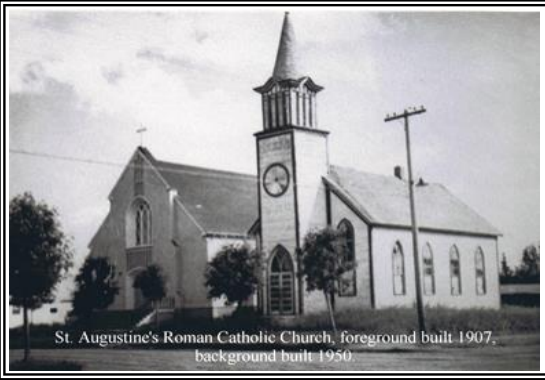


# St. Augustine Parish

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**JANUARY 5, 2025 (Year C)**
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Isaiah 60.1-6 Psalm 72
"*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*"
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2.1-12
"We have come from the East to pay homage to the king"

Dear Parish Families and Friends,

Thank you for your warm welcome to **Fr. Wilson** (chaplain priest) on January 1 for the *Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.* **Fr. Paul Kavanagh** (Divine Worship Lead) will lead our Eucharistic celebrations for *Epiphany* and the Baptism of the Lord. Peace and grace always.

Deacon Rollie will lead **Adoration** at **11:30 a.m.** and **Liturgy of the Word** at **12 noon** on **Jan 8 & 29**

**JANUARY 12, 2025**
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7 Psalm 29
"*The Lord will bless his people with peace*"
Act 10.34-38 Luke 3.15-16, 21-22
"When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him"

**The month of January is dedicated to the HOLY NAME OF JESUS.** "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means **"savior."** The very name bespeaks the magnitude of **His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.**

https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/01_1.cfm

**Mass Times:**
**Saturday - 7:00 p.m. Sunday - 9:00 a.m.**

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

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| Saturday | Jan 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Intentions of the Gorman Family |
| Sunday | Jan 5 | 9:00 a.m. | + Earl Ziebarth |
| Saturday | Jan 11 | 7:00 p.m. | + William Saunders |
| Sunday | Jan 12 | 9:00 a.m. | + Deceased members of Caouette Family |
| Saturday | Jan 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Intentions of the Akins Family |
| Sunday | Jan 19 | 9:00 a.m. | + Bienvendio Perez |

Fr. Liju is on holidays and will return at the end of January 2025

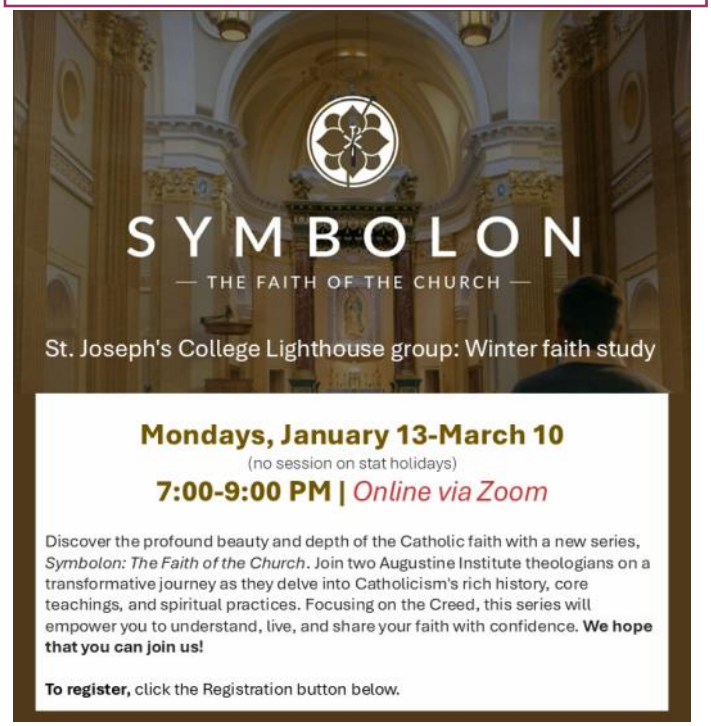
Welcome to our Catholic Community:

**Atlas Theo Zaportiza Racionero**, son of Cristopher & Mac Angel. He received the Sacrament of Baptism. May he be blessed with faith and love always.

Please remember in your prayers **VERA RAKAI,** mother of Jim Rakai. She was 94 years old. Vera passed away on January 1 in Saskatchewan.

Pray for the repose of **KATHLEEN CORKERY**, sister-in-law of Bryan & Sylvia Corkery. Kathleen was 94 years old. She passed away in Lacombe.

*May God welcome Vera & Kathleen in his heavenly kingdom and bring comfort their family and friends during this time of sadness and transition.*




The **JANUARY Ministry Schedule** was sent out via Flocknote. Copies are available in the Sacristy. Your time, talents and treasures were greatly appreciated at the 12 masses in December!

