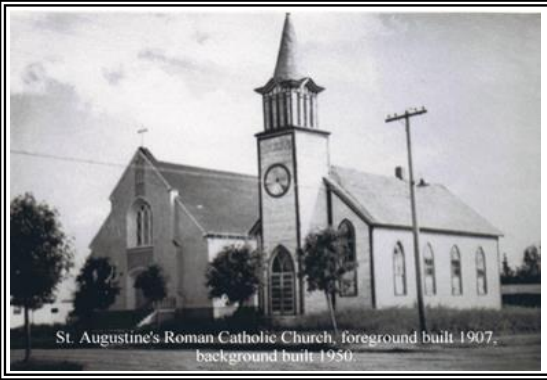
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

St. Augustine Parish

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1 PM Tuesday to Friday

September 14, 2025—*Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
Numbers 21.4-9 Psalm 78 Philippians 2.6-11 John 3.13-17

"FOR GOD SO LOVED the world that he gave his only-begotten son**."** That profound sentence of unconditional love is foundation to our faith. God's love's love is not limited by geography, ethnicity, background or merit; it is all-encompassing, for all of creation.

This is the salvation and redemptive power of Christ's sacrifice. The analogy of Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness is a metaphorical bridge to the crucifixion of Jesus. Just as the Israelites ere healed by looking at the raised bronzed serpent, we too are healed by believing in the redemption brought by Jesus when his is lifted up on the Cross.

God's love, personified by Jesus' willing sacrifice for the salvation of all, requires us to look deeply to extend that same love and mercy to ourselves. No matter our sins, and to others. His mission was not to condemn the world but save it. Our current world is often quick to judgement and condemnation. The gospel calls us through the centuries offering a different perspective, a longer view to our life. **The path to salvation, the sense of completeness and peace offered by the way of the Cross, requires us to emulate love and mercy to all, extending the same compassion and forgiveness we have received.** *Saskia Sivanthan, Surrey, BC Livingwithchrist.ca*

The Church Office will be closed
from September 15 to 19.
Reopens on Tuesday September 23/25 at 9:00 AM

Have you ever seen a familiar face at Mass? Wished you could remember their name? **St. Augustine Catholic Parish** is creating a new **Pictorial Directory** to help our community put names to faces! This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners better and strengthen the bonds within our church family.

This project is a gift to our community and the main goal is to help us all connect. There is **no purchase required** of the photo. Every family or individual who gets their photo taken will receive a **free copy** of the directory.

Book your 15-minute appointment. You can come by yourself or bring your entire family to be in the photo. *Bring your smile:*

- **Tues., September 23:** 3:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- **Wed., September 24:** 3:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- **Thur., September 25:** 3:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- **Fri., September 26:** 3:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- **Sat., September 27:** 9:30 AM - 3:15 PM

Next bulletin: September 28 & October 5
Please send info by: October 1 at 12 noon

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	Sept 13	7:00 PM	+ Dan Stubenvoll
Sunday	Sept 14	9:00 AM	+ Marie Cecile Boog
Wednesday	Sept 17	12 Noon	+ Reo, Therese & Fleury Family
Thursday	Sept 18	12 Noon	+ Emily Smith
Saturday	Sept 20	7:00 PM	+ Ed McGinnis
Sunday	Sept 21	9:00 AM	+ Cipriano & Leonila Mandanas
Wednesday	Sept 24	12 Noon	+ Adin Perez
Thursday	Sept 25	12 Noon	Intentions of Mary Kelly
Saturday	Sept 27	7:00 PM	+ Emily Smith
Sunday	Sept 28	9:00 AM	+ David Farwell

Bring your refundable cans & bottles
To the church
We CAN BUILD for the Building Fund!

Pray for the sick in our community, especially for **Wesley** (son of Robyn & Landan). We pray for a healthy, steady and safe recovery from his recent surgeries.

All the Food Booth surplus food has been sold. **Thank you** everyone for your support in volunteering and purchasing surplus food items.

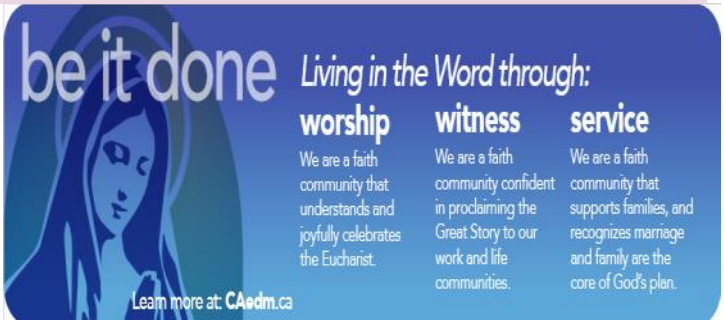
e-Transfer

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

RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a parish ministry where each one of us shares part of our self with those inquiring in the faith. If you are interested in learning more about your faith or volunteering by helping/ sharing your faith journey.
Please contact the Parish Office or
Deacon Rollie (403)396-1700



Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

In Service for One, In Service for All

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

Sept 18—Knights meeting @ 7 PM in church hall

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

September is the month of
Our Lady of Seven Sorrows (Sept 15)

The devotion often refers to the "Seven Dolors" or seven swords that pierced Mary's heart, symbolizing her shared suffering with Jesus. The seven sorrows are :

1st Sorrow—the Prophesy of Simeon of Jesus's suffering
2nd Sorrow—the Flight into Egypt
3rd Sorrow—Jesus is left in the temple (Jerusalem)
4th Sorrow—the Way of the Cross
5th Sorrow—the Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
6th Sorrow—Jesus' Body is Taken Down from the Cross
7th Sorrow—the Burial of Jesus.

The Catholic Renewal Services of the Archdiocese of Edmonton will have their next Mass with Healing Service on Saturday **September 20th** at St. Emeric's Hungarian Catholic Church, presided by Rev. Dr. Matthew Hysell.

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 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.

Catholic Women's League
Faith, Service & Social Justice
Edmonton Diocese Fall Meeting—Sept 27
Ministry Sunday—Sept 28
St. Stephen's (Olds) 100th Anniversary—Oct 5
St. Augustine —Potluck & Awards - Monday, Oct 6
Co-presidents: Carol (403) 783-2148
Maria P (403) 783-8912

CHILDREN'S LITURGY started September 7 for 2 year olds (and their parents) to Grade 2.
Children who have received First Communion will be asked to help the Liturgy Leader.

Welcome Baby Project— are you a new parent? Do you know someone who is a new parent? Parish Council has asked the Prayer Shawl Ministry to knit Baby Blankets for new babies. Call the office for more info.

We have new saints! St. Carlos Acutis (Feast Day—October 12) and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati (Feast Day—July 4)

September 21, 2025 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8.4-7 Psalm 113 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 16.1.13
The Parable of the Shrewd Steward

…..We are called to change the order of things by serving God and lifting up the needy. What form this takes in each of our lives may be different depending on our own context, live experience, power and privilege.

Jesus is entreating us to build something lasting. As beloved children of God, we are called to see beyond what our human eyes can see and to collectively change the order of things—to lift up the needy and to work for the kingdom in the here and now. Vanessa & Michael Nicholas-Schmidt livingwithchrist.ca

CALLED TO SERVE: We are grateful to our many parishioners for sharing their time, talents and treasures in our Sunday ministries: acolytes, altar servers, greeters & ushers, lectors, Arts & Decoration, music (choir & accompaniment) and our Pastoral Team (Eucharistic Ministers to the seniors & sick; Prayer Shawl Ministries; Prayer Line and Pastoral Parish Council and various committees.

As in next week's readings...we ask you to **BE A CONFIDENT WITNESS** of your faith and **think about how you are called to serve or work in the kingdom in the here and now.**

Confident witness

Information about our volunteer positions will be coming in the next few weeks...you can be steward of our parish and start training to become a saint

'Let our faith be your guide'

Alberta Bishops: On Oct. 20, may your vote for Catholic school trustee and all local offices be not only an act of good citizenship, but an act of faith, hope, and charity towards your fellow Albertans.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN
OUR PARISH BULLETIN
St. Augustine Parish is offering Business Card size
Ads in our weekly bulletin effective February 2024
Cost of Ads: $130/year; $75/six months or $20/month
Take advantage of this exceptional offer
Call the Parish Office at (403) 783-4048

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)

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Names & ages of any Children or other members in your household:

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Tel. # _____

Email::_____

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

ANOINTING OF THE SICK—in case of an emergency, please call **Fr. Liju Jose @ 780-935-1589**

BAPTISM– Baptism Preparation is compulsory for parents prior to the Baptism of their child. Please contact the Parish Office to register with your child's birth certificate.

CONFESSION/RECONCILATION— 30 minutes before mass or by appointment with Father Liju on Wednesday or Thursday.

CONFIRMATION—every two years. Registration October 2025 for June 2026

FIRST COMMUNION— registration in October, catechesis classes (first Sunday of month after 9 a.m. mass) and celebrated in May. Deacon Rollie @ 403.783-6168

MARRIAGE—Please contact the parish office one year to six months before the proposed date of your marriage. A pre-marriage course is obligatory.

FUNERAL—Family or designated person by the family should contact the Parish Office for funeral arrangements with the Parish Priest.

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.