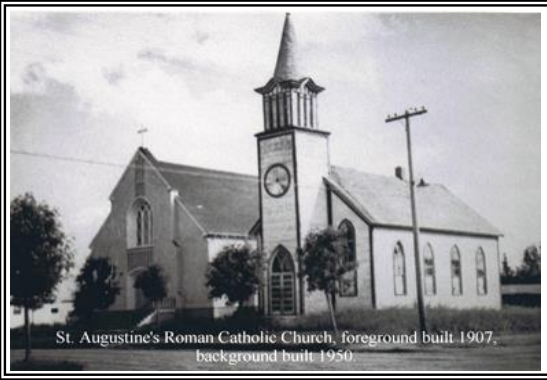

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June 29, 2025

SAINTS PETER & PAUL— Year C

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Acts 12.1-11 Psalm 34
2 Timothy 4.6-8 ,17-18 Matthew 16.13-19

This year we have the opportunity to celebrate the feast of Saints Peter & Paul on a Sunday. These two very different men were pillars of the early Church and their message is still a vital resource today. Despite their imperfections, both were chosen by Jeus. To understand their passionate commitment to their calling, we need to reflect carefully on today's Gospel.

Jesus asks his disciples, and us, the critical question: **"Who do you say that I am?"** This question focuses us on the kind of relationship we want with Jesus. Who is he for us?

At different points in our faith journey, our responses to the question can vary depending on our circumstances, maturity and stage of life. Perhaps sometimes we do not even hear the question. Our spiritual growth is rarely a straight path without any serious questions, doubts or even crises.

In the end, what is always important is to offer an honest response to Jesus. **All healthy relationships are based on integrity, truth and free choice. The goal need not be perfection, but an openness to change and growth. We are called to trust that Jesus always loves and accepts us exactly as we are. He waits to invite us, as with Peter and Paul, to a deeper relationship with him and to a mission to serve others**.

Joe Egan, Toronto, ON *livingwithChrist.ca*

Friday, June 27 mass at 5:30 PM

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

STAMPEDE FOOD BOOTH

Thank you all for helping build community & a new church! We thank everyone who has volunteered to help cook taco meat; clean, set up, do deliveries & laundry, during (at the church & at the food booth) and take down. It takes a TEAM. Thank you all for being a part of the team!

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

Happy Canada Day!

God keep our land glorious & free!

SUNDAY, JULY 6: 3 PM—5 PM

ST AUGUSTINE BBQ APPRECIATION & GAMES

Hosted by Parish Council & the Knights

Burgers, hot dogs, salad, ice cream & refreshments provided.

Bring lawn chairs

(& dessert optional)

Come early & help set up or help clean up . Thank you!

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 @ 11:15 AM
Saturdays— 5 minutes after mass

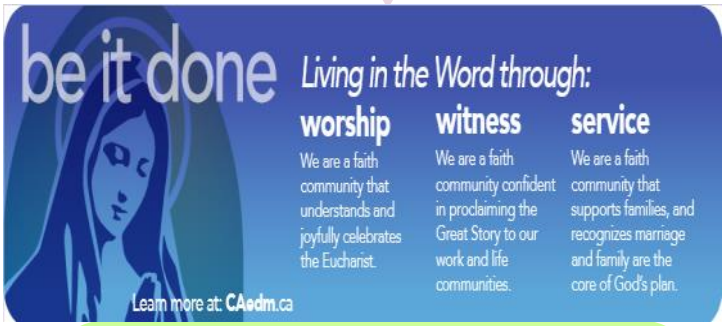
Mass Intentions

Saturday	June 28	7:00 PM	+ Doug Domagas
Sunday	June 29	9:00 PM	+ Marcel Auer
Wednesday	July 2	12 NOON	+ Shirley Kohlman
Thursday	July 3	12 NOON	+ Garry Bugarin
Saturday	July 5	9:00 AM	+ Shirley Kohlman
	July 5	7:00 PM	+ Myrna Garrett
Sunday	July 6	9:00 PM	Intentions of the Garrett Family

First Saturdays Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Rosary @ 8:30 am **Mass @ 9 am—JULY 5**

Confident witness

God's blessings to **Ed & Lela Ellingson** on their **65th wedding anniversary on July 4**



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:
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What are the responsibilities of HOSPITALITY TEAM CO-ORDINATORS?

The **USHER CO-ORDINATOR** oversees the Ushering Ministry, ensuring a welcoming and organized environment during church services. This role involves scheduling, training, & providing guidance to the ushers i.e. How to seat people; ensuring the security & safety of the parishioners and providing the ushers with collection baskets; maintaining the roster and communication with the Ushers & the parish office.

The **GREETER CO-ORDINATOR** is responsible for leading the team of volunteers who welcome people to church services. This involves tasks like scheduling Greeters, training, ensuring greeters are prepared with necessary supplies i.e. bulletins, and communicating any changes in procedures i.e. procession after mass. The coordinator also plays a role in making sure visitors feel welcome and connected, and may follow up with newcomers i.e. parish registration or donation envelopes.

A **FELLOWHIP CO-ORDINATOR** recruits & maintains a list of volunteers who make coffee/refreshments & treats for parishioners after Sunday mass from September to June (usually not July & August).

SATURDAY EVENING USHERS needed. The Usher serves as a "first representative" of Jesus Christ for the church. The Usher is responsible for seating parishioners and maintaining the order and security of mass. The Usher collects the offertory.

email: **StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca** for more info about the volunteer positions. A volunteer form & Police Information Check letter will be forwarded to you.

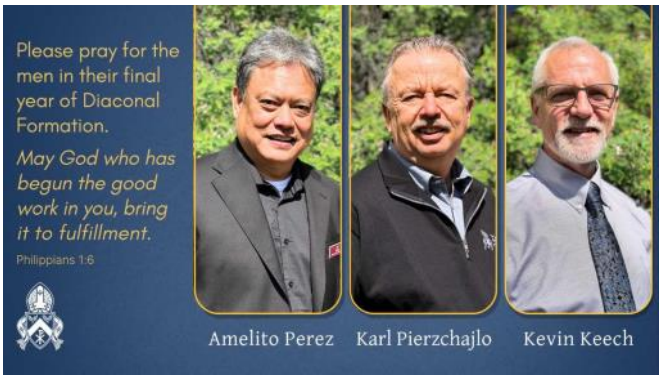
Family Campout—
July 18, 19 & 20
at Pofianga Lake
Gjex Escudero: 403. 785-6684
Gary Lim: 403. 505-4279

"God of Wisdom, we ask you to bless the students & staff at St. Augustine School as they enjoy their summer break. Grant them rest and refreshment, and keep them safe from harm. May they return to us in the fall, renewed and eager to learn."

Parish Council invites all parishioners to join us in a **Special Collection for Amelito Perez.** We hope our collection will help Amelito with expenses as a new Deacon at St. Augustine Parish.

You may use your own donation envelopes. Print Gift for Amelito Perez on your envelope. Blue Special Collection envelopes will also be available at the entrances. Please write your name on the envelope so your name will be included on the card.

The **Special Collection for Deacon Amelito will be on the weekend of July 12 & 13**. He will be ordained as a **deacon on July 22 at 7 PM at St. Joseph's Basilica, Edmonton**. Thank you for supporting Amelito. Please pray for Amelito and the other deacons to be ordained.



The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for July— **for formation in discernment.** Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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::_____