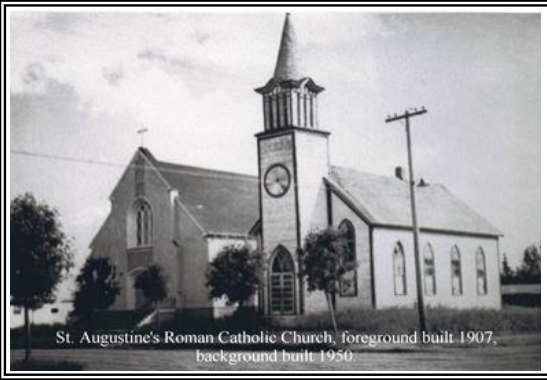

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MARCH 2, 2025 (Year C)
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27.4-7 Psalm 92
1 Corinthians 15.45-49 Luke 6.39-45

THERE IS AN inclination in human beings to support each other. Whether it's parenting, teaching, donating or governing, part of our nature is to concern ourselves. However, Christ wisely points out in today's Gospel that if we lack sight, we will not be able to offer others direction or guidance.

There is the old saying: we cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. If we are blind, we won't be able to show others the way. A person who cannot see the ultimate good (God) won't be able to share goodness with others. However, an honest desire to guide others may be, for some a point of conversion. If we recognize shortcomings in the world, in our peers and in ourselves, then this recognition of the need for God more fully in our daily lives.

JESUS also says in the Gospel that only "the good treasure of the heart" can produce good. **As challenging as change can be, may our experience at mass today, where we open ourselves to an encounter with Christ, guide us in re-evaluating our life's choices**. Christ showed us, through this life, death and resurrection, how to obtain the glory of perfect life in God. May our hearts be ready to be filled with God's goodness.

Andrew Hume
Toronto, ON livinginchrist.ca

March 5—Ash Wednesday is a universal day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat

Distribution of Ashes and mass—
March 5 @ 5:00 pm
Soup & Share after mass in the basement/hall. Donations to CWL projects

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...

God's blessings and congratulations to **Archbishop Richard Smith** who has been appointed as metropolitan archbishop of Vancouver. He has served as archbishop of Edmonton since 2007.

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	March 1	9:00 a.m.	+ Edward Rafael Fernandes (First Saturday Devotion)
		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
Friday	March 7	6:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Ministry Co-ordinators & Music Ministry (Stations of the Cross)
Saturday	March 8	7:00 p.m.	+ Wulfida Elemia
Sunday	March 9	9:00 a.m.	+ Deceased members of Abel & Koleyak Families

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

<u>2024 Tax Receipts</u> are ready for pick up at the front entrance of the church! Please save us the cost of mailing the tax receipts. **Thank you!**

Dear All,

I am pleased to introduce the Building Committee. I have formed a 12-member committee—symbolically, like the 12 disciples—entrusted with an important mission: to find an architect and design & build our new church

As we begin this journey, let us remember that while we each have personal preferences and ideas, our focus should be on **what is best for the parish.** This project should **bring us together in faith and commitment to our community**. We are called to share the gifts we have received from the Lord.

When different opinions arise, we will resolve them through committee votes with major decisions brought to the parish. It is also important that we **listen** to the broader community, seeking their thoughts and preferences.

Above all, ***prayer must guide our efforts. Let us trust in God's wisdom and work together in faith and unity.***

Join me in welcoming the Team**:**

Fred Calkins; Sylvia Corkery; George Escudero; Leigh Halland; Tom Hefti; Russell Hemingson; Joe Henderson; Dan Koleyak; Allan Prediger; Theresa Turner; Keith Untalan and Sheila Vinterlik.

Blessings, Fr Liju Jose

SOUP & SHARE and SOUP to GO

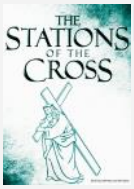
THE CWL will again be doing Soup & Share this Lent. Please join us in the church basement on Ash Wednesday March 5 after 5:00 p.m. mass & after our Wednesday noon masses each week except April 16.

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.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - On the first Friday in

March each year, we are all invited to pray together with people all around the world for a particular country. This year the country is The Cook Islands. Come learn about the people of the Cook Islands and pray with and for them. **The United Church is hosting this year's prayer service on Friday, March 7 at 2 p.m.** (see poster at front entrance)



Friday STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Start on March 7 with mass at 6 PM and Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM.

We encourage you to make this walking mediation part of your Pilgrimage of Hope during this Jubilee year!

March 7 will be lead by Ministry Co-ordinators and the Music Ministry. The CWL will lead on March 14.

The **Stations of the Cross** or the **Way of the Cross**, also known as the **Way of Sorrows** or the ***Via Crucis***, are a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The stations grew out of imitations of the *Via Dolorosa* in Jerusalem, which is a traditional processional route symbolising the path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. The objective of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ.

Stations of the Cross - Wikipedia

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

Service for ONE, Service for ALL

March 9—Pancake Breakfast

Capt. Pancake Capt Gjex & Stefan Bossart; Tom Hefti, Elzard Visscher; Martien Opsteen.

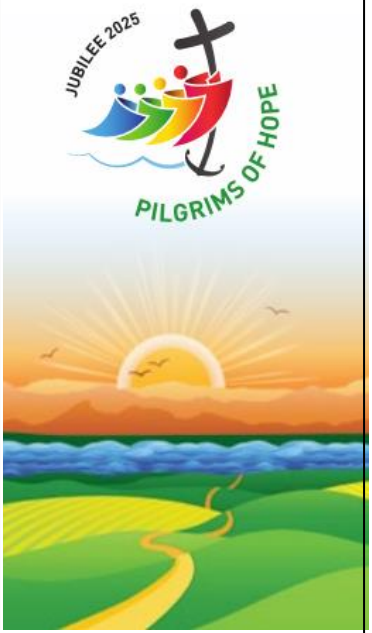
The Silver Rose Service will be here in March . Come pray the special Rosary with Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Catholic Women's League

Faith, service and social justice

CWL News

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



Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame
of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally
blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen *Pope Francis*

WHERE IS JESUS? He Is Here!

2025 **Parish Lenten Mission** with Colleen O'Dowd (of the Catherine of Siena Institute)
March 10—12 at 6:30 p.m. at **Sacred Heart Church,** 5113—49 Avenue, **Wetaskiwin**
Ph: 780.352-2365
The Catholic Parish of Sacred Heart – Serving and sharing Christ in the Wetaskiwin area

Welcome to St. Augustine Parish. We encourage all our parishioners who worship with us to register. Please call the office, 403-783-4048, or return this form to the office via the collection basket, mail, or in person. Thank you.

NAME: (please print)_____

Names & ages of any Children: _____

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