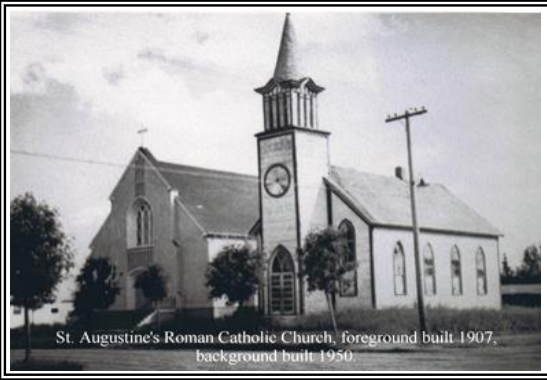
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

St. Augustine Parish

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FEBRUARY 9, 2025 (Year C)

World Day of Marriage

Isaiah 6.1-2a,3-8 Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Luke 5.1-11

There once was a student who was intent on making his teacher's life difficult. Supply teachers were given a hard time too, to dissuade them from returning. The student sat in the back and did not participate; and, due to his behavior, was highly regarded poorly by classmates. Knowing these challenges, the teacher prayed and committed to love him no matter what.

Following the prayer, she was filled with unexpected love. When the student exclaimed that he would throw a pie at her, she smiled and replied that it would be fine as long as it was an apple pie. The teacher involved him, prevented students from insulting him, and assisted him despite his attitude. In the days that followed, the student began to change and: he moved up front, keenly participated in discussions and started having a positive attitude. The love that God imparted in her produced fruit that helped the student realize that he was loved. This true story is reflected in today's Gospel.

Peter toils all night and catches nothing yet, when Jesus , there are so many fish that the nets start to break. Jesus shows that there is little fruit in self-reliance – we need Jesus. **United in God**—like the teacher wither her prayer for her student—**our efforts bear abundant fruit in service of God and others**.

Alison Endrizzi, North York, ON livinginchrist.ca

Message of the Holy Father Francis on the occasion of the 33rd **World Day of the Sick**, which takes place on **11 February, liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes**, on the theme: ***"Hopes does not disappoint" (Rm 5:5) but strengthens us in times of trial."*** These are comforting words, but they can also prove perplexing, especially for those who are suffering...we sense our need for a strength greater than our own...we need God's help, his grace, his Providence, and the strength that is the gift of his Spirit (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1808). Let us...reflect on how God remains close to those who are suffering through *encounter*, *gift* and *sharing*… We need to learn how to appreciate the beauty and significance of these grace-filled encounters... All these are rays of light to be treasured; even amid the dark night of adversity, they give us strength, while at the same time teaching us the deeper meaning of life, in love and closeness (cf. *Lk* 10:25-37).

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill or who care for the suffering, in this Jubilee you play an especially important part. Your journey together is a sign for everyone: "a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope" (*Spes Non Confundit*, 11)…The whole Church thanks you for this! I do as well, and I remember you always in my prayers. I entrust you to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, in the words that so many of our brothers and sisters have addressed to her in their hour of need:

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. I bless you, along with your families and loved ones, and I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 14 January 2025 https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2025/01/27/250127f.html

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. 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/Thursdays @ 11:30 AM
Saturdays @ 6:30 PM

ROSARY
Sundays @ 8:30 AM

Mass Intentions

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
Thursday	Feb 13	12 noon	+ Pacifico Mandac
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

service to Marriage & Family

February 9 is World Marriage Day! In 1993, Pope John Paul II imparted an Apostolic Blessing declaring the second Sunday in February as the World Marriage Day in the Catholic Church. This is a special day dedicated to prayer for all married and engaged couples and honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family - the basic cell of society. The sacred covenant of marriage is not only the foundation of the family, but also the foundation of society and our Catholic Church. Therefore, marriage is essential to our faith. Families become the domestic church and the source of discipleship and the forming of vocations.

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

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.

All are welcome! Join us for
Thursday masses at 12 noon

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

Service for ONE, Service for ALL

February 9 ***—Pancake Breakfast***

Memberships are due. E-transfer $30 to Bro Ken at kenn21@telus.net or leave a cheque (KofC 4503) **Vivat Jesus!**

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

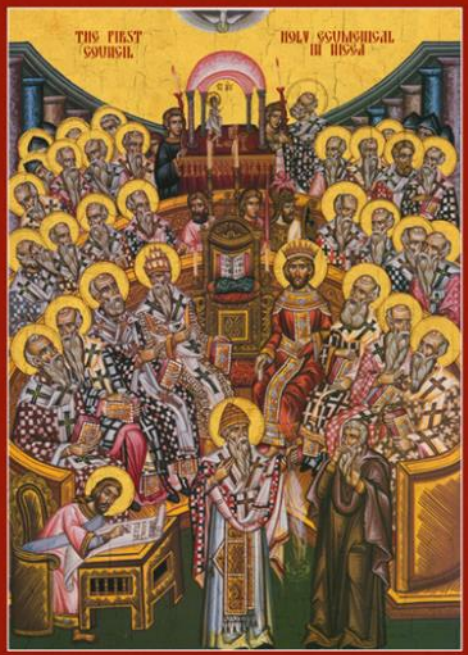
Help & Support

We are helping a new family to our parish who are arriving from overseas. They need 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 and big items in the garage.

Call 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.

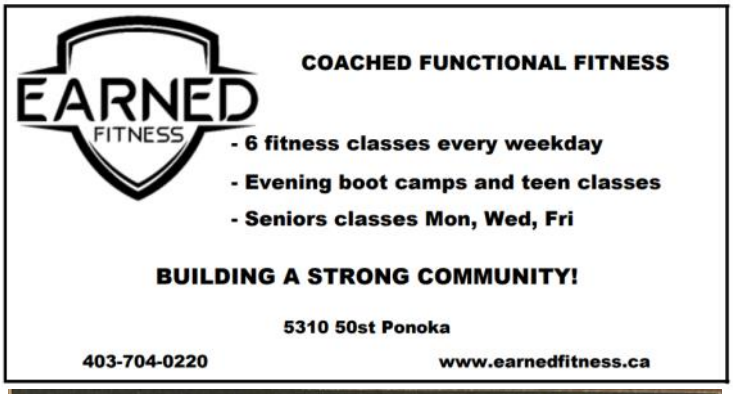
The **First Communion Class** will be bringing up our Gifts and Offertory on the second Sunday (***February 9***). Catechesis classes in preparation for the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Communion is *February 16*** after 9 a.m. mass.

Deacon Rollie:
(403) 396-1700

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

Bring your refundable cans & bottles
February 18 to 23
We CAN BUILD for the Building Fund!
We received $65.65 in January!

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton



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.