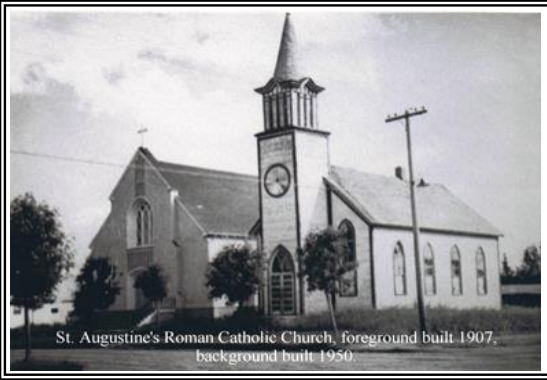

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May 4, 2025—
Third Sunday of EASTER Year C

Acts 5.28-32 Psalm 30
Revelation 5.11-14 John 21.1-19

THREE TIMES DURING the Passion, Peter denies Jesus. He is afraid, and the suffering and dying come as an unbearable shock. The cross is not what the disciples hoped for or expected. And it isn't a disembodied, abstract idea. It happens in space and time, to real people in real relations. Judas, the high priest and Pilate make choses that threaten everything. Jesus bleeds and loses breath. Most of the disciples flee. And the bruise, bloody body of the Messiah needs to be buried. A violent and oppressive killing was always intended to end things: the Lamb is slaughtered, and so is hope.

Just like the Passion, resurrection is completely unexpected and deeply embodied. The tomb is empty. Some see |Jesus, and others understandably doubt that this could possibly be true. The trauma makes them forget what they have known before. And so Jesus helps them with fishing and breakfast. Jesus askes three times if Peter loves him. The work of rising is a healing of the pain of dying.

Resurrection is the power of love and hope in the face of destruction and violence. \\\jeus calls \peter back and sends him out again, in spite of the denial and betrayal. \it will not be without struggle, but still we are all called and sent—to follow him to our own crosses and rising.

Leah Perrault, Swift Current 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 enclosed form and return it to the suggestion box or email it to the parish office.
Thank you,
Fr Liju Jose

There is **NO MASS on Wednesday, May 7** as Fr. Liju and Deacon Rollie are away. The church will be open if you want to come pray.

Please come for Adoration at 11:15 AM on Thursday, May 8 and mass at 12 NOON.

No masses on May 14 & 15.

Fr. Liju will be away May 13 to 16 for the Priests' Assembly.

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 3	9:00 AM	+ Crecencia Casiano (Rosary at 8:30 AM First Saturday Devotion)
	May 3	7:00 PM	+ Doug Domagas
Sunday	May 4	9:00 AM	+ Fallon Jenkins
Wednesday	May 5		No mass. Please come pray
Thursday	May 8	12 noon	Adoration at 11:15 AM + Helen Rivard
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

God's blessings to **George & Margo** on their 66th wedding anniversary on May 14.

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.

Saturday Adoration will be starting five minutes after mass beginning on May 3. **Rosary** will continue to be prayed 30 minutes before mass starts.

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to all our Ministry Volunteers and the Decorating Committee for the beautiful Holy Week & Lent celebrations! he May Ministry schedule was sent out via Flocknote on April 24. Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasures!

Thank you Fr. Liju, PPC, Finance Committee and Parish Families and friends for the blessing and gifts on my retirement as Parish Secretary. I will continue to serve & pray for our parish, Tina *Joy springs from a grateful heart - Pope Francis*

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

May 11—Mother's Day Brunch with Captain John DC (403.307-4580) Chefs: Russ L; Mark Q; Conrad VS; Joe H; Ignacio C.

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)

Thank you to the organizers and participants of the Divine Mercy Novena, service and potluck! Jesus I trust in you!

Eucharistic Miracles Presentation

Coming soon—May 27, 28 & 29

With mass at 6:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 PM-8:30 PM

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

March for Life BUS TRIP—May 8th

$30 per person Call Greer McIvor 403.347-3114, Ext 4.

Leaves 6:30 AM from Our Lady of Peace, Innisfail

7:15 AM leaves St. Mary's Parking Lot,

6 McMillan Avenue,

Red Deer

9:30 AM arrives for mass at St. Joseph's Basilica, Edmonton

2:40 PM leaves Legislature Building.

Return approx. 5:00 PM to Innisfail

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 Saturday, May 10 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. See the sign up sheet at both entrances.**

ENCOUNTER **CHRIST**

ENCOUNTER **COMMUNITY**

ENCOUNTER **CREATION**

Register: www.OLVC.CA

July 5th: Kick-off BBQ & Alumni Event

July 6th—July 10th: High School Week

July 13th—July 17th: Elementary Week

July 20th—July24th: All Ages I

July 27th—July 31st: Jr High Week

August 3rd—August 7th: All Ages II

Email camps@caedm.ca or call 587-447-2837.

A Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O God, who in your wondrous love watches over your Church,
fill the cardinal-electors with your Holy Spirit
to strengthen and inspire them as they choose a new Holy Father
to lead us. May they choose a shepherd for your Church
who will please you in his holiness and guide his flock
with love and watchful care, especially for the sick, the poor and the vulnerable. We pray that your Holy Spirit will hover over the one who is chosen to strengthen him to be a messenger of love, peace and unity in our world. We offer our prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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::_____