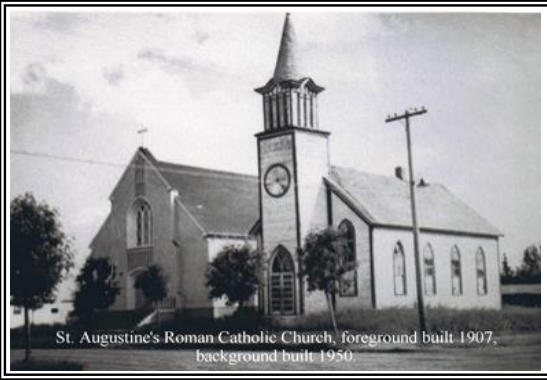

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FEBRUARY 23, 2025 (Year C)
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26.2 7-9,12-13,22-25
Psalm 103
1 Corinthians 15.45-49 Luke 6.27—38

MANY PEOPLE WOULD not consider themselves as having enemies. Yet, we all know people who have injured us or who may simply irritate us and fill us with anger. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to love our enemies as he does. He asks us to love as God loves, whose love is generous and forgiving.

During his life, Jesus showed us how to love those who infuriate us and to forgive those who have harmed us. This is especially clear on the Cross when he prayed for his enemies to be forgiven.

Loving your enemies may seem impossible. It involves forgiving others who have wronged us. Sometimes we may struggle with forgiveness because the harm we received feels unbearable.

Jesus constantly invites to free both the person who offended us and ourselves from any anger that blinds us. We cannot accomplish this alone. We need to ask God for his gift of grace to forgive others, to be aware that he is present within us and in each person.

On our own, loving our enemies is very difficult. It is only by turning to the Lord in prayer and trusting in this mercy that it becomes possible. Let us ask him to transform our hearts so that we may love as he loves and be reflections of his mercy with others.

Nada Mazzei, Toronto, ON livinginchrist.ca

Bring your palms from last year to the church and we can burn them to use on Ash Wednesday

Distribution of Ashes
and mass—
March 5 @ 5:00 pm

Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting And abstinence from meat.

SOUP & SHARE and SOUP to Go after 5 pm mass. All proceeds go to Development & Peace and other charities supported by the CWL

The ashes symbolize our mortality. They are a physical reminder that our bodies will decay, but our souls will live on in eternal life...The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us, but also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and division from God... The Season of Lent recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through **40 days** of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery...

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 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
Saturday	March 1	9:00 a.m.	+ Edward Rafael Fernandes
		7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Akins Family
Sunday	March 2	9:00 a.m.	+ Deceased members of the Rivard & Saunders Families
Wednesday	March 5	1:15 p.m.	St. Augustine School—***Distribution of Ashes***
		5:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Augustine Parish
Thursday	March 6	12 noon	+ Deceased members of the Caouette Family

Pray for the sick and elderly in our parish community, especially for **Nathan Carlson, Shirley Kohlman, John Morin, Florence Roach**; **John Stretch** & **George Serkasevich.**

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!

We accept e-transfers! No service fees

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

e-Transfer

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:
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Thank you to everyone who helped welcome our new parish family with home (kitchen & bedroom) furnishings and warm clothes. Your service to marriage and family is heart warming!

"If you hope for mercy, show mercy. ***If you look for kindness, show kindness****. If you want to receive, give."*
+ St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop

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.

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

Five First Saturdays Devotion of Reparation to The Immaculate Heart of The Blessed Virgin Mary: started **Feb 1** and continues **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

SOUP & SHARE and SOUP to GO

THE CWL will again be doing Soup & Share this Lent. Please join us in the church basement on Ash Wednesday March 5 after 5:00 p.m. mass and after our Wednesday noon masses each week except April 16.

On Ash Wednesday and March 19, we will also have **SOUP to GO. Take home soup & a bun for $6.**

All proceeds go to Development & Peace and other charities the CWL supports.

Our Friday STATIONS OF THE CROSS will start on March 7 with mass at 6 PM and Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM. We encourage you to make this mediation part of your pilgrimage of hope during this Jubilee year! Our Service Groups will be leading us on the road to Calvary!

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503
Service for ONE, Service for ALL

***March 2**—Knights' Ministries*
***March 9**—Pancake Breakfast*
Capt. Pancake Capt Gjex & Stefan Bossart; Tom Hefti, Elzard Visscher; Martien Opsteen.

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

Catholic Women's League
Faith, service and social justice

CWL News

Needed: 8 ladies to bring meatless soup for Ash Wednesday's Soup & Share and SOUP to go. Please call Sue at 403.783-2369.

Sisters in the League:

As we think about our spiritual Lenten journey ahead could we choose to include one of these suggestions that Archbishop Smith wants us to concentrate on during the next three years??

1. Read a few lines of God's words each day.
2. Say grace at meals.
3. Create a prayer space in our home.
4. Family discussion of Sunday's homily

Join us for
Wednesday & Thursday masses at 12 noon

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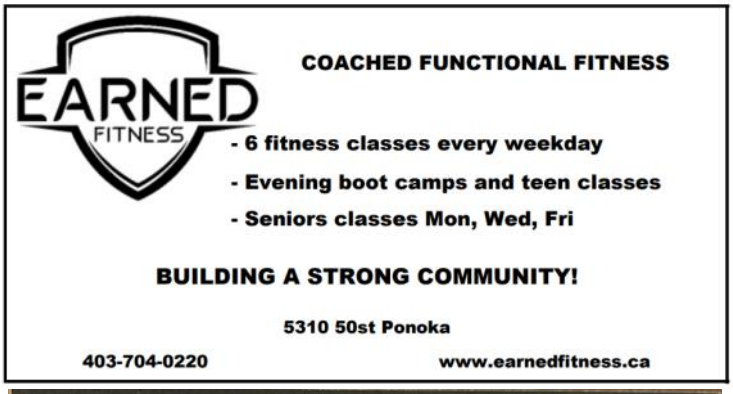

Pope's Prayer Intentions For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires & doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve in Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.