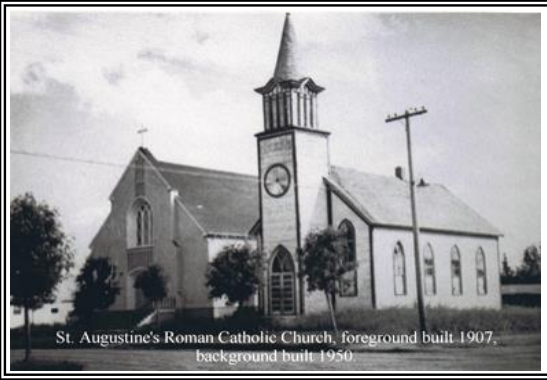
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

St. Augustine Parish

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1 PM Tuesday to Friday

May 11, 2025—
Fourth Sunday of EASTER Year C
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 13.14, 43-52 Psalm 100
Revelation 7.9,14b-17 John 10.14

THE GOSPELS of the last three weeks told how the disciples experienced the risen Christ. They saw the empty tomb: they touched him: he spoke their names: he fished with them and fed them. This week and in the coming weeks, we hear Jesus' assuring words that he would continue to act in and through them—and us—in different ways.

Today, Jesus calls himself a shepherd who is known to his flock by his voice. But how do we hear his voice? How do we learn to recognize it? How do we follow? If we listen to Jesus' words in the Gospels—words spoken long ago and far away—our hearts can become attuned to his voice speaking in our time and in may ways. For Christ also speaks to our hearts in the events of our daily lives, in newspaper headlines and in strangers we meet along the way. Our hearts will learn to discern what Christ is saying in the world around us, in the moment. **He calls us, as he did the disciples, to follow and become shepherds of others**.

Before we listen to the Gospel today, we cross our forehead, lips and heart. May Christ word dwell within us and may his call to follow him echo through the events of our lives.

Margaret Bick, North York, ON
livingwithChrist.ca

HOUSE BLESSINGS

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, a time of renewal and resurrection, parishioners are invited to have their homes blessed as a way of welcoming God's grace, peace, and presence into their lives.

Home blessings are a meaningful tradition that help us recognize our living spaces as sacred places where faith is lived, love is shared, and families grow together in God's care.

If you would like your home blessed during this season or at a later time, please fill out the House Blessing form and return it to the suggestion box or email it to the parish office.

Thank you,
Fr Liju Jose

No masses on May 14 & 15.
Fr. Liju will be away May 13 to 16
for the Priests' Assembly.
Deacon Rollie will lead **Liturgy of the Word**
Wednesday May 14 at 12 noon.

MAINTENANCE CO-ORDINATOR needed for activities such as performing lawn care services, changing light bulbs, setting up & recruiting volunteers for bi-annual cleaning of church & lawn, etc.; assist in hiring a Snow Removal contractor and maintain the church and rectory (i.e. overseeing plumbing, electrical, heating and fire alarm systems and repairs to the church). Please contact the office: (403) 783-4048.

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

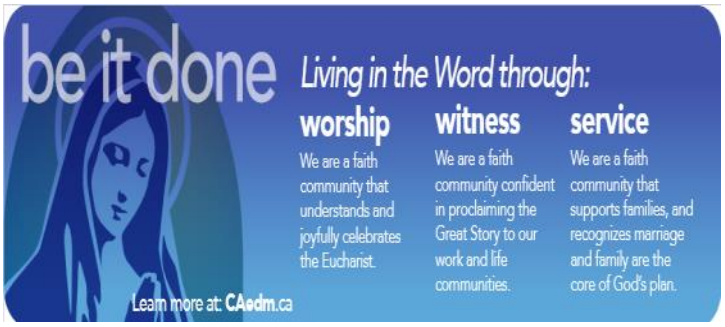
ADORATION
Wednesdays @ 11:30 AM
Saturdays @ 6:30 PM

ROSARY
Sundays @ 8:30 AM

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 10	7:00 PM	+ Deceased Parents of the Oppel Family
Sunday	May 11	9:00 AM	Intentions of George (90th birthday May 16) & Margo Serkasevich
Wednesday	May 14	12 Noon	Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Rollie
Thursday	May 15		No mass or Liturgy of the Word
Saturday	May 17	7:00 PM	Intentions of Bea Gramlich
Sunday	May 18	9:00 AM	+Brigida Evangelista

