

1st Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44 Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty loaves.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 144.10-11, 1 5-18. R. v.16
(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

2nd ReadingEphesians 4:1-6
Live a life worthy of your calling.

Gospel Acclamation
Luke 7:16
Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared
among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel
John 6:1-15
Jesus feeds five thousand.

LITURGY TIMES

Saturday

Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm Vigil Mass, 6pm

Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2nd & 4th Sun, 6pm

Monday and Wednesday Mass, 7am (except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

1st Friday Night Devotion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30pm

Divine Mercy Devotion 2nd Friday of the Month 7.30pm

Children's Liturgy
Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am
1st & 3rd Sun of the month
(during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals,
Anointing of the Sick
by appointment



Church as Community - 'Moments of Grace!'

Dear Friends,

During recent weeks, 100 Augustinian laity from across the world gathered in Rome for the Augustinian Lay Congress, including several parishioners from Holy Spirit. Themes included Augustinian Spirituality and Synodality. We look forward to hearing from them in coming days as they recall their significant experiences and 'moments of grace'.

We need to be alert to the *moments of grace* in our lives, our families and community. Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation last term was one of these. This week, our children and their families begin preparation for First Holy Communion. Participation in the Eucharist is an essential part of our life in the Church – a shared moment of grace and experience of Church Community – *Church in the Family, Church in the Home, the Domestic Church*.

Moments of grace are not just about 'churchy stuff' but are at the heart of daily life – moments when we recognize the presence and gift of God who is alive in us and in our love for one another – times of joy, family bonding, falling in love, success, friendship and love-making, miracle of birth, rites of passage, as well as times of illness, sadness, loss, bereavement, farewell, and other life-changing moments. Even when we are not aware of God's closeness, he's there anyway. For Christians, living a full life is **incarnational** - Jesus embraced our humanness and made it holy, full of **moments of grace** from beginning to end

St Augustine, despite his early life struggles, retained a strong sense of the presence of God in his life. He was open to and eventually the full reality dawned on him as his inner spirit was awakened and he experienced his conversion, his life changed radically from then onwards. The Eucharist took on a whole new meaning for him, as he received Christ in Communion.

Not only does the flesh and blood of Christ change each of us, the Eucharist changes the community – an important reason why each Sunday a Parish Mass is offered 'pro populo' – 'for the people of the Parish'. The community's faith makes the Eucharist even more special. A unique memory that comes to mind is the Sunday Masses I concelebrated in Rome at Augustinian Lay Congresses in 2012 and 2019 and offered 'pro populo'. In 2019, it was in St Peter's Basilica in Latin – the first Latin Mass I have concelebrated in over 50 years as a priest.

Our personal and communal life is bound up with our shared Baptism and how we see and experience the Church, so let's not miss the *moments of grace* wherever they occur. I share with you the inspired words of retired Bishop Giovanni Scanavino OSA, reflecting on Baptism and our need to communicate its great meaning at family level: 'We have the love of God in our hearts, so look into the eyes of the newlybaptised baby and see the light and the smile of God's Spirit of love in his/her heart.' Why not share your 'moments of grace' as a family this weekend?

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The Holy Spirit Parish pays respect to the Darug People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. We acknowledge with respect the elders past and present.



We are a welcoming parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Holy Spirit.

If you are not an active member of this Community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perhaps you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries as: Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Welcomer, Choir, etc.

Persons are formally registered by filling out a form that is then entered into the parish data system (information supplied remains confidential). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer.

To know more about the life of the parish, you can grab a copy of our Welcome Newsletter available in the foyer or go to this link on our website:

https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/w p-content/uploads/2021/03/Holy-Spirit-Parish-Welcome-

Newsletter.pdf

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the People of God at Holy Spirit Parish is to witness to and to proclaim the word of God, and to pray and celebrate the Liturgy in word and sacraments so that we may be of service to others and form a community of "one mind and one heart on the way to God." (St Augustine)

VOICE FROM THE PEWS

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office at 9670 8222 or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

There is strength and peace that comes from when we pray for one another. If you have a prayer request or want to offer a Mass for a special intention, go to: https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/
We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

SICK:

