last year, works during the week at a bottling company while studying hotel management at Lasalle College. He is expecting his wife to join him from Iran in the near future. It's a pleasure to welcome David to the parish team.



## PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

### Parish Wardens

The Fabrique of the Parish of St. Thomas à Becket administers all Parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2021) 620-6643

Peter Cook (2022) 620-2019

Norman Cousineau (2020) 624-8753

Siro Di Marco (2020) 620-6788

Michelle Figueredo (2021) 694-8879

Michael Sciotto (2022) 626-9550

### Parish Hall Rental: Peter Cook 514-620-2019

### Liturgical Ministries

Altar Guild: Anna Donald 620-2258

Altar Servers: Fr. Peter Sabbath 626-4111 ext 225

Baptism Preparation Team 626-4111

Children's Liturgy Parish Office 626-4111

Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator - Rosemarie Della Rocca 620-1930

Greeters: Norma Cook 620-2019

Ushers: Joe Ojeda 941-7914

Lectors: Tobias Koikaran 693-5514

Liturgy Team: Rosemarie Della Rocca 620-1930

Weekday Sacristan: Anna Donald 620-2258

Music Ministry Coordinator - Lino Viegas 620-0750

Choirs: Brendan Kelly 944-7220

### Parish Organizations

Sycamore - Elsa Rivera 626-4111 Ext. 222

Angels of Mercy - Sarah Sajedi 827-6408

Becket Pantry 626-4111

Catholic Women's League - Catherine Lee Jude 463-5991

Couples for Christ - Francis & Aurora Apgao 630-6586

Fraternity of St. Francis & St. Clare - Victoria Milewski 695-2616

Healing Ministry - Elsa Rivera 626-4111 Ext. 222

Helping Others - Parish Office 626-4111

Knights of Columbus - Joe Ojeda 941-7914

Marriage Course - John and Nathalie Bondyra 695-7896

Pastoral Home Care - Ailsa Lee Loy 626-7265 or Susan Carroll 887-4365

Prayer Group - (Thursday 9:15 am) Louise Eberwein 825-5198

Prayer Line - Christine Charron 694-3958 or Mary Taillon 450-424-3769

Seniors - Audrey Cassidy 626-3586

Social Club - Rina Callard 695-6995

### Resources and Services

A.A. 376-9230

Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics) 866-9803

Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services 931-7311

Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine 931-7311

Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried? 344-2686

Tel Aide (listening line) 935-1101

Violence S.O.S. Hotline 1-800-363-9010

West Island Women's Shelter

620-4845

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Anointing of the Sick: upon request

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Jaison Joseph

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath

**Diocesan Website: [www.diocesemontreal.org](http://www.diocesemontreal.org)**