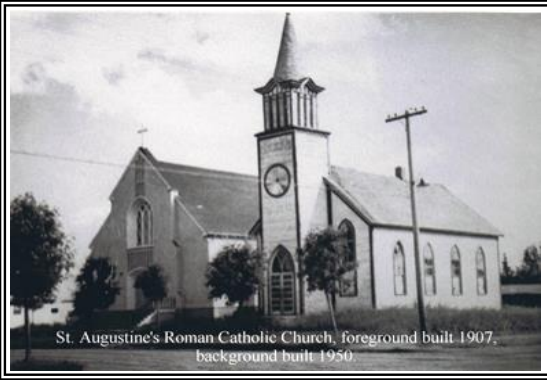
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

St. Augustine Parish

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

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

The Parish Pastoral Council needs new members. Together in Ministry - caedm If you are interested in joining Parish Council, please speak to **Fr. Liju** (780.935-1589) or **Russell Hemingson** (403.963-4789). We will review the 2024 Annual Report and plan for 2025. Pie will be served after the meeting. **"We know and love God through Word, Worship and Service"**

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**

APRIL 6, 2025 (Year C) - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43.16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3.8-14 John 8.1-11

HAVE YOU EVER been in a position where, after committing sing that was hurtful to another, you were put on public display because of it— and then you were stunned to receive forgiveness instead of punishment?

The scribes and the Pharisees have brought to Jesus a woman who was caught in the act of the worse kind of sin imaginable. The scene centres around her and the story ends with her. However, there is another trial taking place: that of Jesus and his interpretation of the law. The woman is being objective, used as a way of entrapping Jesus. What will Jesu do? What will Jesus say? Instead of saying something that might contradict Moses and the law, Jesus pushes the onlookers to consider their own sins with the same level of gravity as the woman's. All leave Jesus' presence escaping condemnation. The woman is blessed with Jesus; tender response of "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again." Jesus does not condemn us; there we do not need to condemn ourselves.

Our Lenten journey each year draws us closer to Christ, with the challenge of growing in mercy towards ourselves and others. In what ways do we act like the woman? Like the scribes and Pharisees? And **in what ways are we like Jesus, living mercy**?

Adriana Rerecich, Burlington, 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	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
Wednesday	April 9	12 NOON	+ Pue-King Yu
Thursday	April 10		*Cancelled* for Shirley Kohlman funeral mass
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

Remember in your prayers, **Shirley Kohlman**, beloved wife of Nick and mother of Michael & Kathleen. She passed away on April 1. Shirley was 85 years old and was our Arts & Decoration Co-ordinator for many years. Shirley was a very active CWL member. May God grant her eternal rest and may his perpetual light shine upon her. Shirley's celebration of life is Thursday, April 10 at 1 PM at St. Augustine of Canterbury.

Pray for the sick and elderly in our parish community, especially for **Pope Francis, Jeanne Alain, Nathan Carlson, John Morin, Florence Roach, George Serkasevich and Helen Polny.**

Pray for countries affected by natural disasters, especially the earthquakes in Myanmar & Taiwan.

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For **BUILDING FUND** donations, Send e-transfer to:
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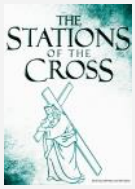
BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE—from March 29 & 30 presentation at mass.

The Building Committee will provide a monthly update to parishioners. We are developing a conceptual design that will provide us with a preliminary drawing, as well as, a cost estimate for a new church. Parishioners will be consulted at various stages of the design. We completed a review of the landmark of the new church and components that will be included in a new church, based on guidelines provided by the Archdiocese. Our next step is to interview four architectural firms, over the next two to three weeks, to determine which architect will work with us in the design of the new church building. The minutes of our first two meetings will be posted on the bulletin board in the basement. Thank you and God Bless.

SOUP & SHARE

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

The last Soup & Share will be **April 9th**. Donations go to charities supported by the CWL.



FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS—With mass at 6 PM then Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM last Stations of the Cross on April 11 will be lead by the Knights

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

NEEDED: 12 disciples to have their feet washed at the **6 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.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration after Holy Thursday mass

The ***Divine Mercy NOVENA begins on Good Friday, April 18***

Pray with us in the church:

*Good Friday, **April18 @ 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.

Stampede Food Booth presentation after mass on April 5 & 6. Pease stay after mass for the updated information. Thank you

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

Service for ONE, Service for ALL

April 13—**Pancake Breakfast** With Captain Jim Rakai: Arnel Juan; Art Mandanas; Roger Morin; Welbert Perez; Roger Tomas; Herman Wyering.

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!

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.

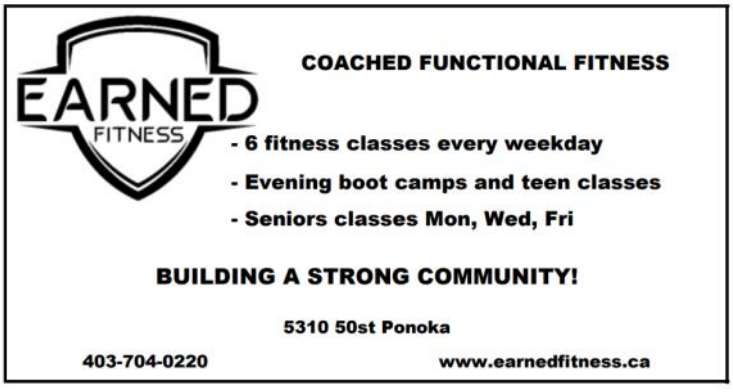
Info: Deacon Rollie

April 26 & 27 is 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.

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



The 5th Sunday of Lent is also **Solidarity Sunday** in parishes across Canada and dedicated to the nationwide collection supporting the humanitarian work of Development & Peace. The contributions help projects in 30 countries. The 2025 campaign theme is **Turn Debt Into Hope**. There will be a G7 meeting to be held June 15—17 , 2025 in Kananaskis, Alberta. Please give generously to the Share Lent Campaign at https://devp.org/give or in the brown envelopes for Development & Peace-Caritas Canada. See the enclosed letter from the Office of the Archbishop.