Norma Rodriguez, Eugrocina Exconde, Michael Hay, Lourdes Tibig, Louise Bucholtz, Dolly Evidente, Noleen Clark, Andrew Boulos, Linda Allen, Fe Uy, Leitu Saena, Hayden Young, Dot & Joe Gray, Emilia Rosa Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, John Warne, Salvador Espadilla, Jacinta Luisa Ortiz, Jacqueline Cuschieri.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bishop Kevin Manning, Lucy Tyler, Pete Montilla, Glenn Gandy, Annette Brackett, Ismael R Cacno Sr.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Tham, Irene Rhodes, Antonia Pirotta, Barry Pemberton, Bienvenido Are, Rexy Baxter, Peran & Manda Marjianovic, Bawady Rajasombat, Valerio Decena, Norma May Cross, Estela Bulaong, Rita Oliver, Maria Kuljanic, Tony Kuljanic, Doreen Herft, Denham Desilva, Cora Herft, Noel & Philomena Bartholomeusz.

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

PARISH COLLECTIONS & REGULAR CONTRIBUTION

If you are a new parishioner to Holy Spirit or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Regular Parish Contribution, forms are available for completion in the foyer of the church or go to the link provided below. Please complete your details and email it to accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au or hand it to any of our priests. 30% of the collection is for the care of our Augustinian clergy and the 70% is for the administration and maintenance costs of the parish.

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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week



God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Elisha was able to feed a crowd of a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves and some fresh grain. Why do you think God empowered Elisha to perform this feeding miracle?

Second Reading: Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers we are called to live by the moral imperatives of humility, gentleness, patience, love, and peace. Which of these virtues do you think you do well?

Gospel: The people mistakenly thought of Jesus as "the Prophet who is to come into world" after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. What are some times when you have seen others misuse or misrepresent Jesus?

BAPTISMS

BAPTISM Preparation Meeting

Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on **Tue** 13th Aug 7.00pm. Presenter will be Seaview Kama.



(Daughter of Jamie and Hanna)

AYLA MAE & ELIJAH KEREM DE LEON

(Children of Jonathan and Deniz)

WEEKLY JUSTICE

Most of us want to be part of a winning team or be part of something that works or is doing really well! We love to give to organizations that reach lots of people and do the most good. This week the readings include accounts of people who did things differently. The first was the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. This account in John includes the little boy who shared his fish and barley loaves. From that, Jesus and the disciples fed five thousand and had food left over. The disciples wanted to do the normal thing... send everyone out for takeout or a drive-through. But Jesus used the faith of the little boy to do things differently. That boy might have felt a little foolish looking around at all the people and then looking at his own little basket. However, he had faith. He just had to do what he was called to do...share his food. Another encounter in Scripture has Jesus preaching in Nazareth where he is booted out of town. People couldn't take him seriously; he had grown up in their midst. They knew his story. Jesus wanted to share what he had with them, but they didn't want it. He chose to leave and to use it as a lesson for the disciples. If you are not welcome, just shake the dust from your sandals and move on... their loss. What a great challenge for us, to follow our heart and do God's will even if it looks foolish or we are rejected. This week, pray for God to show you where your presence and gifts are needed. Make a list of people, places and causes that you might be called to serve. Choose one and take a step out in faith to make a difference.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK







"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life."

Sheepish Question:

Where are the words of spirit and life that I hear today coming from? What are they?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Listen to Your Heart

BE PART OF OUR AUGUSTINIAN STORY

If you want to know more about the Augustinian way of life contact us and join our discernment program

The Augustinian Vocation Office



Next weekend throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National **Vocations**

NATIONAL VOCATION **AWARENESS WEEK**

acknowledge the unique call or vocation that God has for each of us through our Baptisms.

Awareness Week, We



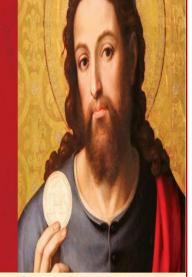
Friends of St Augustine will meet on Tuesday 30 July at 7:00pm in the Pioneers Room, anyone interested in attending will be most welcome.

Copies of the Friends' Newsletter 'Amici' are now available in the foyer, including the Prayer Resource from Fr Dave (National Chaplain) and a handout on St Nicholas of Tolentino OSA.



Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning's Funeral To be held at St Patrick's Cathedral On Friday 2nd August 11.00am

A BIBLICAL VALK THROUGH THE MASS



Continuing on 7 Aug at 7pm ILlocation: Holy Spirit Parish

Discover the heart of the Mass, deepen your faith, and connect with fellow parishioners.

Sessions held on the **First Wednesday of each month until September**.

