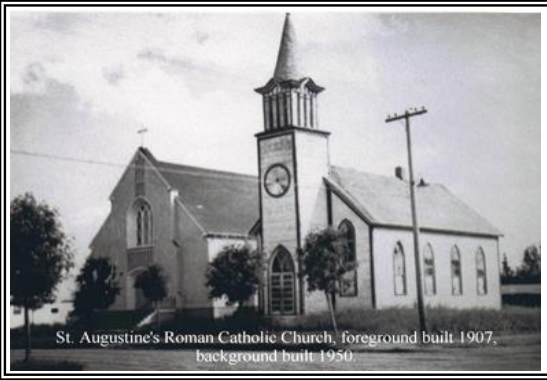

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August 31, 2025 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29 Psalm 68
Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a Luke 14.1, 7-14

WHAT'S OUR WEDDING FEAST? Where in our lives are we striving for that recognition and praise? Who are we trying to impress? And why? These are huge questions. Challenging ones with time, thought and prayerful reflection—likely reveal rich insights from God about ourselves.

Be it in our work, parish, neighborhoods or homes, we long to be noticed for the good we do. It's natural to enjoy someone's gratitude and feel seen, appreciated and affirmed. It's nice when our kindness is recognized and reciprocated. But when the good we do is done for that accolade, it's a sure sign that wed of pride has taken root. We will feel snubbed, dismissed or overlooked because we aren't getting the attention we think we deserve. In time, the garden of our heart is overrun with outrage (why not me?), envy (why them?) or apathy (why bother?). These choke the growth—and limit the fruitfulness—of all the good we can do.

Weeding pride is uncomfortable, difficult and ongoing work, but it's so worth it. Thankfully, our God is the God of comfort—not the uncomfortable. He is with us, eager to help us flourish. So today, **let us get on our knees, humble our hearts, and ask God to show us our weeds, thankful that with God we'll cultivate more of what's truly good and beautiful.**

Caroline Pignat, Kanata, ON Livingwithchrist.ca

Parish Council is planning a new Pictorial Directory. Photos will be taken Sept 24 to 26 from at 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM and Saturday, Sept 27 from 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

See the sign-up sheets at the front entrance. There is NO charge to have the portraits taken. Families & individuals photographed will receive a FREE directory.

Next bulletin: September 14 & 21

Please send info by: September 10 at 12 noon

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God's blessings for the students and staff returning to school. May they have a safe and healthy of year of Catholic education!

Whole school mass - September 11 @ 8:45 AM

Mass Times: Saturday - 7:00 p.m. Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Wednesday & Thursday — 12 noon

Adoration: Saturday (at 6:20 PM) & 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— @ 6:20 PM

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Aug 30	7:00 pm	Intentions of Maria & Duero's Family
Sunday	Aug 31	9:00 am	+ Mrs. Frances Peterson
Wednesday	Sept 3	12 noon	+ Annelise Wettstein
Thursday	Sept 4	12 noon	+ Helene Rivard
Saturday	Sept 5	9:00 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Augustine Parish
		7:00 PM	+ Peter Morais
Sunday	Sept 7	9:00 AM	+ Carlos Ascuncion
Wednesday	Sept 10	9:00 Noon	+ Deceased Members of the Cauoette Family
Thursday	Sept 11	12 Noon	+ Mrs. Frances Peterson
Saturday	Sept 13	7:00 PM	+ Dan Stubenvoll
Sunday	Sept 14	9:00 AM	+ Marie Cecile Boog

A reminder to **save your rhubarb & apples** for our next year's Stampede Food Booth and pie making. If possible, get the rhubarb before the stems get too thick. Please **chop the rhubarb. Peel and core the apples and cut them into pieces.** The church can provide freezer bags for you when you are ready. Freezer space is available at the church. We can find apple peelers if someone just wants to provide the apples.
Deacon Rollie