Pray for the sick and elderly in our parish community, especially for **Donna Toth–Moore, Jeanne Alain, Nathan Carlson, John Morin, Florence Roach and Helen Polny.**



In the Catholic Church, **May is traditionally known as the Month of Mary**, a time dedicated to honoring and venerating the Blessed Virgin Mary. This tradition began in the 13th century and has grown in popularity, with many Catholics observing special devotions and prayers throughout the month to Mary. **The month of May is seen as a time to express devotion and love for the Mother of God**. *(AI generated)*

PRAYER UPDATES:

At the beginning of every weekend mass, we will pray the new **Building Prayer** and then the **Jubilee 2025 Prayer**. The new Building Prayer is found in the Catholic Book of Worship (CBW III). *Copies of the Jubilee Prayers are available at both entrances.* The **St. Michael the Archangel** prayer will be recited at the end of mass before dismissal.

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

May 24 & 25 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.

STAMPEDE FOOD BOOTH SCHEDULES are completed and located at the church entrances for everyone to sign up.

Bring your family and friends to work together and have fun! Youth must be 12 years old to work in the booth.

Taco Meat Cook Day will take place on **Tuesday, May 20th** in the Stampede Food booth.

Shift Co-coordinators: please remember to submit your expenses for Food Handler Certification (https://trainfoodsafety.ca/food-handlers-certificate/) to the office for reimbursement.

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

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

In Service for One, In Service for All

Please sign up and help Bro Fred with preparing taco meat on **May 20** for the Stampede Food Booth

Mark your calendar—*June 25 to July 1* for the Ponoka Stampede Food Booth. We can help as Shift Co-ordinators (form KofC teams); work on the grill; wrap burgers; make taco in a bag, prep fries or poutine, etc.

Ponoka Council 4503 is donating $1,000 to the Ukrainian Solidarity Fund (*https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/ukraine.html*).

If you are interested in joining us to donate more to the Ukrainian Relief Fund, give your cheque or speak to Fred Calkins at (403.704-9258)

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The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

MAY 27, 28 & 29

With mass at 6:30 PM and presentation

Eucharistic Adoration: 7:30 PM-8:00 PM

https://www.carloacutis.com/en/association/mostra-miracoli-eucaristici

Catechesis classes in preparation for the **Sacrament of First Communion is on May 18** after 9 a.m. mass. The First Communion celebration is May 25.

Deacon Rollie: (403) 396-1700

Catholic Women's League

Faith, service and social justice

The first week of May each year is observed as **Palliative & Hospice Care Week** across Canada to draw attention to the need for palliative care to be available for all Canadians as part of our health care system.

In order to counter the huge push in Canada for more medical assistance in dying, MAiD, *we must **pray and advocate for palliative care** so people don't' choose MAiD.*

All CWL members are asked to **pray for one hour during** May 4-10 for this intention. Please consider coming to pray for an hour during our **12 Hours of Adoration on Sat., May 10 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. See the sign up sheet at both entrances.**

May 26 is the feast day of St. Augustine of Canterbury: **Augustine of Canterbury** (early 6th century – most likely 26 May 604) was a Christian monk who became the first archbishop of Canterbury in the year 597. He is considered the "Apostle to the English". https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustine_of_Canterbury

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

The Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Edmonton extends its sincere congratulations to the new pope chosen to lead our universal Church. We are also grateful for the careful discernment of the College of Cardinals, in particular the Canadian Cardinals, in the election of Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost as **Pope Leo XIV**. We ask the faithful to pray that the Holy Father will have the spiritual strength, wisdom and humble example as the new shepherd of the Catholic Church. We are confident that he will guide the Church for years to come.

Prayer for a Pope

O God, who in your providential design
willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter,
whom you set over the other Apostles,
*look with favour, we pray, on **Leo**, our Pope,*
and grant that he, whom you have
made Peter's successor,
may be for your people a visible source and
foundation of unity in faith and of communion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Roman Missal (Third Typical Edition, Canadian Edition, 2011)

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::_____