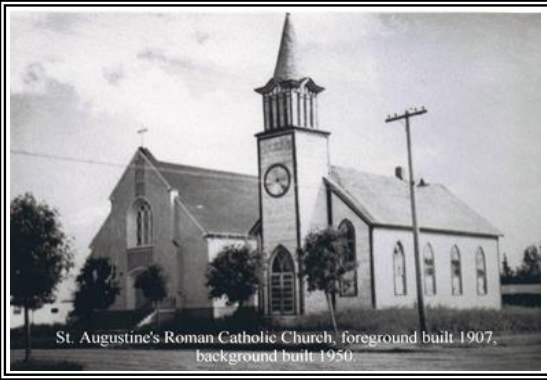
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

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

APRIL 13, 2025 (Year C) - PASSION (PALM)SUNDAY

Luke 19.28-40

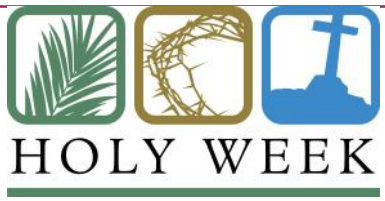
Isaiah 50.4-7 Psalm 22 Philippians 2.6-11 Luke 19.28-40

SO MUCH HAPPENS in today's Gospel—from Jesus; entry into Jerusalem amid the adoring crowd to the Passover meal with his disciples, to his betrayal by one of them, his arrest and trial on trumped up charges, his denunciation by the crowd (turned fickle). His death sentence by Pilate, his flogging like a common criminal, his terrible and yet triumphant death on a cross, and finally his burial.

Knowing all this was to come, why does Jesus "eagerly desire" to share the Passover meal with his disciples? What does Jesus want the disciples (and us) to grasp?

At Passover today, Jewish families still retell the story of God's faithfulness in delivering them out of bondage in Egypt. Jesus calls his disciples to pay attention so that they will look back on the fearful events of the coming days and understand that his sacrificial death brings not only resurrection for him but also deliverance for them from the bondage that is associated with sin and death as far back as Adam and Eve.

Indeed, soon after Jesus' death & resurrection, his disciples began to share a common meal in remembrance of him. In the early Church this grew into **our Eucharist, let us recall with great gratitude the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.** *Beth Porter, Richmond, Hill, ON livingin-christ.ca Image from: https://bible.art/p/t89o0B8NPaaszlDhebZQ/luke-19:28-40-after-Jesus-had-said*



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

Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday—April 20 @ 9:00 AM

Thank you to everyone who came to the Annual General Meeting on April 9. We reviewed and discussed the five "pillars" in the Annual General Report. (available at entrances). Leah, Franziska, Russell and Ken guided the group discussions. The notes will be gathered and summarized. Fr. Liju announced some changes starting after Holy Week: 45 minutes of **Adoration**; the **St. Michael of the Archangel prayer** will be said before the final blessing; there will be an **updated Prayer for Building the New Church** pasted into the CBW III. **We thanked Charmaine Arandez, Ken Kustiak and Roy Fairclough** for their many years of service and **welcomed Niki Forster**. More members are needed for Parish Council. PPC Minutes will be posted on the bulletin board & website. **"We know and love God through Word, Worship and Service"**

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: 45 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)**

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	April 11	6:00 PM	Intentions of the Knights of Columbus, Council 4503 (Stations)
Saturday	April 12	7:00 PM	+ Deceased members of Martin Gramlich's Family
Sunday	April 13	9:00 AM	Intentions of Sofia Cote and the Mandac-Cote Family
Wednesday	April 16	12 noon	+ Shirley Kohlman
Thursday	April 17	**8:30 PM**	+ Ralph & Mary Gramlich's Deceased Children
Friday	April 18	**10:00 AM**	**Good Friday**
Saturday	April 19	**8:30 PM**	+ Deceased Members of the Winczura & Hemingson Families
Sunday	April 20	**9:00 AM**	+ Deceased Members of the Caouette Family
Wednesday	April 23	12 Noon	Intentions of Nathan Carlson
Thursday	April 24	8:45 AM	Easter Mass at St. Augustine School Secondary School Gym
	April 24	12 Noon	+ Shirley Kohlman

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Myrna Garrett**, friend of Trista & Sean Lougheed. Myrna was 61 years old. Pray for the sick and elderly in our parish community, especially for **Jeanne Alain, Nathan Carlson, John Morin, Florence Roach, George Serkasevich and Helen Polny. Pray for Pope Francis and all the clergy during Holy Week.**

