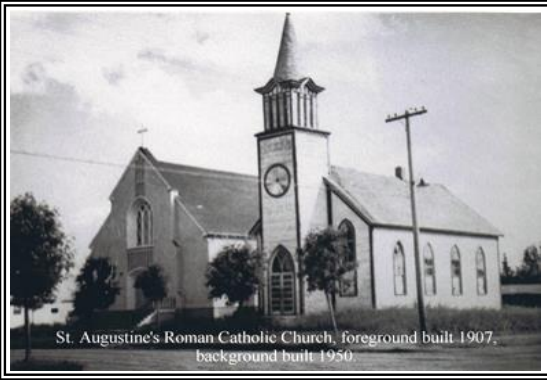
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

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FEBRUARY 2, 2025 (Year C)
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
World Day for Consecrated Life

Malachi 3.1-4 **Psalm 24**
Hebrews 2.10-11,13b-18 **Luke 2.22-40**

Forty days after Christmas, Canadians– especially those of us in the North—are starting to see the light return. Forty days after Christmas, the liturgy circles us back to **the heart of the Christmas mystery; "the life [who] was the light of all the people".**

Today's gospel, highlights the **light-bearing work of the Holy Spirit, traditionally called "the light of life"** ."The Holy Spirit rested on [Simeon]...revealed to him by the Spirit...guided by the Spirit". Just as the spirit rests on Jesus in his baptism, so the Spirit rests on Simeon, enabling him to witness to Christ. Similarly, the Spirit rests us at Baptism and Confirmation; similarly when celebrate the Eucharist the Spirit transforms us, the Body of Christ broken and emptied by last week's mission, and sends us again into our dark, hungry, war ravaged world as light and food and peace.

Simeon's witness is also warning; this mission has a steep price tag. It demands nothing short of complete self-surrender to the Spirit who empowers us to recognize and embrace Christ in our enemies and those excluded by church or society.

Today may we enter into procession with candles. But when we go forth, we leave our candles behind. **Filled with Christ's transforming love, *we* are now the burning flames; light *returning to our world.*** *Bernadette Gasslein, Edmonton, AB*

Five First Saturdays Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Rosary @ 8:30 am **Mass @ 9 am**

Feb 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7

On Sunday Feb 2, 9:00 am mass, we will be celebrating the **Rite of Acceptance** into the **RCIA Catechumenate** for *Carmen Lyon*. Carmen is a teacher at Father Lacombe School in Lacombe, who is already baptised but seeking more understanding of his faith through the RCIA process.

Welcome back Fr. Liju from your holidays

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997)

Thank you Ali Perez for your reflection at the Liturgy of the Word on Jan 29 with Deacon Rollie. Blessings on your diaconate formation!

Mass Times:

Saturday - 7:00 p.m. **Sunday - 9:00 a.m.** **Wednesday—12 noon**

Hand sanitizer is provided at all the entrances.

Be respectful of each other's comfort level. Please stay home if you feel sick.

Adoration: 30 minutes before Saturday & Wednesday masses.

Rosary: 8:30 am on Sundays **Confession:** 30 minutes before mass or by appointment

Sacrament/Anointing of the Sick: in case of emergency call **Fr. Liju (780.935-1589)**

The Pastoral Team visits hospitals/long term care & senior residences on Tuesdays.

If you know someone who needs prayers, call our **Prayer Line Co-ordinators**

Judy @ 403.783-4347 Gail @ 403.783-8123

ADORATION
Wednesdays @ 11:30 AM
Saturdays @ 6:30 PM

ROSARY
Sundays @ 8:30 AM

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Feb 1	9:00 a.m.	Pray to end War (First Saturday Devotion)
	Feb 1	7:00 p.m.	+ Mary Turner
Sunday	Feb 2	9:00 a.m.	+ Hilaria Moreno
Wednesday	Feb 5	12 noon	+ Jean Alain
Saturday	Feb 8	7:00 p.m.	+ Cipriano & Leonila Mandanas
Sunday	Feb 9	9:00 a.m.	+ Deceased members of Caouette Family
Wednesday	Feb 12	12 noon	Intentions of the Gorman Family

Pray for the sick and elderly in our parish community, especially for **Nathan Carlson** and **George Serkasevich.**

Remember in your prayers, **Hessel Wind** (husband of Denise, niece of Lynne Calkins). He passed away in January.