**January 25 & 26 will be the <u>Second Collection for the Building Fund</u>** (after Communion). *<u>Please pick up a beige envelope</u>*. Thank you for your generosity & sacrifice! **The Children's Donations will go the Building Fund on the Fourth Sunday**

e-Transfer

**We accept e-transfers!** No service fees. Include your **<u>name, address & phone number</u>**.

For **<u>OPERATIONS</u>** (mass supplies, utilities, Together We Serve, Holy Thursday; flowers, etc.) Send the e-transfer to: **StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca.**

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

**Bring your refundable cans & bottles January 18 you 35.**
**We CAN BUILD for the Building Fund!**

## Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

*Service for ONE, Service for ALL*

Bro Fred delivered a cheque for $3,400 for the **Jasper Fire Recovery** to the Edmonton Archdiocese in December. Thank you to all who supported the Advent Calendar Raffle!

*January 5, 2025*—**Knights Ministry**

***January 12—Pancake Breakfast*** with Capt John DC with Russ L, Mark Q, Conrad VS & Joe H.

**Thursday, January 16,** general Meeting at 7 p.m. in the church hall

**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!**

Sign up for the **BIBLE IN A YEAR Reading Plan** at: https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/

Get the Ascension app

The **First Communion Class** will be bringing up our Gifts and Offertory on the second Sunday (**Jan 12, 2025**). Catechesis classes in preparation for the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Communion on *will also be on* *Jan 12*** after 9 a.m. mass. Deacon Rollie: (403) 396-1700

## Catholic Women's League—

*Faith, service and social justice*

Happy New Year to all!
**Wishing you blessings in abundance in 2025!**

The CWL has more **Catholic Missions** calendars for sale for $10 each or 2 for $15 $7.50 of each calendar goes to support Catholic Missions in Canada!

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

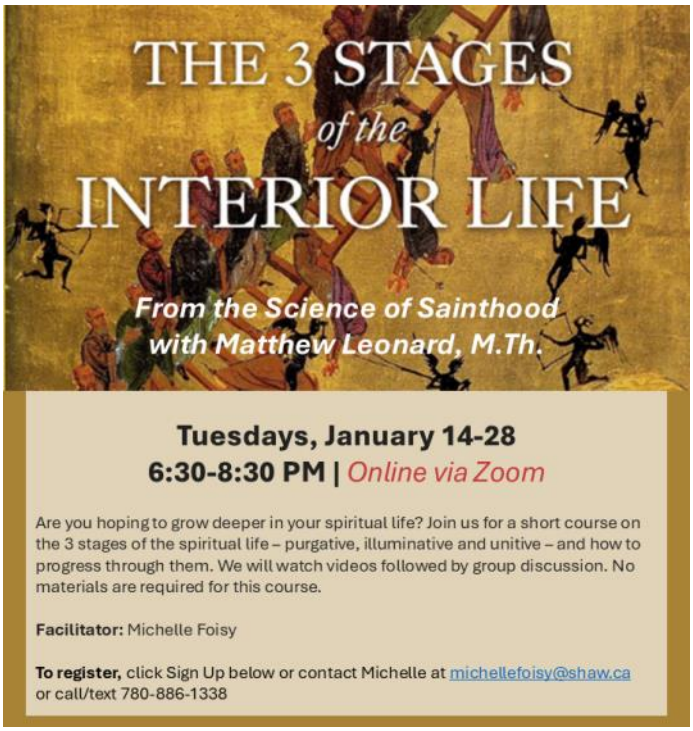
... the prayers & reflections for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (January 18—25) were prepared by the brothers & sisters of the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy. This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Creed formulated during this Council; a faith that remains alive & fruitful in our days. The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025** offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians. https://www.weekofprayer.ca/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/

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

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

9:00 am-12:00 pm | Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, 10821 96 Street NW, Edmonton

2:00-8:00 pm | Corpus Christi Parish, 2707 34 Street NW, Edmonton

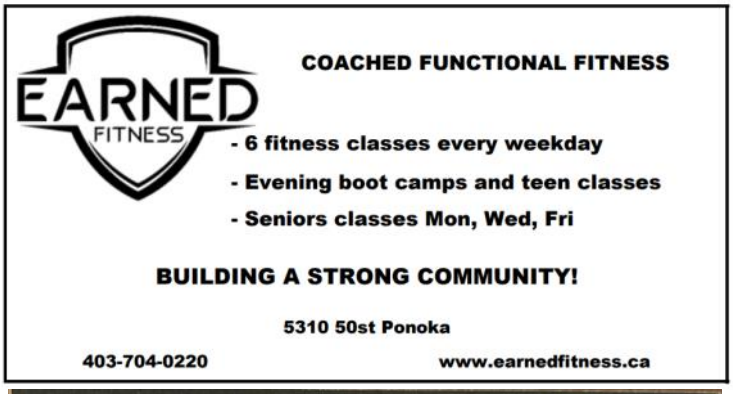



**Tuesdays, January 14-28**
**6:30-8:30 PM** | *Online via Zoom*

Are you hoping to grow deeper in your spiritual life? Join us for a short course on the 3 stages of the spiritual life – purgative, illuminative and unitive – and how to progress through them. We will watch videos followed by group discussion. No materials are required for this course.

**Facilitator:** Michelle Foisy

**To register,** click Sign Up below or contact Michelle at michellefoisy@shaw.ca or call/text 780-886-1338



**Pope's Prayer Intentions For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.**