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For **BUILDING FUND** donations, Send e-transfer to:
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NEEDED: 12 disciples to have their feet washed at the **8:30 pm** mass on Holy Thursday, April 17. We are looking for a cross section of the whole parish: male, female, young , old and in-between. Please consider volunteering for this honour! Call the office for information. Or see the pink Sign up sheet at the church entrance.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration
after Holy Thursday mass
In the church basement

The **community Way of the Cross** will start at **12:00 noon** on **Good Friday, April 18** in the parking lot across from the Ponoka United Church. Our Catholic church has been leading this devotion, sharing in the carrying of the cross and helping with the readings at each Station. Please join in if you can. Info: Deacon Rollie

The *DIVINE MERCY NOVENA*
begins on
Good Friday, April 18

Pray with us in the church:
Good Friday, ***April 18 @ 3 p.m.***

Holy Saturday, April 19 @ 7:45 pm
Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 6 pm
Easter Monday, April 21 @ 6 pm
Tues. April 22 @ 6 pm
April 23 & 24 @ 11:15 am
Fri. April 25 @ 6 pm
Sat. April 26 @ 6:15 pm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—April 27 @ 3 pm
Celebrate God's endless mercy
and love for us.

Please bring a potluck item to share .

The First Communion class will bring up the Gifts and Offertory on Palm Sunday/April 13.

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

Bring your refundable cans & bottles
April 22 to 26
We CAN BUILD for the Building Fund!

Thank you to all who helped with Soup & Share and at Shirley Kohlman's funeral.

Deadline for the **May 3 & 4 Diocesan Convention is April 27**. Please contact Carol /403.783-2148 as they have requested a group registration. The theme is: **"Hope in the Lord"**, Registration fee: is $75 for both days and $45 for one day. Lunch is: $20. Banquet: $50. All CWL members are invited. 83rd Annual Edmonton Diocesan Convention

Our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel's feast day is April 26. On Sunday, **April 27**, we will lead the Rosary before mass at 8:25 AM. The next CWL Ministry Sunday). Next meeting **April 28** at 7 PM. Meeting and Rosary making.

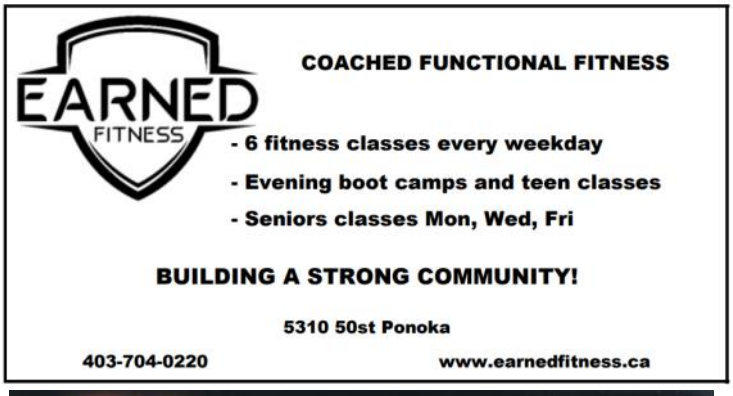
April 26 & 27 is the Second Collection for the Building Fund (after Communion).
Please pick up a beige envelope.
Thank you for your generosity & sacrifice!

The Children's Donations will go the Building Fund on the Fourth Sunday.

Financial Report to March 31, 2025

Operations:	
Revenues	$12,554.00
Expenditures	14,317.00
Net income (loss)	-1,763.00
Building Fund:	
Revenues:	$6,455.00

The Stampede Food Booth Committee needs more Shift Co-ordinators. Call/text Joanne: (403) 396-1802



When receiving the Holy Eucharist please consume the host in front the Minister. As the person in front of you receives Holy Communion, bow/make a sign of reverence. The Minister lifts the Sacred Host and says "The Body of Christ". You respond with "Amen". You may receive in your hand or on your tongue. If you receive in your hands, place your hands on top of each other close to your heart or chest height. Keep your fingers flat so Father can place the host. Once you have received the Sacred Host (after the Priest has moved his hand) consume the Host immediately & directly in front of the Priest & then reverently move on -- do not step aside and bless yourself, genuflect, etc.

Children—Make sure you hold your hands up high so the Minister can reach your hands.

Parents*— please instruct your children accordingly.*