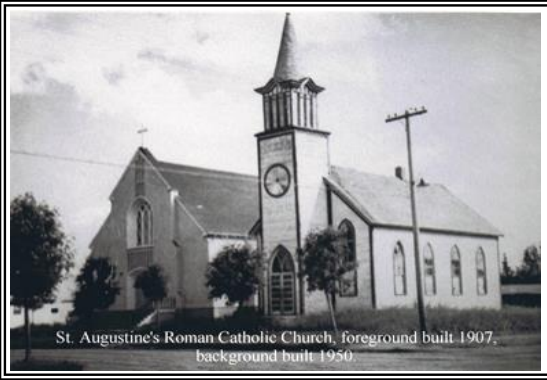
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

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Office Hours: 9 am – 3 pm Tues to Thursday & Fri 9 a.m.-12 noon

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, we will also have **SOUP to GO.** Donations go to Development & Peace and other charities the CWL supports.

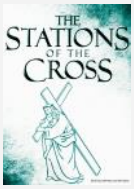
Please call /text Sue at 403.783-1280 if you want to make soup or bake buns for Soup & Share.

Remember **Daylight Savings ends on March 8**. Spring Forward or move your clocks ahead

Friday STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Start on March 7 with mass at 6 PM and Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM. The CWL will lead on March 14. The Knights on March 21.

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



MARCH 9, 2025 (Year C) - First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26.4-10 Psalm 91

Romans 10.8-13 Luke 4.1-13

GENEALOGIES ARE POPULAR, as websites and test kits abound. I have not ventured into this world, but some of my cousins have. I am grateful for the grainy black-and-white photos that pop up in my inbox every few months.

Is it a notion of family and heritage that Moses is appealing to in today's first reading? If it is, the story is not always as glamorous as we may want it to be. The promise of "milk and honey" in today's first reading sometimes a travelling companion to our psalm response of "when I am in trouble". Paul reminds us to remain rooted in the word, on our lips and in our heart. Yes, look back so we can move forward, but do not miss today.

This First Sunday of Lent calls us to remember God's blessings, knowing the hardships that are ours as well. Jesus himself was not immune to temptation and neither are we. Even when rooted in his baptism and his ancestors, Jesus was tempted. And the attractions may be familiar to us, coming as our desire for provision, position and power. Times and places may differ, but temptations find us.

May this Lenten season be a time of reclaiming our traditions so that when tempted, we can resolutely call out the name of the Lord and be saved.

Sr. Susan Kidd, CND, *Charlottetown, PE* *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

Saturday	March 8	7:00 p.m.	+ Wulfida Elemia
Sunday	March 9	9:00 a.m.	+ Deceased members of Abel & Koleyak Families
Wednesday	March 12	12 noon	+ Noreen Gorman
Thursday	March 13		No mass
Friday	March 14	6:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Catholic Women's League (with Stations of the Cross)
Saturday	March 15	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Gorman Family
Sunday	March 16	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Jeston Fernandes

Pray for the sick and elderly in our parish community, especially for **Pope Francis**, **Jeanne Alain** (Sue Henderson's aunt), **Nathan Carlson, Shirley Kohlman, John Morin, Florence Roach**; **John Stretch** & **George Serkasevich.** Remember in your prayers, **Laurier Laprise** (Joe Henderson's uncle). He passed away in February. He was 72 years old.

Missionary Families of Christ (MFC) - Youth will be having their Covenant Recollection on **March 15, 2025** from 8am - 5pm at the basement of the church.

"The Covenant Recollection is a series of talks that aim to commit and enrich each MFC Youth member to translate the covenant of the ministry to concrete actions. It is a part of the first-year formation program (community circle) in MFC Youth."

To register, please use the following link, https://tinyurl.com/3tsr86y9.

