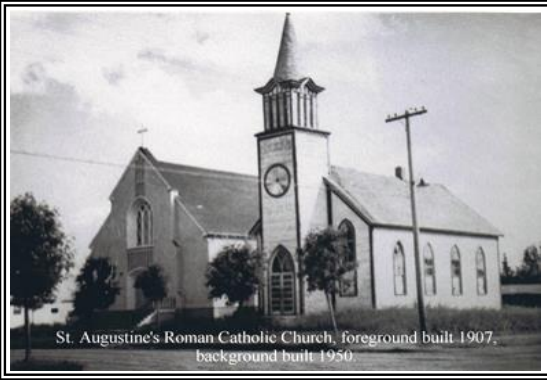
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

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September 28, 2025—
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
World Day of Migrants and Refugees
Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

Amos 6.1a, 4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 6.11-16 Luke 16.1-13

THE CALL TO righteous behaviour is at the core of today's readings, but we first glimpse unrighteous behaviour. Those at ease in Amos' time created class distinctions that violated the Covenant and took advantage of other for there own gain.. Their music-making was not for the Lord, as was David's. They took neither God nor the Scriptures to heart.

The rich man of today's Gospel is no different. Even after death, he views Lazarus as of less value and at his service. The rich man's way of living has so formed his heart that he appears unable to turn towards God and become truly repentant. Despite his seemingly selfless attempt to warm his brothers, he never expresses sorrow or remorse.

The chasm between Hades and heaven suggests a continuity between life now and in eternity, and it has a finality about it that surely makes us uncomfortable. Which of us has not ignored or avoided a person in need, or failed to live godly life?

We are not told whether Lazarus would have helped the rich man, had the chasm not been impassable. The Scriptures tell us, however, that Jesus Christ was rich, but became poor, a chasm-crossing that has allowed us to gain eternal life with him. And so, we live in gratitude.

Christine Mader, Waverley, NS Livingwithchrist.ca

Confident witness

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 and our Pastoral Team (Eucharistic Ministers to the seniors & sick); Prayer Shawl Ministries; Prayer Line and Pastoral Parish Council and various committees.

BE A CONFIDENT WITNESS of your faith. **How are you are invited to serve God?** How will you become a saint**? See the** Volunteer Ministry Opportunities 2025 information sheet (from the Greeters or in Flocknote)

Let us have no desire to choose our own paths but walk in those which God may be pleased to present to us….St. Vincent de Paul.

The Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary. *I invite everyone to pray the Rosary for peace each day of the month—whether individually, as a family, or in community. Fr. Liju Jose*

October 18 is our next portrait session for our new **Pictorial Directory. A FREE lasting keepsake for every family who has a portrait taken** and "memory book" to help our community put names to faces.
Info: Roger Ouimet at ragouimet@gmail.com

Next bulletin: Oct 12 & 19
Please send info by: October 8 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 27	7:00 pm	+ Emily Smith
Sunday	Sept 28	9:00 am	+ David Farwell
Wednesday	Oct 1	12:00 noon	+ Emily Smith
Thursday	Oct 2	12:00 noon	+ Frances Peterson
Saturday	Oct 4	9:00 am	Intentions of the Building Committee
	Oct 4	7:00 pm	+ Deceased members of the Cauoette Family
Sunday	Oct 5	9:00 am	+ Garry Farwell
Wednesday	Oct 8	12:00 noon	Deceased Members of the Martin & Mary Gramlich Family
Thursday	Oct 9	12:00 noon	+ Jimmy Kho
Saturday	Oct 11	7:00 pm	+ Giselle Saunders
Sunday	Oct 12	9:00 am	Intentions of St. Augustine of Canterbury Families

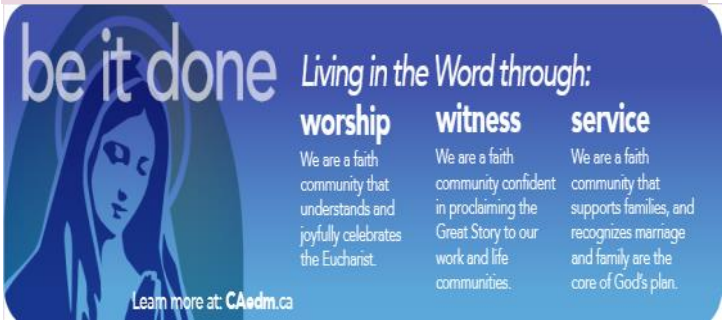
e-Transfer

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



SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 will be the <u>Second Collection for the Building Fund</u> (after Communion). Every donation counts! Write your name & 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.

Whatever you do, think not of yourself but of God.—
St. Vincent de Paul

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful prolife witness held annually. **Red Deer Prolife will hold their Life Chain walk <u>Saturday October 4, 2025 from 2—3pm</u>, meet at the No Frills parking lot-Hwy 2A**

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

In Service for One, In Service for All

October 5—Knights' ministry
October 12—Pancake Breakfast with Capt. Gjex Escudero (403) 783-6664 and chef assistants: Stefan Bossart; Tom Hefti; Elzard Visscher; Martien Opsteen)
October 16—meeting at 7 PM

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

Catholic Women's League
Faith, Service & Social Justice

Potluck & Awards - Monday, Oct 6
Everyone is welcome to join the celebration
For our new members and long-time members
Co-presidents: Carol (403) 783-2148
Maria P (403) 783-8912

Congratulations and God's blessings to **Mason Svitich** on his volunteer position as the Assistant Director of Matilda (a musical) to be presented November 7 to 9th and 12 to 14th at the Ponoka United Church/KFA Theatre....get your tickets soon....

Mason is in his second year of his Education Degree. Mason has been a Sunday Lector at our church since 2019.

September 30—National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
Pray for healing and wisdom as we continue our journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Sacramental Preparation

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion
Confirmation (June 2026)
Deacon Rollie is organizing Parent Meeting dates in <u>October</u> for children (grade 2 or older– First Holy Communion) and candidates (grade 7 & 8—Confirmation)
Forms will be posted on our website soon:
https://staugustine.caedm.ca/sacraments/

October 5 , 2025

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4 Psalm 95 Timothy 1.6-8,13-14
Luke 17.5-10

GENUINE FAITH MUST be an immensely powerful force for a seed-sized bit to be enough to uproot a shrub and plant it in the sea: to command the forces of nature. Yet that is what Jesus directly tells the disciples in today's Gospel. The fruit of our inheritance as God's children is to do great things with him when we have the smallest bit of faith.

Through faith, God generously shares his creative life with us, in love and for the sake of love. Through faith, we participate in Jesus' mission. And when our faith is seen by others, it can be a light shining in the darkness that gives hope and courage.

I remember the winter night when strangers knocked on our farmhouse door, waking the household. Their car was stuck far from a town. They had seen a light in our window and walked across the fields to reach safety, warmth and help. They could have died in the cold that night, long before cellphones. But they saw a beacon, a simple nightlight kept for a sick child. It was enough to guide them to life.

If we have faith the size of a nightlight we can show the way to those who are lost; we can bring hope to those who are in darkness and deadly fear; an we can reveal God's love.

Kathleen Giffin Hinton, Ab. Living with Christ.ca

'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.

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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 October — **For collaborations between different religious traditions** Let us pray that, believers in different religions tradition might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.