

Mass Intentions:

- Thursday July 1st** For the deceased members of the Flipot family requested by Isabelle Gorska
- Sunday, July 4th** For the repose of the soul of Manuela Herrera requested by Oswalda Branco & Jorge Flores
- Thursday July 8th** For the deceased members of the Gorska Family requested by Isabelle Gorska.
- Sunday July 11th** For the repose of the soul of Antonio de Melo requested by Oswalda Branco & Jorge Flores
- Sunday July 18th** For the repose of the soul of Antonio de Melo requested by Oswalda Branco & Jorge Flores
- Sunday July 25th** For the Gallant family & siblings requested by Ann & Jim Gallant
- Sunday August 1st** For the repose of the soul of Sivana Branco requested by Oswalda Branco & Jorge Flores
- Thursday August 5th** For the repose of the soul of Norma Farrah requested by the Depatie family
- Sunday August 8th** For the intention of Father Lindbergh requested by friends
- Sunday August 15th** For the repose of the soul of Jean Louis Desrochers requested by the Malone family
- Sunday August 29th** For the repose of the soul of Janos Glaser requested by his wife Heidi Glaser-Hille

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Parish Dues \$3,585 (to date)

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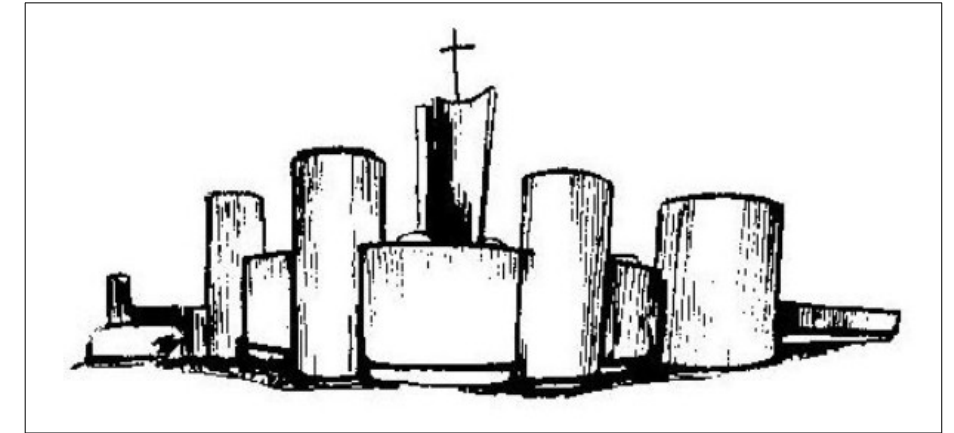
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Schedule of Masses:

Sundays:	9:15 am
Thursdays:	9:15 am
Adoration:	First Thursday of the month

Pre-registration is no longer required for Sunday Mass. All participants will be registered at the door and the church will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July

Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Our Plant Sale was a Great Success!

The first standalone plant sale of St. Augustine's was held on June 12th and was a success! We raised over \$1,300 for the Heritage Fund, our most successful plant sale to date!

I would like to thank Vivien and Susan for their help in organizing the sale, Francois, Carole Lynn & Yves, Michelle & Jean, Rick, Reine, and Isabelle who helped in many ways from setting up the day before to support on the day of the sale. Vivien, Susan and I would also like to thank all those who provided plants for the sale and all those who came out and bought plants and supported this fundraising effort. We are already looking forward to next year's sale so please think of us when you are planning your flower and vegetable gardens next year!

Marion



Great News for the Heritage Project

The CPRQ –Conseil du Patrimoine Religieux du Québec has granted us \$31,908 dollars to complete the Phase 1 work on the hall roof. We are waiting for the start date from the roofing company. A more detailed communication will be sent by email at the end of the summer but if you have any questions please contact Susan Leclair at susan.leclair@yahoo.ca.

Stay Tuned for our New Web Site

Thank you, Jacqueline Powell, for accepting to work with the web designer on our new web site. The possibilities to raise our visibility will be increased and this will help secure our future at St. Augustine's. We are hoping to launch by September 2021.

Preview of the Future of the Parishes Report

Background

In August 2020, Bishop Claude Hamelin, (at the request of Fr Manus Bradley, Pastor, and Susan Gardner, Pastoral Coordinator, of the Saint John Paul II Pastoral Unit), issued a letter setting up a committee to examine the organizational and pastoral structure of our pastoral unit. A deliberately small group of advisory committee members was assembled, and we began the process of looking at "The Future of the Parishes", examining the situation of each of our eight parishes individually, and collectively as part of the unit. Bishop Hamelin reminded us in his letter that in the words of Pope Francis, "The status quo is not an option to be retained" if we are to be missionary disciples, going forth into the world.