What Catholics Believe: 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

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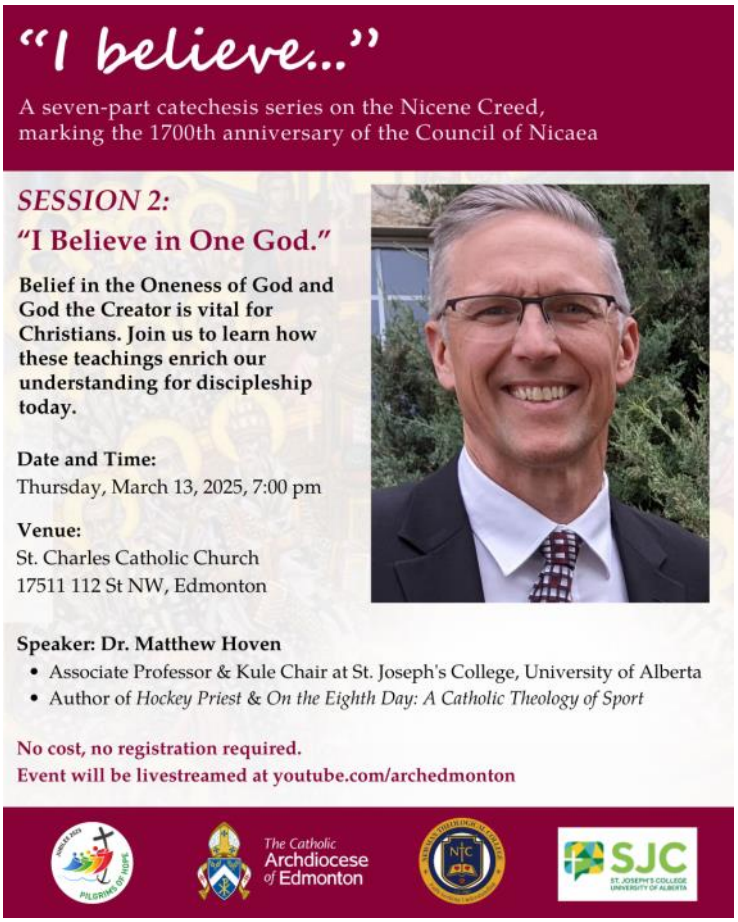
Welcome to our Catholic Community

Mark Stretch McLay, son of Samantha & Brennen. Mark received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend!



PONOKA STAMPEDE FOOD BOOTH MEETING - Wednesday, March 12th @ 6:30 p.m in the church basement.

The Coordinators are restructuring the administration of the Food Booth as it is too arduous to manage. We desperately need more Shift Coordinators - training will be provided. ALL are welcome to attend.

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

Participate in the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign – March 5 to April 13, 2025.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful prayer campaign that includes prayer & fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. Groups go out regularly to pray outside the abortion clinic (this is the peaceful vigil). If you would like to join a group, please contact us (info@edmontonprolife.org, 780-425-1637).

The abortion no-show rate goes as high as 75% when someone prays in front of an abortion facility. We hope you will join us!

Catholic Conference of Canadian Bishops

As we journey through Lent 2025, we're pleased to inform you that the **First 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/

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

Service for ONE, Service for ALL

The Silver Rose Service will be here in March 9 at 8:25 AM . Come pray the special Rosary with Our Lady of Guadalupe!

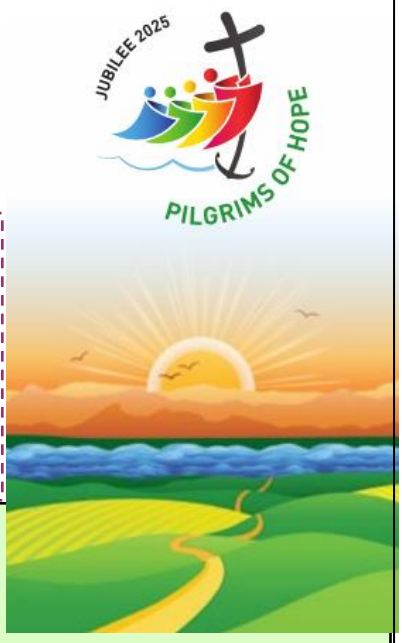
March 20—meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Catholic Women's League

Faith, service and social justice

On **Friday, March 14** we lead the Stations of the Cross **after the 6 p.m. Mass**. We need readers, cross bearer and some to hold the candles. Call Carol at 403.783-2148 or Maria at 403.783-8912.

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.



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*

Dear Parishioners,

Enclosed is our **Financial Statements as of December 31, 2024 and the Building Fund Report**. There are notes on page 2 of the Financial Statements. 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. **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.