

# 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.

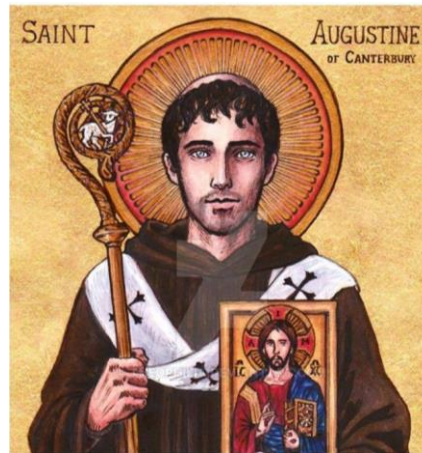
**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Fr. Adelchi Bertoli* of St. Monica's Parish.

*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.

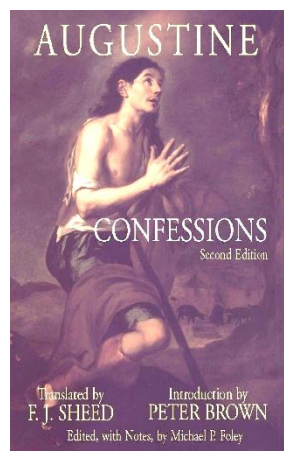
## FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE, AUGUST 28



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)**