The **FEBURARY Ministry Schedule** was sent out via Flocknote. Copies are available in the Sacristy. Thank you! *"A life not lived for others is not a life."* Mother Teresa.

Confident witness

Sunday Missals for 2024-2025 Year C available at the entrance of the church for only **$5.**
Prepare for mass with the Sunday readings & reflections from *livinginchrist.ca/Novalis*

Five First Saturdays Devotion of Reparation to The Immaculate Heart of The Blessed Virgin Mary: **Feb 1 to June 7**

The Five First Saturdays Devotion is a request made by Our Lady of Fatima. The Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all who, as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the first five Saturdays of consecutive months:

1. To confession (The sacramental confession can be received within twenty days either before or after the reception of Communion…
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Say five decades of the rosary
4. Keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary.

Reception of Holy Communion must take place within twenty-four hours of the first Saturday.

The fifteen minutes of meditation are in addition to the recitation of the Rosary.

https://fatima.org/first-saturday-devotion/#why-five-first-saturdays **Info:** Sue @ 403.783-1280

We accept e-transfers! No service fees

e-Transfer

Include your **name, address & phone number**.

For **OPERATIONS** (mass supplies, utilities, Together We Serve, Children's Liturgy; Holy Thursday; flowers, etc.) Send your e-transfer to: **StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca.**

For **BUILDING FUND** donations, Send e-transfer to: **staugustine.etransfer@caedm.ca**

February 22 & 23 will be the Second Collection for the Building Fund (after Communion). *Please pick up a beige envelope*. Thank you for your generosity & sacrifice!

The Children's Donations will go the Building Fund on the Fourth Sunday.

Catholic Women's League—

Faith, service and social justice

It's CWL membership time! If you are already a member, thank you for choosing to serve God through the CWL! If you aren't a member we invite you to join us in our mission of FAITH , SERVICE and SOCIAL JUSTICE. Call Carol (403)783-2148 for more info.

2025 Memberships are due. Write cheques to: CWL. Your $40 may be placed in the Offertory. Please write **CWL Attn: Gail** on the envelope.

Next meeting: Monday, **February 3, 2025** @ 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

Service for ONE, Service for ALL

February 2, 2025—**Knights Ministry**

February 9 —***Pancake Breakfast*** with Capt Roger Ouimet; Erwin Alipar; Roldan Dulay; Slade McCormick; Brent Fleck & James Hemingson

Memberships are due. E-transfer $30 to Bro Ken at kenn21@telus.net or leave a cheque (KofC 4503) or cash in envelope with KofC on the envelope in the collection basket. **Vivat Jesus!**

The Silver Rose is coming in March. Come pray the special Rosary with Our Lady

Help & Support

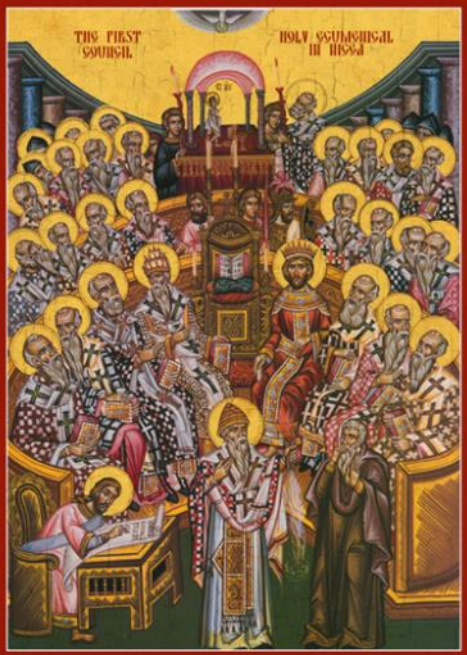
We are hoping to **help a new family** to our parish who are arriving from overseas and needing some essential items. There is a mother, father, boy age 11 and a girl age 6. They could use cooking pots, kettle, small dining table and chairs, blender, rice cooker, toaster, fridge, stove, iron, ironing board, vacuum cleaner, TV stand, chest of drawers, kitchen items, mirror, 2 lamps, bedside tables, 4 pillows, fan, queen box spring, 2 single beds. Clothes for the children. items can be dropped off in the church basement. Big items in the garage or **call Deacon Rollie** to coordinate.

