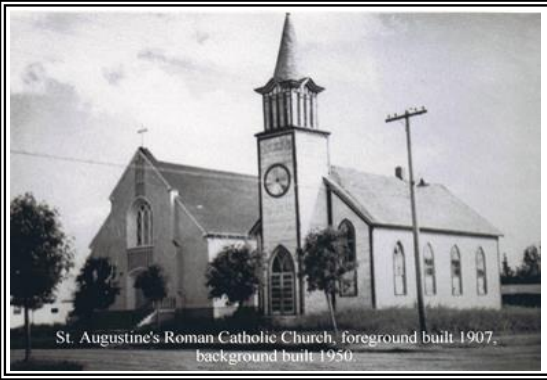

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June 1 2025—
ASCENSION OF THE LORD— Year C
World Communications Day

Acts 1.1-11 Psalm 47
Ephesians 1.17-23 /Hebrews 9.24-28: 10.19-23
Luke 24.48-53

As did the apostles, today we turn our eyes toward the heavens as we ponder Christ's ascension. And it is good to remind ourselves sometimes that this life is not the only one. Caught up in our daily concerns, we can sometimes forget there is more to life that what we experience in this world. Jesus" Ascension reminds us to set our sights higher, to an eternity with God.

Lest we lose ourselves in heaven-gazing, though the message of the angels in today's first reading brings us firmly back to earth. "Why do you stand looking up toward heave?" Yes, we hope in the world to come. At the same time, we must remember that it is this in this world that Jesus came to redeem. And it is to this world that he calls each of us to **proclaim by our words and our actions his message of life over death, love over hate, hope over despair.**

And so we live, in a way with one foot in heaven, the other on earth. Knowing the Risen one, we place our hope in an eternity of peace and joy. In the meantime, we do everything in our power to bring the reality of God's kingdom into our own world here and now. Like the apostles, **we go forth today filled with joy to proclaim the Good News with our lives**.

Teresa Whalen Lux, Regina, SK livingwithChrist.ca

Please note changes in mass times:

Wed. June 4 at 9:00 AM (not 12 NOON)

No mass on Wed. June 11

See the Mass Intention calendar inside

Novena for Pentecost starts May 30! Ends June 7.

https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/novena-to-the-holy-spirit/

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for June— **that the world might grow in compassion.** Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Thank you to all who attended our Parish Mission this week and viewed the 145 Eucharistic Miracles Designed and Created by Carlo Acutis. Special thanks to: Fr. Liju, Joe Henderson; Jim Rakai; Fr. Alex Joseph; Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz and the set-up and take-down crew.

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.

Adoration: 5 minutes after Saturday mass & Wednesday (at 11:15 AM)

Rosary: 30 minutes before weekend masses

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

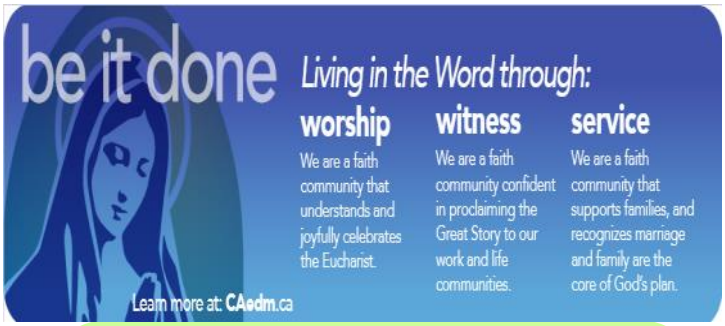
ROSARY
Sundays @ 8:30 AM

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 31	7:00 PM	Intentions of Donna (Toth) Moore
Sunday	June 1	9:00 AM	+ Hilaria Moreno
Tuesday	June 3	**8:45 AM**	Grad mass at St. Augustine School
Wednesday	June 4	**9:00 AM**	+ Shirley Kohlman
Thursday	June 5	**12 noon**	+ Troy Drefko
Saturday	June 7	9:00 AM	+ William Saunders (First Saturday Devotion)
	June 7	7:00 PM	St. Augustine School Graduation Class of 2025
Sunday	June 8	9:00 AM	+ Deceased members of the Abel & Koleyak Families

MAINTENANCE CO-ORDINATOR If you are interested in this paid position. **Call the office: (403) 783-4048.**

JUNE MINISTRY SCHEDULE was sent out via Flocknote



A Catholic response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Petition: Demand a complete review of Canada's euthanasia law

We call on the federal and provincial governments to provide a complete review of Canada's MAID law.

