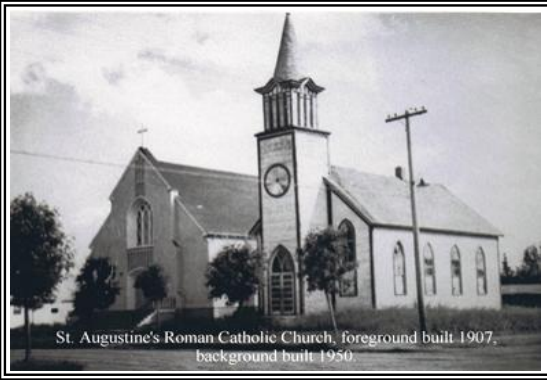
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

St. Augustine Parish

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1 PM Tuesday to Friday

November 30, 2025 Year A
1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5 **Psalm: 122**
Romans 13.11-14 **Matthew 24.37-44**

How often in these next few weeks will we hear the question "Are you all ready for Christmas?" Gift, baking,parties...so little time, so much to do. In today's reading, we hear the same question but in a much broader, more profound context. Simply put, are we ready, not just for Christmas Day, but for the coming of Christ into our lives? As Christians, we are a people who live in hope, knowing that, while this life isn't going to last forever, there is something even more wonderful awaiting us. This doesn's mean that we are to live our lives detached from this world. Today's Gospel speaks of people eating & drinking, grinding meal, working the fields. Ordinary people living ordinary lives. And it is precisely into this very ordinariness that Jesus comes.

When Jesus tells us to stay awake, he's not just pointing to the end of time. He's also inviting us to live in the present moment, be attentive to the many ordinary ways he enters our daily lives. Perhaps it's the newly arrived immigrant fearing her welcome in an unnown land. Maybe it's the recently widowed neighbour dreading his first Christmas alone. As we prepare to celebrate the wonder of God coming to us as a baby, we open ourselves anew to the many opportunities to welcome him in our midst each day.

Teresa Whalen Lux

We will have our advent reconciliation on Wednesday December 3rd At 7:00PM

Missals for sale at the front entrance for $7.00 please just place the money in the locked box.

The New Liturigual Year starts on November 30, the First Sunday of Advent.

SACRAMENTS & RITES

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.

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.

Mass Times: Saturday - 7:00 p.m. Sunday—9:00 am
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	Nov 29	7:00 pm	+ Carlos Asuncion
Sunday	Nov 30	9:00 am	Intentions of Carol Koleyak
Wednesday	Dec 3	12 Noon	+Richar McKelvie
Thursday	Dec 4	12 Noon	+ Deceased members of the Caouette Family
Saturday	Dec 6	9:00 am	+Carlos Asuncion
Saturday	Dec 6	7:00 pm	+ Liana Serkaevich & Family
Sunday	Dec 7	9:00 am	+ Victoria Dela Cruz
Wednesday	Dec 10	12 Noon	+ William Saunders
Thursday	Dec 11	12 Noon	+Deceased members of the Caouette Family
Saturday	Dec 13	7:00pm	+ Marinus Huysman
Sunday	Dec 14	9:00 am	+Garry Farwell
Monday	Dec 15	6:00 pm	+ Deceased members of the Saunder Family
Tuesday	Dec 16	6:00 pm	+ Intentions of Anne and John Corry
Wednesday	Dec 17	6:00 pm	+Loreto Aviles
Thursday	Dec 18	6:00 pm	+Carlos Asincion
Friday	Dec 19	6:00 pm	Intention of the Parishioners of St. Augustine
Saturday	Dec 20	7.:00 pm	+ Marinus Huysman
Sunday	Dec 21	9:00 am	+Terry Ma
Monday	Dec 22	6:00 pm	+ Phil and Clare Cook
Tuesday	Dec 23	6:00 pm	Intention of Parishioners of St Augustine
Wednesday	Dec 24	3:30 pm	+ Fallon Jenkins
Wednesday	Dec 24	9:30 pm	+ Marinus Huysman
Thursday	Dec 25	9:00 am	

NAVIVITY PLAY REHEARSALS begin in mid-November, if your child is interested please text**: Lilibeth: 403.307-0339 Gjex: 403.783-6664**

Food Booth Planning meeting:

Wednesday December 10 Please join us at 6:30 pm to discuss & prepare for the 2026 Food Booth

Catholic Women's League

Faith, Service & Social Justice

Save the Date —-December 7th!
Everyone is invited to our parish Christmas Potluck on Sunday, Dec 7th at 5 PM.
Free card bingo.

Bake Sale—Dec 13 & 14: CWL bake sale after bothmasses. Check out all the goodies
No December meeting /
Co-presidents: Carol (403) 783-2148
Maria P (403) 783-8912

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503
In Service for One, In Service for All

Knights of Columbus —Ministry Sunday **December 7**
Pancake Breakfast—**December 14**

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

Our Parish Website

https://staugustine.caedm.ca/

Thank you, **Nexon Oandasan**, for giving our parish website a fresh new look. Your hard work and creativity have truly enhanced our online presence.

Simbang Gabi starts on Monday, Dec 15 at 6 pm and finishes on Tuesday Dec 23. See the schedulee on Mass intention. And bulletin boards. **Simbang Gabi** is a Filipino Catholic tradition consisting of **nine Masses** held from **December 15 to 23** as a spiritual preparation for Christmas. Attending all nine Masses is believed by many to bring special blessings or the granting of a personal prayer.

CALLED TO SERVE: We are grateful to our many parishioners for sharing their time, talents and treasures in our Sunday ministries.

Acolytes are adult servers who help Father at the altar during mass and distribute the Eucharist at communion. They help with preparation of the Altar for the mass and clean up duties after mass. They guide the Altar Servers.

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

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 **.**

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

December 21—**Confirmation Meeting**

DECEMBER 7—**First Communion Meeting**

Contact Deacon Rollie:

(403) 396—1700

PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS (PAD) !

No service fees. The Pre-Authorized funds are deposited directly into the parish bank account. Pre-authorized withdrawals will come out of your bank account ***on the last banking day of the month.***

Forms are available at the entrances. Bring the form back with a void cheque in a sealed envelope in the collection basket, by mail or in person to the office at 403.783-4048

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN
OUR PARISH BULLETIN
St. Augustine Parish is offering Business Card size
Ads in our weekly bulletin effective February 2025
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

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for November **For the prevention of suicide**. Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

Since May, we welcomed to our Catholic Community:

Emma G. Morrow, daughter of Kent & Sara.

Briggs W. Ramey, son of Ben & Alissa.

Rommel G. Acosta-Mostoles, son of Melvin & Mary Grace.

Celena V. Elloso, daughter of Angelo & Aizal.

Dylan J. Vleeming, son of Dwayne & Amber.

We accept e-transfers!
No service fees
Include your **name, address & phone number**.

e-Transfer

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

If you would like your home blessed, please fill out the **House Blessing form** and return it to the suggestion box or email StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca or email the parish office.

Next bulletin: **December 14**
Please send info by: December 10

FOOD BANK

FEED THE HUNGRY with non-perishables like peanut butter; canned fish/meat; fruit & vegetables; boxed or dry pasta & tomato sauce; crackers, granola bars, etc. **Please drop off in our basket in our entrances.**