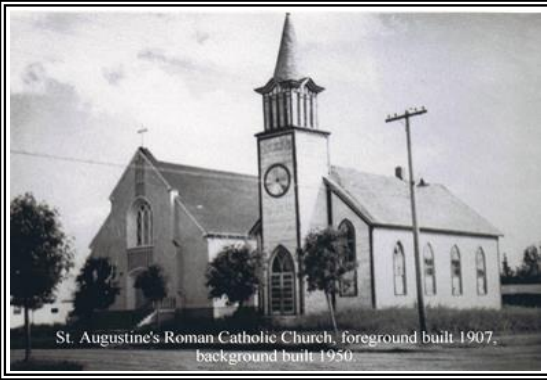

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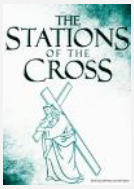
Please join us for our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Wed April 9 at 7 PM in the church basement.

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 Hemingson** (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

Friday STATIONS OF THE CROSS

With mass at 6 PM then Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM. St. Augustine School Staff members will lead on April 4. The last Stations of the Cross on April 11 will be lead by the Knights



MARCH 30, 2025 (Year C) - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5.9a,10-12 Psalm 34
2 Corinthians 5.17-21 Luke 15.1-3

FOR ME, ONE of the most attractive aspects of the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola is his emphasis on imaginative contemplation. The idea is to approach a Scripture passage by imaging the scene, using all your sense. What do you see? Smell? Hear? And who are you in the scene: a main character, a supporting figure, an observer? With a bit of practice, I have found this to be quite a rich way of praying with Scripture.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the figure I instantly identified with was the sulky older brother . It humbles me to admit how easily I could relate to his indignation and his feeling of being unappreciated.

Now, however, it seems to me that each of us is reflected in all three of the main characters. Can we accept the unconditional love offered to the elder son, even when we feel most unlovable? Can we, like the younger son, admit when we have sinned and humbly seek forgiveness? Like the father (often interpreted to represent God), each of us too is called to practise hope, forgiveness and a unconditional live.

Today's Gospel characters model for us many aspects of authentic discipleship. May they lead us to a deeper Lenten reflection on our relationship with God and one another.

Krystyna Higgins, 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 28	6:00 PM	Intentions of Parish Council & Finance Committee (Stations of the Cross)
Saturday	March 29	7:00 PM	+ Domingos Fernandes
Sunday	March 30	9:00 AM	+ Deceased members of the Caouette Family
Wednesday	April 2	12 NOON	+ Jim Gramlich
Thursday	April 3	12 NOON	+ John Beaton
Friday	April 4	6:00 PM	Intentions St. Augustine School Staff (Stations of the Cross)
Saturday	April 5	9:00 AM	+ Wayne Saunders (First Saturday Devotion w **8:30 AM Rosary**)
	April 5	7:00 PM	+ Doug Domagas
Sunday	April 6	9:00 AM	+ Pacifico Mandac

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.**

God's Blessings and welcome to **Jan Jenkins**, our new Parish Administrative Assistant. Jan will officially start at the end of April. With gratitude, we thank Tina for her seven & half years of faithful service. Blessings on your retirement.

Fred Calkins, Lector Co-ordinator will call you to schedule you for the Holy Week readings. Thank you!

The **APRIL Ministry Schedule** was sent out via Flocknote. Copies are available in the Sacristy. Thank you! *"A life not lived for others is not a life."* Mother Teresa.

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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.

First Communion families are reminded that **First Reconciliation** with Fr. Liju is on **Thursday, April 3 from 3:30 PM to 5 PM**

Catechesis classes in preparation for the **Sacrament of First Communion is on April 27 (Divine Mercy Sunday)** after 9 a.m. mass.

Deacon Rollie: (403) 396-1700

SOUP & SHARE

THE CWL is 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.**

The Sunday Missals are now available by DONATION! Preview the Holy Week readings and Sunday reflections. Pray the Rosary, Way of the Cross and many other prayers!

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**

Five First Saturdays Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Rosary @ 8:30 am **Mass @ 9 am**

APRIL 5, May 3, June 7 (Started Feb 1)

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.

What is an ambry?

According to the Catholic Culture dictionary, an ambry is "a box in which the holy oils are kept in Catholic churches. It is either affixed to the wall or inserted in the wall of the sanctuary."

The ambry, sometimes called an aumbry is often located near the baptismal font especially in churches with a distinct Baptistery.

What type of oils are kept in the ambry?

The oils that are generally kept in the ambry are the sacred oils, known as Olea Sancta in Latin and used in sacraments— Oil of Catechumens (oleum catechumenorum indicated by the Latin letters O.C.), Oil of the Sick (oleum infirmorum, O.I.), and Sacred Chrism (sacrum chrisma, S.C.) for anointing the sick.

https://www.saintpats.org/parish/what-is-an-ambry/

Our parish now has a Ambry created by our talented **Roger Morin** with assistance from **Joe Henderson**. Thank you for sharing your talents!

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