

## *From the Priest in Charge* \_\_\_\_\_

This Monday in the calendar of the Church, the 28<sup>th</sup> of August is the Patronal Feast Day of St. Augustine: Doctor of the Church and Bishop of Hippo Regius.

He was born in 354 in the Roman province of Numidia, now modern-day Algeria. From a young age, he was noted as a brilliant student, and was nearly baptized a Christian during about of illness in his teen years. Much to the disappointment of his devout Christian mother, Monica, despite his Christian upbringing he did not embrace the Christian faith until later in his life, but instead embraced Manichaeism while studying in Carthage. He became noted for his teaching in rhetoric and was awarded a prestigious teaching post in Milan in 384.

Sometime after his arrival in Milan, he became interested to meet with Ambrose, the Christian bishop of Milan, who himself was a skilled preacher. St. Ambrose also modelled something new to Augustine: that he could, as a Christian, have an interior life of faith. Ambrose showed him that the Bible (the Word of God) could be read silently versus always in a public setting. This encouraged the development of a contemplative life for Augustine, who developed an interior life of self-examination. Much to his mother's delight, Augustine accepted the Christian faith in 386, and was baptized at the Easter Vigil in April 387 at the age of 32.

In 391, he was ordained a priest in Hippo Regius, and was made its bishop in 395. During his lifetime he preached more than 6,000 sermons, with hundreds surviving to this day. He is also celebrated for the teaching found within his books. His most well-known book, his autobiographical *Confessions*, was written shortly after he became bishop. It is one of the most-read Christian texts other than the Bible in the last 500 years, and while it does detail some of his sins and shortcomings, it is foremost a book about the praising of God. Other famous books include *On Christian Doctrine*, *The City of God*, *On the Trinity*, and many commentaries on Scripture.

St. Augustine's conversion to Christianity took longer than his mother would have liked due, in part, to what he found to be the difficulty of getting into Scripture. But "by listening to St. Ambrose and reading the Bible he was convinced of the truth of Christianity" even though those barriers remained at first (Butler, *The Lives of the Saints*). However, once he overcame his challenges, Augustine became one of the greatest defenders of the Catholic faith against various heresies, such as Donatism and Manichaeism. For the depth and importance of his writings and teachings, he is given the high honour to be named one of the eight early

Doctors of the Church. Many of the doctrines or work which Augustine defined have been important to theologians for the 1600 years since his death – including today – and our Reformed heritage owes much to his early work.

*"O God, Who didst grant unto the prayers of Saint Monica the conversion of Augustine, her son, and didst raise him up to be both a bishop and a doctor in Thy Church; Give us grace so to follow him in the paths of penitence and discipline that we also may attain to the vision of Thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

(from the Canadian Book of Occasional Offices)



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30: FERIA**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: EVE OF TRINITY XIII**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

## *Parish Notices and Updates* \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME** to our guest preacher this weekend, Melissa Ritz Saulnier. Melissa holds the degrees of Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology from Wycliffe College, Toronto, and has done parish placements in the Toronto and Edmonton dioceses. We are fortunate to have her as preacher again this morning before she returns to Toronto for the upcoming academic year.

**THANK YOU** to all those who attended the Charity dinner in the Food Forest this past Wednesday. Over \$2000 was raised for the Fredericton Community Kitchen, and it was a great outreach event to showcase what is happening right here in Devon to help combat food insecurity. Thanks to Andrew and Holly for putting this event together. This dinner completes Holly's work with us this summer as Food Forest Gardener.



**FR. NICHOLAS** will be on vacation from August 28<sup>th</sup> until September 7<sup>th</sup>. As such, the following changes will occur:

- this Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, will be as normal
- Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> will be as normal with The Rev. Canon Dr. Ross Hebb as celebrant (Morning Prayer at All Saints, Marysville)
- Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> will be a service of Evening Prayer at 7:00pm in lieu of the Holy Eucharist.

Coverage from other local clergy will be in place from August 31<sup>st</sup> until September 7<sup>th</sup>.

From September 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, contact the Rev'd. Stephen Harnish at (506) 471-2170, for September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, contact the Rev'd Rob Langmaid (506) 440-3559.



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As with all the healing miracles of the gospels, they signify the restoration of our natures. What is wanted by God is not the deformity of our being but the perfection of our humanity. What is wanted is our being made totally and completely adequate to the truth of God; in short, our being opened to God signals our willing what God wills for us.

Fr. David Curry

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