The **First Communion Class** will be bringing up our Gifts and Offertory on the second Sunday (***February 9***). Catechesis classes in preparation for the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** & **First Communion is *February 16*** after 9 a.m. mass.

Deacon Rollie: (403) 396-1700

"I believe..."

A seven-part catechesis series on the Nicaean Creed, marking the 1700th Anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea. Presented by the Archdiocese of Edmonton in partnership with Newman Theological College and St. Joseph's College-University of Alberta.



February 13 | 7:00 pm | Holy Family , St. Albert
Council of Nicaea: What it is and why it matters
Presenter: Deacon Cyril Kennedy
Reflection by Archbishop Richard Smith

March 13 | 7:00 pm | St. Charles, Edmonton
"I believe in One God"
Presenter: Dr. Matthew Hoven

April 24 | 7:00 pm St. Theresa, Edmonton
"I believe in One Lord Jesus Christ" – Part 1
Presenter: Dr. Lorne Zelyck

May 22 | 7:00 pm | *To be confirmed*
"I believe in One Lord Jesus Christ" – Part 2
Presenter: Dr. Matthew Kostelecky

September 25 | 7:00 pm | Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sherwood Park
"I believe in the Holy Spirit"
Presenter: Fr. Matthew Hysell

October 23 | 7:00 pm | St. Thomas More
"I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church"
Presenter: Dr. Pablo Irizar

November 20 | 7:00 pm | St. Joseph Basilica
"I confess one baptism..."
Presenter: Fr. Geoffrey Young
Reflection by Archbishop Richard Smith

Everyone is welcome!

No cost – no registration required.

Join in person at the host parish or watch on Livestream/recording on the ArchEdmonton YouTube channel.

Called to Protect –

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on **February 10, Monday, 1:00 pm:**

https://forms.gle/eeHFbkTYJF8oPjix6

The two & half hour session is mandatory for all Clergy, Employees & Volunteers of the Archdiocese who have not yet participated in this training. **This will be a zoom session open for all.** https://caedm.ca/calledtoprotect/

Catholic Family Ministries:
Men of Integrity—Lead by Example
Authentic Catholic Men * **Feb 28—March 1**
Holy Family Parish, 75 Poirier Ave. St Albert
$50 Man / $40 Student/Senior
After Feb 17—$60 Man /$50 Student/Senior
Www.catholicfamilyministries.com
Info: 780.920.7878

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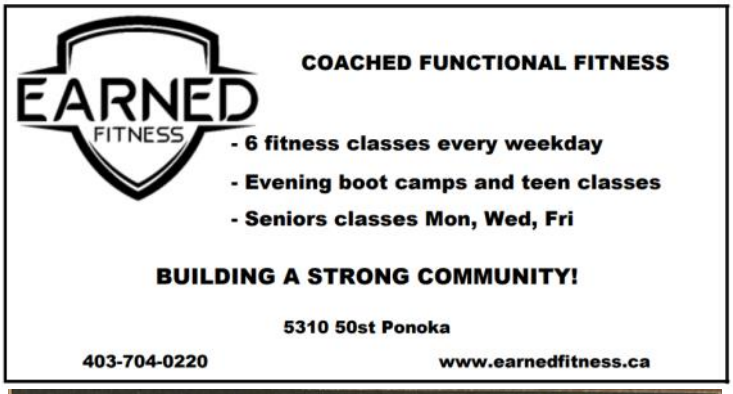

Pope's Prayer Intentions For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires & doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve in Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.