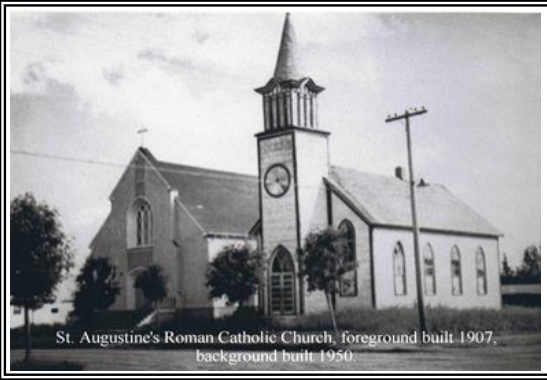
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

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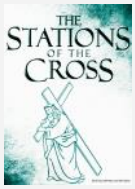
SOUP & SHARE and SOUP to GO

THE CWL will again be offering Soup & Share during Lent. Please join us in the church basement after 12 noon mass on Wednesdays.

On **March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph,** we will also have **SOUP to GO.** Donations go to Development & Peace & other charities the CWL supports.

Please call /text Sue at 403.783-1280 if you want to make soup or bake buns for Soup & Share.

Friday STATIONS OF THE CROSS



With mass at 6 PM then Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM lead by the Knights on March 21. Parish Council and Finance Committee will lead on March 28.

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 & 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.

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The **three R's of Lent are**: **R**eflection, **R**epentance and **R**econciliation.

MARCH 16, 2025 (Year C) - Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15,5-12, 17-18 Psalm 27

Philippians 3.17 –4.1 Luke 9.28b-36

A FEW YEARS AGO, when I asked my students to draw an image of God, one of them said: "I have no idea how to do this. I don't even think about God at all." I was taken aback; but now I realize this is more and more the experience of many in our world.

Today's readings offer us many ways in which we can "see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living ". Sometimes it just takes stopping, noticing and articulating God-moments, as the disciples did on that mountain: moments of transfiguration that keep us in awe-struck silence.

Although we, like the disciples, year to savour those moments, we are called instead to witness to the Transfiguration in the ordinary all around us: the woman who offers you a seat on the bus: the store clerk who gives you an extra avocado for free; the boys sharing a joke in the hallway; our daughter texting us to check in. These are the moments when we can see God's face and are assured that we, like Abram, have overflowing and uncountable blessings in our daily lives.

Back in class three years later, that same student who was now in Grade 12 told me he had finally seen the face of God: it was there in the teachers he had met. He just had to open his eyes to see God was there all along.

Maureen Wicken, Victoria, *BC* *livinginchrist.ca*

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

Friday	March 14	6:00 PM	Intentions of the Catholic Women's League
Saturday	March 15	7:00 PM	Intentions of the Gorman Family
Sunday	March 16	9:00 AM	Intentions of Jeston Fernandes
Wednesday	March 19	12 noon	+ Ralph & Mary Gramlich's Children
Thursday	March 20	12 noon	+ Leticia Lim
Friday	March 21	6:00 PM	Intentions of the Knights of Columbus, Council 4503
Saturday	March 22	7:00 PM	+ Gerundia Silva
Sunday	March 23	9:00 AM	+ Teodoro & Amelia Perez

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

Pray for **Archbishop Richard Smith** as he prepares to move to B.C. In his new role as Archbishop of Vancouver in May.

e-Transfer

We accept e-transfers!
No service fees
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:
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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.

Catechesis classes in preparation for the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Communion is *March 16*** after 9 a.m. mass.

Deacon Rollie: (403) 396-1700

Catholic Women's League

Faith, service and social justice

Join us for a fun evening on **Monday, March 17** - potluck supper at 6:15 p.m. Social evening to follow. Wear green for St. Patrick's Day. If you can bring something green or Irish for the potluck.

What Catholics Believe About Lent: Join professors of the Augustine Institute and other Catholic experts as they answer the most popular questions from the Internet on topics like the Eucharist, the Resurrection, the Papacy, Relics, and so much more! Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the Apostles? Is the Resurrection important? Are Catholics cannibals? Is the Eucharist in the Bible? Find out in this exciting series!

Four Sundays after mass starting on March 16

FORMED

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

Service for ONE, Service for ALL

March 20—meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Brother Landon. Thank you Deacon Rollie and Council 4503 for leading the Silver Rose Service and praying for Life!

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

As we journey through Lent 2025, we're pleased to inform you that the **Second Sunday of Lent** video of the series titled "Journey through Lent" is now available on the CCCB website:

English: https://www.cccb.ca/lent/
French: https://www.cecc.ca/careme/

March is a month that eventually became known as the "**Month of St. Joseph**."...While March always falls within the season of Lent, it also contains the primary feast in the Roman Rite that is dedicated to St. Joseph.

In the Western Church, the feast of St. Joseph wasn't fixed until the 15th century. According to some traditions, **March 19 was the day of Joseph's death**, though there is little evidence to support it, as it is unclear when Joseph died.

By 1621 Pope Gregory XV extended a feast of St. Joseph to the entire Church, and it was elevated even more when Pope Pius IX declared Joseph the "Patron of the Universal Church" in 1870. For many decades **March 19 was a holy day of obligation on par with other major feasts in the Catholic Church.**

Since March 19 falls during Lent, and is a solemnity, it offers a rare respite from the rigors of Lent.

The feast of St. Joseph has acquired a variety of local traditions over the years, such as the St. Joseph's Table, as well as a novena that precedes this special feast..

While March has many other feasts and special celebrations, the feast of St. Joseph stands-out as one of the primary highlights of this month.

Why is the month of March dedicated to St. Joseph?

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we sent out our **Financial Statements as of December 31, 2024 and the Building Fund Report**. We wish to thank the parishioners for your generous financial support and the contribution of numerous volunteer hours fundraising, maintenance, liturgy and various committees. Your continued support is vital to our parish community maintaining financial stability and realizing the goal of building a new church. Copies are available at the entrances. **Parish Finance Committee**: Dan Koyelak/Murray McLaughlin/Erin Fleck/Fr. Liju

March 22 & 23 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.

Pope's Prayer Intentions For Families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.