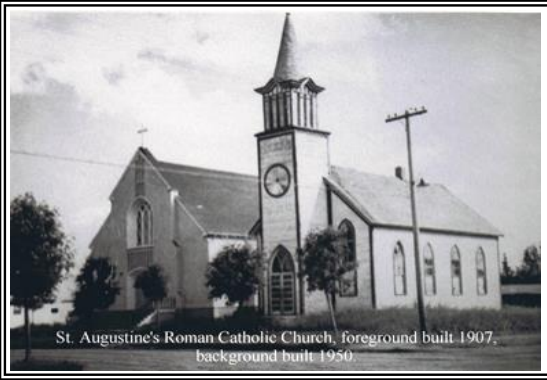

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FEBRUARY 16, 2025 (Year C)
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17.5-8 Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20
Luke 6.17, 20-26

JESUS CONSISTENTLY CONFIRMS that his ways are not our ways, his thoughts are not our thoughts. We see this today in the blessings and woes of Luke's Beatitudes.

Speaking for myself, I did not feel exceptionally blessed recently in mourning the loss two siblings. Raised in a large family that society would consider poor by most contemporary standards, we strove to make comfortable lives for ourselves and our respective families. Why, then, does Jesus appear to tell us we are better off poor, hungry, weeping and hated by society? Simply, that is not the intended lesson.

Jesus refers to the poor in spirit who are blessed with the humility to understand that God has provided them with whatever they have. Recognizing this, the poor in spirit are then filled with a hunger to move closer to God. Despite our preference to avoid mourning, unfettered grief brings with it the realization that we can only move past it with God's help. Jesus doesn't disparage the rich for what they have but rather for their incapacity to use their earthly gains to ease other's burdens.

Jesus lived his lesson of blessing & woes with humility, accepting persecution & death for doing what was right, his Father's will. He offers his life & teachings as the only legitimate game plan for us to achieve peace & happiness here & in eternity.

Frank Campbell, Enfield, NS livinginchrist.ca

2024 Tax Receipts are ready for pick up at the front entrance of the church!

We are grateful for your generous financial support of St. Augustine Parish. Despite the rising cost of living, your generosity continues to be a true blessing. Your contributions joined with fellow parishioners enable our parish to share the Gospel (i.e. Children's Liturgy) and maintain our operating costs (mass supplies; heat & light, etc).

The Building Fund continues to grow with faithful witness and generous sacrifice. God bless everyone!

flocknote WE love having you as part of our flock;) Let's keep in touch! Get updates via email & text. Flocknote is a new tool that lets you choose what info you'd like to receive from St. Augustine Catholic Church.

You can unsubscribe anytime. Visit our church at: ***https://staugustineponoka.flocknote.com/***

On your cell phone: Text to **514-900-0130** and then text **1234** in your message. You will get a link to complete your sign in. You can also sign up at: ***https://login.flocknote.com/*** by looking for our parish.

Mass Times:

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

Hand sanitizer is provided at all the entrances. Please stay home if you feel sick.
Be respectful of each other's comfort level.

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 15	7:00 p.m.	+ Doug Domagas
Sunday	Feb 16	9:00 a.m.	+ Maurice Alain
Wednesday	Feb 19	12 noon	Intentions of the Akins Family
Thursday	Feb 20	12 noon	Intentions of Florence Roach
Saturday	Feb 22	7:00 p.m.	+ Noreen Gorman
Sunday	Feb 23	9:00 a.m.	+ Kathleen Corkery
Wednesday	Feb 26	12 noon	Intentions of Nathan Carlson
Thursday	Feb 27	12 noon	+ Deceased members of the Saunders Family

Pray for the sick and elderly in our parish community, especially for **Florence Roach** (mother of Diane Morin), **Shirley Kohlman**, **John Morin**, **Nathan Carlson** & **George Serkasevich.**

Remember in your prayers, Alex Thom, (83),husband of Violet Smith and long time volunteer at the Ponoka Food Bank and John Beaton (82), husband of Vicky (cousin of Russell Hemingson). They both passed away in February.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS (PAD) !

No service fees. The Pre-Authorized funds are deposited directly into the parish bank account. Pre-authorized withdrawals will come out of your bank account ***on the last banking day of the month.***

You choose the monthly amount & fund or funds you want to donate to. Pre-Authorized donations provides you the ***convenience*** of **not having to write cheques or find cash** each Sunday. You ***support the parish when you are away.*** You only need to ***plan your parish giving once a year.*** The parish benefits from the steady and anticipated revenue stream. PAD allows for **greater security** when less cash is on site and **saves time** in counting & banking cash & cheques.

Forms are available at the entrances. Bring the form back with a void cheque in a sealed envelope in the collection basket, by mail or in person to the office at 403.783-4048.

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

Meeting: **Monday, February 17 @ 7 p.m. in basement**

We are serving in the Sunday Ministries on **February 23** (4th Sunday)

We invite you to join us in our mission of FAITH, SERVICE and SOCIAL JUSTICE. Call Carol (403)783-2148 for more info.

The National CWL magazine: **The Canadian League** was mailed out recently. An online copy of the quarterly magazine is available. https://www.cwl.ca/the-canadian-league/

7 p.m. in basement

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

Service for ONE, Service for ALL

*General meeting—**February 20 @ 7 p.m.***

The Silver Rose Service will be here on March 9. Come pray the special Rosary with Our Lady of Guadalupe!

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

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

Help & Support

We are helping a new family to our parish who are arriving from overseas. They need some kitchen, dining and bedroom items. Weather appropriate clothing is needed for the children (11 year old boy & 6 year old girl). Donations can be dropped off in the church basement and big items in the garage. **Call Deacon Rollie 403.396-1700**

Bring your refundable cans & bottles

February 18 to 23

We CAN BUILD for the Building Fund!

We received $65.65 in January!

Sign up for the **BIBLE IN A YEAR Reading Plan** at:

https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/

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The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada...: the Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663...The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/02_1.cfm

Join us for

Wednesday & Thursday masses at 12 noon

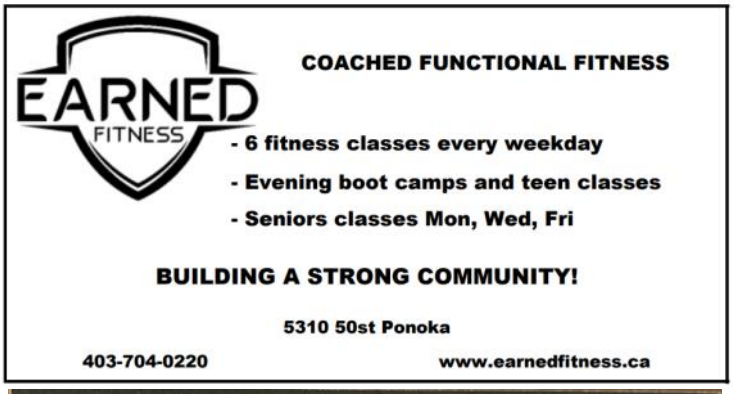
The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

Pastoral Priorities

Eucharistic worship

Confident witness

service to Marriage & Family



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.