

*City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland*

# NEWSLETTER

November 2020 Edition

## From your Rector

Blessings to you in our Lord Jesus Christ,

This week is eventful as we wait for the unfolding of the U.S. election. For those who have friends, family and religious brothers in the United States, this is a time of concern with both the pandemic and civil unrest. We continue to pray for them and for a peaceful resolution to their election.

Of course, in Alberta, the numbers of COVID-19 cases are going up. We are reminded strongly by our government to take more stringent precautions concerning our social gatherings. In the church, I have been quite impressed at how our church continues to respond to the protocols. . Our in person services have been done with careful efficiency to ensure that we can gather safely to worship God.

With that said, we are in need of volunteers to help at our in person church services. Speaking with Winnie, your people's warden, we have the same group of dedicated people volunteering but they are getting tired. Please consider helping in our Church services, and please contact Winnie to know what role needs filling.

We have hired our new office manager, Michelle Squance-Slade. I am really excited to have the help.

In other news, we will begin a resiliency/faith practice bible study. Please continue reading in this newsletter to find out the details.

May we continue to build each other up in God's love and edifice during this time.

In Christ,

The Reverend William Isenor, OSF+

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## Winter Online Auction

The ACW are hosting another online auction this November and are seeking donations!

Did you know, a tax receipt is available for donations of new purchases with a receipt?

Donations for the auction can be dropped off at the Church on Wednesday mornings, beginning October 15. Alternately, please call the church at 780 962 5131 or email at [presidentacw@gmail.com](mailto:presidentacw@gmail.com) to arrange for them to be picked up.

We are accepting new and gently used donations until November 15. Thank you for your generosity!

Here is a list of the most popular items from our last auction:

Face masks

Dinner/Dining

Musical instruments

Electronics

Crafts (quilts, handicrafts, wooden crafts)

Gift baskets (coffee, chocolate, wine etc)

Kitchen sets (wash cloths, pot holders, trivets)

Books

Gift cards

Auction Website

<https://www.32auctions.com/acwwinterauction>

Auction Dates:

November 20-27 2020

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## Upcoming Parish Events

Bible Study/Faith based on the theme of Resiliency: Faith practices in Tough Times:

November 17	Faith Practices in Tough Times: Others
November 24	Faith Practices in Tough Times: Hope
December 1	Faith Practices in Tough Times: Finding Meaning and Making a Plan
December 8	Setting Free Our Lament: Lament of Now
December 15	Setting Free Our Lament: Lament of COVID-19
December 22	Resiliency in Families and Households
Details and times	In person Studies are 10am in the small chapel. Online studies 7pm - link is: <a href="https://meet.google.com/rcf-jthv-vpp">meet.google.com/rcf-jthv-vpp</a>

Film and Faith November 18, 2020 beginning at 6pm. Please register by calling the office. Movie: “Francesco” about the life of St. Francis of Assisi.

ACW meeting is cancelled in the month of November.

Nov. 8 is our Remembrance Service, don’t forget to wear your poppy.

### ***Getting in touch with Rev. Billy***

*Rev. Billy is available for prayer and pastoral care via phone 780-699-6480 or online via Zoom. Refer to the [Pandemic Page](#) on the church website for more information.*

*Also check out his YouTube channel where he has been posting various services, devotions, children’s talks and so much more*

*@[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0-88TkSINLsAEeJgOCT6g?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0-88TkSINLsAEeJgOCT6g?view_as=subscriber)*

*Don’t forget to subscribe to his channels to get his latest videos.*