The review must examine the actual practise of MAID by individual physicians and by provincial MAID services while considering the actual experiences of people with disabilities, people living in poverty, people requiring treatment for mental health issues, and more.

How many people are pressured to "choose" MAID and then die by it?

Link to petition: https://citizengo.org/en-ca/lfe/15473

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; Good Friday, Christmas, flowers, utilities, etc.) Send your e-transfer to:
StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca.

For **BUILDING FUND** donations, Send e-transfer to:
staugustine.etransfer@caedm.ca

June 21 & 22 will be the Second Collection for the Building Fund (after Communion). Every donation counts! Write your name and address on the beige Building Fund envelopes (for your tax receipt) We are all called to prayer, give our time and give financially. We trust you will do what you can to help and give as your budget allows. Thank you for your generosity & sacrifice!

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

Congratulations to the **St. Augustine Secondary School Graduation Class of 2025**. May God bless them, keep their faith strong, guide them with his wisdom and strength, and help them to use their education generously and honestly.

God's blessings to **Brad Normandeau**, who will be the new Principal of St. Augustine School in the fall and to **Kari Davidson,** the Systems Leader of Learning for STAR Catholic School Division

STAMPEDE FOOD BOOTH

Meeting Monday, **June 9th at 7 pm** in the church basement.

Special thank you to Fred and Jim for spearheading the **Taco Meat Cook Day** and the 26 volunteers who helped on May 20.

There are still spaces to fill on the Food Booth Schedule. Bring your family and friends and have fun together!

Joanne (403) 396-1802 Sheila (403) 963-0476

Thank you to all who assisted with **First Communion celebration**. Special thanks to the Long Horn Restaurant (Nuwan and Anthony) for providing and making the First Communion cake. It was beautiful and well-received. Thanks to the parents who supplied food for after mass. The church looked beautiful with the 15 chalices.

Deacon Rollie

Prayer for the New Archbishop

O God, eternal shepherd,
who governs your flock
with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless love
a pastor who will shepherd
the church in Edmonton
with integrity and compassion
dedicated to the pastoral
care of your people.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

God's blessings and congratulations to: **Fr. Paul Kavanaugh who was elected as Archdiocese Administrator** —Fr Kavanaugh was born on Bell Island, NL and grew up in Sherwood Park, AB. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Seminary of Christ the King in 1997. He then transferred to St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College in Edmonton, where he received his Master of Divinity.

Fr. Paul Kavanaugh was ordained a priest on May 22, 2002. Since then, he has served as a pastor in several rural and urban parishes. In 2008, Fr. Kavanagh became the Director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese. In August 2018, he was named Rector of St. Joseph's Basilica. In September 2021, he became a full-time Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Senior Lead for the Mission Leadership Team.

Father Kavanagh will serve as Archdiocesan Administrator until the new Archbishop, appointed by Pope Leo XIV, takes possession of the Archdiocese.

First Saturdays Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

JUNE 7

Catholic Women's League

Faith, Service and Social Justice

CWL News

- Our CWL meeting had to be postponed. See you on Monday, June 2 at 7 PM
- **Save the date! We will be serving Father's Day Brunch again this year, June 15th**
- Thank you to everyone who helped at Garry Farwell's funeral

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

In Service for One, In Service for All

June 1—**Sunday Ministries**

Next **Pancake Breakfast** - Sept 14

June 19—**Meeting at 7 PM**

Dear Parishioners,

After much prayer and reflection, I have decided not to seek re-election as Catholic School Trustee for the upcoming term. It has been an honour to serve our community and I am deeply grateful for the trust and support you have shown me during my time in this role.

As we look ahead, the position of Catholic School Trustee remains a vital one for guiding and supporting our schools in faith and education. If you feel called to serve in this capacity or would like more information about what the role entails, I encourage you to consider running. Serving as a trustee is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the future of our Catholic Education system.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, feel free to reach out to me directly at 403.783-0684.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

In Christ,

Marilyn Burke

Star Catholic School Trustee

The **Month of the Sacred Heart** refers to the Catholic devotion of dedicating the month of June to the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Welcome to St. Augustine Parish. We encourage all our parishioners who worship with us to register. Please call the office, 403-783-4048, or return this form to the office via the collection basket, mail, or in person. Thank you.

NAME: (please print)_____

Names & ages of any Children: _____

Tel. # _____ Email::_____