All are welcome! - Let's journey together in faith. See you there! Hosted by the Men's Business Men's Ministry

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday, 28 July 2024

This celebration is observed each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of

Sts. Joachim and Anne (26 July), Jesus' grandparents.

Dark to Light - an exploration on Domestic Violence - September 8

We warmly invite you to a presentation on Domestic Violence September 8 at 1.30 pm at the

Holy Name of Mary Church Hall, Hunters Hill.

This event features Ms. Livia La Rocca, a trained psychologist with 20 years of experience working with the Good Shepherd Sisters, and Ms. Nicole Yade, CEO of the Women and Girls Emergency Centre, a specialist homelessness service for women and families escaping domestic violence.

www.maristlaityaustralia.com/dark-tolight



AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



Prayer is the key that opens heaven; the favors we ask descend upon us the very instant our prayers ascend to God.'

Augustine of Hippo

Jesus fed the thousands JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

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CREATION CARE TIPS

"They gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten." -John 6:13. Often in our lives, we become paralyzed or fixated with the idea of not having enough and always needing more. Through the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus reminds us that there is always abundance. Use this week to examine your buying habits, especially surrounding food. Make a meal plan for the week and buy ingredients only for those meals to help reduce food waste because so often in our insecurity about not having enough we purchase more

than we need.





WHY DO WE DO THAT? **Catholic Life Explained:**

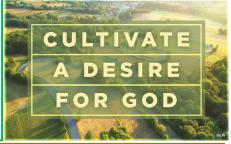
Question:

We are considering homeschooling our children. Does this present a problem when it is time for them to receive the sacraments? What must we do?

Answer:

Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider, and each family has to decide what the best way to educate its children is. With religious education, many dioceses have a formal policy that outlines procedures and expectations, some of which include more than just academic information. Call the religious education office to find out what they are for your area.

general, though, appointment with your parish priest to discuss your situation is the best first step. An opportunity to discuss what is available, what the expectations are for sacrament, and how you can best prepare your child helps make your time of preparation more effective. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials. parent information classes, and other choices and possibilities for your child. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking a lead in instilling the values beliefs of their Communication and information helps us all to teach and preach the Gospel as Jesus did.



TRY TO FIND

THESE WORDS:

Baskets boy five grass hands miracle mountain Passover Philip Prophet thousand **Tiberias**



NEXT WEEKEND (4TH AUGUST) 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr B

1st Reading Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15 *Manna from heaven.*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 77:3-4. 23-25. R. v.24
(R.) The Lord gave them bread
from heaven.

2nd ReadingEphesians 4:17, 20-24
Lay aside your former way of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

GospelJohn 6:24-35 *Jesus if the bread of life.*

Alleluia!

CLEANERS: Group 2 **BANNERS:** White

Minister at the Altar
Lorensz Herft

3 AUGUST, 6PM

Eucharistic MinistersHazel Little wood
Sylvia Herft
Jeanne Appleton

Reader 1 Sylvia Herft Reader 2

Sheila Francis **Commentator**Moira Rebello

Music AMEN Choir

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Welcomers
Sonia Oliveira
Selwyn Oliveira
Volunteer Needed

4 AUGUST, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers
Angela Pecnik
Remia Morada
Volunteer Needed

Reader 1
Volunteer Needed

Reader 2Faye Aboghazaleh

Commentator Christine Younes

*Music*Manuel Fidow *PowerPoint*

Carol Vella

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Welcomers
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Angela Pecnik
Volunteer Needed

4 AUGUST, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Nono Gacis

Eucharistic Ministers

Sina Carvalho Tina Fernandes Seaview Kama

> **Reader 1** Joy Rulewski

Reader 2Cathy Allen

Commentator Tess Barnes

Music Luchie Choir

PowerPoint Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Jenny Kyd
Skye Spacek
Volunteer Needed

4 AUGUST, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Tony Cleary

Eucharistic Ministers

Esther Rose Lumen Decena Sue Oram

Reader 1Corinne Brooker

Reader 2 Charlotte Smith

Commentator Robert Lees

> *Music* El Shaddai

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Junior Servers
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 28th JULY

Mon 29 July: Saints Martha, Mary And Lazarus

Tue 30 July: Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church

Wed 31 July: Saint Ignatius Of Loyola, Priest

Thu 1 Aug: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church

Fri 2 Aug: Saint Eusebius Of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Sat 3 Aug: Saint Dominic, Priest

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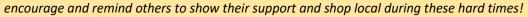
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