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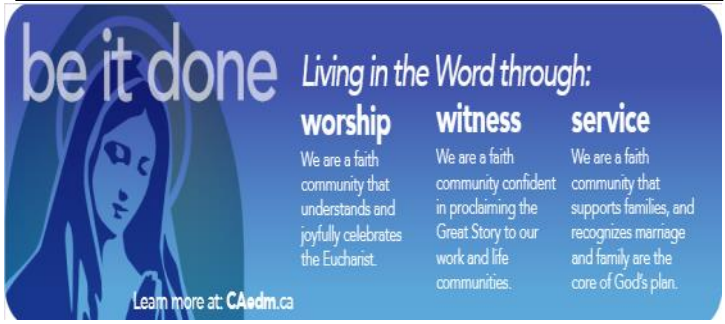
A Jubilee or Holy Year, is a great religious event in the life of the Church. It is a year of forgiveness, reconciliation, conversion, and re-commitment to our mission to serve God through the Church. "**I Believe" is a seven-part catechesis series on the Nicaean Creed, offered during the Jubilee year to mark the 1700th Anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea. Session 5 on September 25 is presented by Fr. Matthew Hysell at OLPH.**
https://caedm.ca/jubilee



Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

In Service for One, In Service for All

Sept 7—Knights Ministry (please wear your suits)

Sept 14—Pancake Breakfast (Capt. Roger Ouimet (403)783-0278 with Erwin Alpar, Roldan Dulay, Slade McCormick, Brent Fleck & James Hemingson)

Thursday, Sept 18—Knights meeting @ 7 PM in church hall

Grand Knight, **Joe Henderson (403)358–4845**
Financial Secretary, **Ken Kustiak (403)307-2705**

Catholic Women's League

Faith, Service and Social Justice

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to the funeral lunch for Frances Peterson! A very special thank you to Maria and Deacon Ali for hosting our celebration of the Assumption of Mary again! We appreciate all you do to make the celebration special Thanks to Lydia as well for the big pot of soup!

Our September CWL meeting will be on **Monday September 8 at 7:00 pm** in the church basement. September 8 is also the day the church celebrates Mother Mary's birthday so we will begin our meeting with the rosary. Hope you can join us!

Carol (403) 783-2148
Maria (403) 783-8912

Pray for the sick in our community, especially for Otto Kylas (brother of Devi) He has lung cancer.

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 will be the <u>Second Collection for the Building Fund</u> (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.**

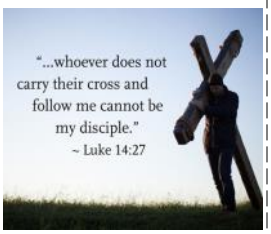
September 7, 2025 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9.13-18 Psalm 90 Philemon 9b-10, 12-17
Luke 14.25-33

Jesus' teaching on **discipleship** continues in today's Gospel from Luke. The passage begins with the same kind of hyperbolic statement on family relations... in the Gospel of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. *If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his whole life, he cannot be my disciple*.

These statements were meant to jolt Jesus' listeners into paying attention and discussing his basic message. ..in Micah 7:6, in which the prophet is lamenting the breaking down of family relations. The call to follow Jesus ma ...entail opposition even from those we love the most!

Now that we are shaken by this teaching, what is Jesus' message today? *Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.*



There is nothing half-hearted about following Jesus. We will face opposition, and we will have to carry a cross – **our personal cross, a suffering and burden uniquely our own.** Is following Christ worth this radical and uncomfortable lifestyle change? Jesus tells his followers to think it over by telling two parables.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?... Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another kind advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?

In other words, give it some thought! **Discipleship means discernment**. And to hammer in the point, today's Gospel ends with this further hyperbolic statement:

In the same way, *anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple*.

Looks like we'd better know what we're doing before we can follow Christ! How does one make such a decision? The First Reading from the Book of Wisdom gives us some guidance.

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. . . Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your **holy spirit** from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. ***To follow Christ means facing opposition and carrying a difficult cross. But Jesus has faith that we will make the right decision – a decision we must ponder carefully with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.***

Ken Canedo, Oregon Catholic Press https://www.ocp.org/en-us/blog/entry/23rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c-september-7-2025

Thank you Vic & Russell for repairing and painting the front entrance stairs! **Blessings to all on this Labour Day weekend!**

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for September — **For our relationship with all of creation** Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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NAME: (please print)_____

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