MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2025

St. Augustine Church, Ponoka is a vibrant parish offering opportunities for you to get involved in the life of our parish. How you can share your time and talents to assist in building God's kingdom? Is God calling you to participate more actively in the liturgy/mass? **How can you become a saint**? There are many ways to serve God and one another during liturgical celebrations and outreach programs at St. Augustine.

LITURGY

Altar Servers: Children who have received First Communion assist the Priest, Deacon or Acolyte at the Altar. Mandatory training required.

Acolytes: Adult Server helps Father at the altar during mass and distributes the Eucharist at communion. Help with preparation of the Altar for the mass and clean up duties after mass. Guides the Altar Servers.

Lectors: Adults and youth who have received Confirmation read announcements before mass and then proclaim the Word of God. The Deacon reads the mass intentions. Training is provided.

Greeters: Adults, teens & families greet parishioners and visitors. Assist and offer hospitality (answer questions) to visitors. Distribute prayer cards. Carry the Gifts to the Altar with the Ushers. Offer bulletins after mass. Thank parishioners for visiting our church

Ushers: Adults, teens & families assist parishioners and visitors. Assist parishioners with seating and ensure the security and safety of the parish. Take up the collection basket and then carry Offertory with the Greeters. Place the offerings in the safe after mass. Mandatory training & Police Information Check required.

Music Ministry: Adults, teens, and children, sing in choir and play instruments in different choirs or ensembles.

Children's Liturgy: Share the gospel readings with children who have not received First Communion. The Word is shared in an age-appropriate manner. Resources such as coloring pictures are available. Mandatory training & Police Information Check is required.

Art and Decoration: Adults and teens assist with liturgical & seasonal decorations in the church: banners, flowers, etc.

Sacristan: Washing the altar coverings, laundry, albs, ciborium and chalice, etc.

OUTREACH

Pastoral Care: Teams of two distribute the Body and Blood of Christ and share the Word of God to the sick and homebound (senior residences & hospitals) weekly.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Assist Deacon lead weekly topics (October to Easter) with enquiring adult candidates who are considering joining the Catholic Church or want to know more about their Catholic faith.

Faith Formation: Team members are needed to find programs for parishioners and assist in presenting or offering faith formation to all ages.

OTHER

Maintenance Projects: assist with painting, plumbing and other maintenance projects, etc.

Call to Protect Assistant: help out the coordinator identify and track individuals who have completed the Call to Protect Training, as well as those volunteers still requiring the training.

Volunteer Coordinator Assistant: help the Volunteer Coordinator recruit to the various ministries, help out with orientation to various ministries.

You may volunteer for more than one ministry. If you are interested, please fill in the information & place form in offertory. "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love" - Mother Teresa

Name: _____

I am interested in: _____

Phone #: cell: _____ or home phone: _____

Email address: _____

For more information call the Church Office: **403.783-4048** or cell **825.706-4863**

Police Information Check letters & Volunteer forms **are available from the church office and** https://caedm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/361D_VolunteerInformationForm14Sept23.pdf