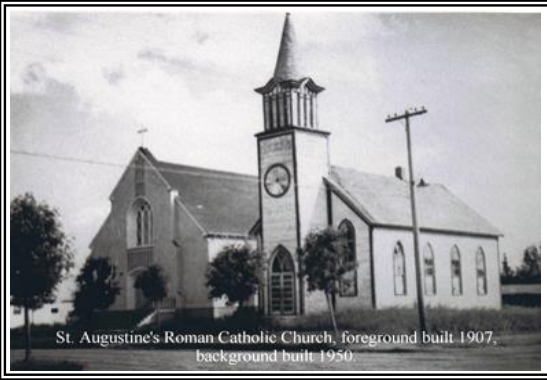
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

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LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 7 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

The Sacrament of Penance, also known as "confession" and…the "Rite of Reconciliation,"…The name "Penance" focuses on what we must do to reform our lives. "Confession" emphasizes the need to be honest about what makes such change necessary. **Reconciliation's ...purpose is … to restore our friendship with God**…"Five C's" of the Rite of Reconciliation…: **C**onviction, **C**onfession, **C**ontrition, **C**ompensation, and **C**orrection.

https://vocationnetwork.org/en/blog/questions_catholics_ask/2010/04/the_five_cs_of_confession

Tuesday, March 25 is the Solemnity for the Annunciation of the Lord

Please join us for mass at 12 noon.

To commemorate the visit of the archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he informed her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ

MARCH 23, 2025 (Year C) - Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15 Psalm 103

1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12 Luke 13.1-9

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Jesus speaks of the importance of repentance. Interrogators approach Jesus to tell him about a massacre of Galileans, looking for him to react and to give adoption on such a violent event. We can imagine the torture and cruelty that the Galilean people experienced under Pilate's ruthless rule. Asked if it is because of sin that they suffered in this way, Jesus reminds those questioning him that we are all sinners. He then refers to a tragic accident, a source of gossip at the time. Victims of such tragedies are no greater sinners than anyone else in their communities. Rather than condemn the Romans or shame sinners, Jesus points to repentance.

It is in our human nature to look for the reason bad things happen to people. **Life is fragile, death is a reality and we have a need to be in right relationship with our God. Suffering is not reserved for the sinner and repentance is necessary for everyone.**

We believe in merciful and compassionate **God who gives us time for growth.** This Lenten season is a good time to dig around the foundation of our lives and fertilize where it is needed. In this Eucharistic celebration, we pray with hearts open, repentant and mindful of our need for God's love.

Jan Bentham, Ottawa, ON 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 21	6:00 PM	Intentions of the Knights of Columbus, Council 4503 (Stns of +)
Saturday	March 22	7:00 PM	+ Gerundia Silva
Sunday	March 23	9:00 AM	+ Teodoro & Amelia Perez
Tuesday	March 25	12 NOON	Intentions of Gary & Dinah Lim (Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord)
Wednesday	March 26	12 NOON	+ Deceased members of the Fleury Family
Thursday	March 27	12 NOON	+ Laurier Laprise
Friday	March 28	6:00 PM	Intentions of Parish Council & Finance Committee (Stns of +)
Saturday	March 29	7:00 PM	+ Domingos Fernandes
Sunday	March 30	9:00 AM	+ Deceased members of the Caouette Family

Pray for the sick and elderly in our parish community, especially for **Pope Francis**, **Jeanne Alain, Nathan Carlson, Shirley Kohlman, John Morin, Florence Roach, George Serkasevich and Helen Polny** (Kim Svitich's mother). Remember in your prayers: **Antonio Bartolome, Amado Agpalza and Aldrin Mandac** (Dinah Lim & Dynahive Cote's uncles & cousin) they passed away in Ontario earlier this month.

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, The Most Reverend Richard W. Smith will be installed as the 12th Archbishop of Vancouver on **Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m. (8 p.m. MST)** We invite you to watch the livestream at rcav.org and join in prayer.

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.

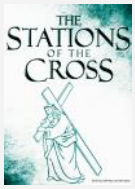
SOUP & SHARE

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

Please call /text Sue at 403.783-1280 if you want to make soup or bake buns for Soup & Share. The last Soup & Share will be April 9th.

Friday STATIONS OF THE CROSS

With mass at 6 PM then Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM. Parish Council and Finance Committee will lead on March 28. St. Augustine School Staff members will lead on April 4.



Annual General Meeting - April 9 @ 7 pm

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting on Wed April 9 at 7 PM in the church basement.

The Parish Pastoral Council needs new members. If you are interested in joining Parish Council, please speak to Fr. Liju (780.935-1589) or Russell (403.963-4789). The members assist the Parish Priest in planning, organizing and implementing pastoral programs and activities to support the faith community. Together in Ministry - caedm

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday —**April 13 @ 9 AM**

Holy/Maundy Thursday—**April 17 @ 8:30 PM**

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

—**April 18 @ 10:00 AM**

Holy Saturday—**April 19 @ 8:30 PM**

Easter Sunday—**April 20 @ 9:00 AM**

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

April 6—**Ministry Sunday**

April 13—**Pancake Breakfast**

With Captain Jim Rakai: Arnel Juan; Art Mandanas; Roger Morin; Welbert Perez; Roger Tomas; Herman Wyering.

Catholic Women's League

Faith, service and social justice

Thank you to everyone who has made soup or baked buns for Soup & Share! Are you interested in serving in the CWL Sunday ministry (4th Sunday)? Call Carol (403)783-2148

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CAMP

ENCOUNTER **CHRIST**

ENCOUNTER **COMMUNITY**

ENCOUNTER **CREATION**

Register: www.OLVC.CA

July 5th: Kick-off BBQ & Alumni Event

July 6th—July 10th: High School Week

July 13th—July 17th: Elementary Week

July 20th—July 24th: All Ages I

July 27th—July 31st: Jr High Week

August 3rd—August 7th: All Ages II

Email camps@caedm.ca or call 587-447-2837.

March 22 & 23 is 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.

Lacombe Knights of Columbus
Invite you to join us for a **FISH FRY**
(Dine In or Take Out)
Fish Fry Fridays during Lent from 5:00 PM—6:30 PM
Admission at Door **by Donation**
The Parish of St. Stephen 5128 –53 Street, Lacombe

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.