The committee comprised, Fr Manus Bradley, Susan Gardner, Fr Rejean Poirier, Frank Narciso, Marie Muldowney, Allan Cunnanan, Cory Labrecque, and with Christine Gage as recording secretary.

Information was sought from Fabriques, during consultations with parish members, from Focus 2021 Groups, from parents from Faith Education, from the Pastoral Team. It was challenging to consult as widely as we might have done but despite the pandemic we consulted and received feedback from well over one hundred parishioners over the span of nine months.

It is inevitable, given the current rate of decline in numbers, that some parishes will choose to close and merge in the next several years. Any decision to close or merge will be taken, when the time comes, by the parish in question. However, we are happy to report that for the time being, the Saint John Paul II Pastoral Unit will continue to be made up of eight parishes.

Recommendations

1. As the pastoral team is in transition, this is an opportunity to rethink how ministry is coordinated and delivered and hence the creation of a pastoral unit secretariat with the position of Administrative Coordinator. This new position would have, among other responsibilities, the task of liaising between the pastoral team, diocese, and the parishes and their Fabriques to ensure that all the needs of the parishioners are being met. This person will also provide administrative support to the pastor who is ex-officio president of each of the Fabriques and who must meet with them on a regular basis.

2. The weak corporate identity of the pastoral unit is further compounded by the fact that it has never had a secretariat and has never been granted an independent operational budget in order to carry out joint initiatives, training and general administration. The granting of an operational budget in the annual amount of \$6,000 to carry out joint initiatives, training and general administration along with an additional \$3,000 for office supplies, stationary and corporate branding, based on the contributory percentages, is a necessity.

3. The new pastoral agent would take responsibility for ministry to youth and families as we recognize the need to support these areas of ministry. Before the pandemic we had begun to formulate plans to put in place youth ministry training, the existing youth group will be re-imagined as part of this process.

4. A unit-wide Pastoral Unit Orientation Council established by the pastor, with representation from each parish will be set up to ensure better communication of pastoral and spiritual needs and the delivery of pastoral

services. The unit-wide Pastoral Unit Orientation Council would also explore common projects as a way to strengthen our identity and mission as a pastoral unit. This body would be advisory and would be coordinated by the unit secretariat and presided over by the pastor. The parish representatives would in turn bring the deliberations of the PUOC back to Committees in each of their parishes. The present Animation Team would merge into this unit-wide Pastoral Unit Orientation Council.

5. We realise that as Church, we cannot simply rely on what we did before or how we did things before, but we must rely on the Word of God to animate us, the Sacraments to enliven us and the Holy Spirit to lead us into the future. We need to re-root the Church's life in the transcendent by undergoing a spiritual conversion that will open our eyes and allow us to relate to God in a more personal and intimate way. We need a cultural conversion that will center the life of the Church around the contemplation and proclamation of the Good News, not mere maintenance or paralysis due to fear of what the future may hold. We need a structural conversion that will renew our organization and render its efforts spiritually fruitful.

The Saint John Paul II Pastoral Unit must prepare and be ready for change so that we can go forward into the future with a strong sense of mission and be able to respond to the challenges that we will undoubtedly face.

Fr Manus Bradley Pastor, Saint John Paul II Pastoral Unit.

Thank you Paul Fontaine and Francine Vincent

We would like to thank Paul Fontaine and Francine Vincent for all the work they have done on the church grounds. Last year Paul spent over 50 hours power cleaning the interlocking bricks of the three church entrances. Assisted by Francine, they reapplied the polymeric sand over the entire area...what a difference! This year our fearless power-cleaning king took on the Franciscan courtyard. Francine weeded and trimmed the bushes and over three different visits Paul brought the beautiful stonework to life. We are indeed very fortunate to have such wonderful hard-working volunteers in our parish.

Sensational September

September is looking like it will be an amazing month filled with interesting events and more! Our Open House will be on Sept 11th and we hope to build on last year's success. The launch of our web site, the raising of our new fundraising thermometer, the start of our corporate fundraising campaign and more will all make September a month to remember.

There will be No Bulletin in August

Your bulletin team will be taking a break in August; the bulletin will be back for Sensational September!

In Memoriam

Judith (Judy) Ann Walsh (nee Guilboard) – June 2021

If you know of the passing of parishioners or former parishioners please let us know at staugustine.bulletin@yahoo.com and Heidi Glaser for Sunday prayers.