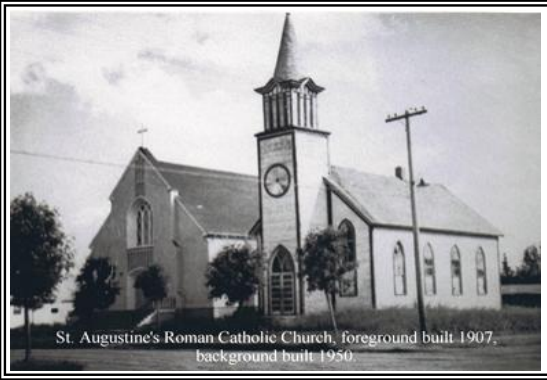
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1 PM Tuesday to Friday

Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026—Year A
Isaish 42.1-4, 6-7 Psalm 29
Acts 10.34-38 Matthew 3.13-17

The teachings of Jesus overflow with direction that can seem almost impossible to live by. "Let go and let God" is one particularly difficult lesson, given our inclination to take control of any personal situation. Often we only turn to God for help in dire straits and when we have dug a hole too deep for us to escape independently.

To Baptism of the Lord narrative is a straight-forward message about letting go and letting God, in any circumstance. John the Baptist feels unworthy to baptize Jesus and says he should be baptized by Jesus instead. Jesus answers: "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness."

Fulfiling all righteousness is living God's will. The baptism of a sinless Jesus reveals his human side and his desire to be right with God, all the while fore-shadowing his mortal death on the cross in atonement for the sins of humanity.

In his humanity, Jesus later questions God's will by asking if death on the cross could be avoided, similar to the way we seek alternative solutionns to those offered by God. Jesus acquiesced to God's will, showing us how to seek and pray for God's help in the most trying of times. In doing so, we too are the beloved with whom God is will pleased.

Frank Campbell, Living with Christ

We encourage everyone to pray for our **Archbishop Designate Most Rev. Stephen Hero** in preparation for his Installation on January 23.

We will no longer be praying the JUBILEE PRAYER.
On Januray 6, 2026, the Jubilee Volunteers made a final pilgrimage through Holy Door. **Over 5,000 Jubilee volunteers, accompanied over 33 million pilgrims during the Jubilee of Hope.** The Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica was symbolically closed bringing the end of the Holy Year to a close.

The **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** will be proofed twice before it is printed. We will get another update in two months.

Mass Times: ***Saturday @ 7 PM Sunday @ 9 AM Wednesday & Thursday @ 12 NOON***

Adoration: Saturday (at 6:20 PM)

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	January 10	7:00 pm	+ Mary Ann Kohlman
Sunday	January 11	9:00 am	+Deceased members of the Kohlman and Vogel Families
Wednesday	January 14	12 Noon	+ John Gillespie
Thursday	January 15	12 Noon	+ Winston Forde
Saturday	January 17	7:00 pm	Intentions of Jim and Elaine Gill
Sunday	January 18	9:00 am	+ Franz Iten
Wednesday	January 21	12 Noon	Intentions of Noel Harvey
Thursday	January 22	12 Noon	Intentions of Vic and Alli
Saturday	January 24	7:00 pm	+ Fallon Jenkins
Sunday	January 25	9:00 am	Intentions of Carol and David

January 24 & 25 is the <u>Second Collection for the Building Fund</u> (after Communion). Every donation helps!

Write your name & address on the **beige Building Fund envelopes** (for your tax receipt) Thank you for your generosity & sacrifice!

The Children's Donations will go the Building Fund on the Fourth Sunday.

Thank you all for your monetary donations and volunteer support throughout the year

We accept e-transfers!
No service fees
Include your **<u>name, address & phone number</u>**.
For **<u>OPERATIONS</u>** (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.
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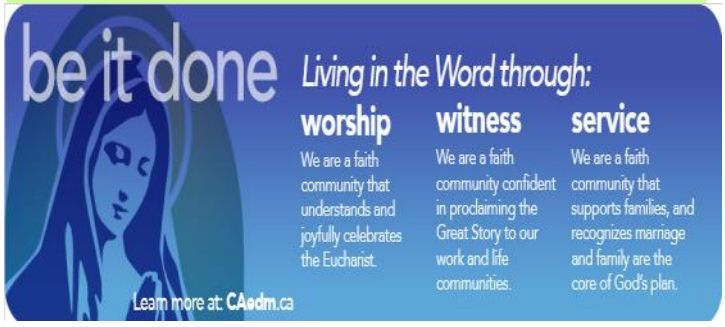
SACRAMENTAL PREP/FAITH FORMATION

January 4 —**First Communion Meeting**
January 18 —**Confirmation Meeting**
RCIA—Mondays
Contact Deacon Rollie: (403) 396—1700

Chalice

Thank you for supporting our Chalice children, **Peace** from Kenya & **Anna** from the Ukraine! **Anna will be 5 years old on January 29**



<u>Next bulletin</u>: **Jan 25, 2026**
3rd & 4th Sunday
<u>Please send info by Jan 21, 2026</u>

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

In Service for One, In Service for All

Pancake Breakfast—January 11

Proceeds/donations go to projects and scholarships supported by the Knights.

Meeting—Thursday, January 15

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

Membership are due at the end of January. $40 can be e-transferred to kenn21@telus.net or dropped off in the collection basket with KofC on the envelope**. Make cheque payable to Ponoka KofC.** For Life and Honorary life members, your membership fees are $10.00

Catholic Women's League

Faith, Service & Social Justice

CWL meeting February 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the church basement

Co-presidents: Carol (403) 783-2148
Maria P (403) 783-8912

WE love having you as part of our flock;) Let's keep in touch! Get updates via email & text. Flocknote is a new tool that lets you choose what info you'd like to receive from St. Augustine Catholic Church.

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On your cell phone: Text to **514-900-0130** and then text **1234** in your message. You will get a link to complete your sign in. You can also sign up at: ***https://login.flocknote.com/*** by looking for our parish.

Remember to create your own account & password.

As we gather in our church, remember that we in are in a **dwelling place of prayer, peace and the presence of Christ.** To be present with one another and with the Lord– let us set aside distractions as we come to worship. Please refrain from bringing food and drinks into the sanctuaryl. Kindly silence or turn off cell phones to maintain a prayerful atmosphere. Thank you for your reverance and for helping to create a welcoming and holy space.

Create a Legacy: Will & Estate Planning sessions at: St. Thomas More Church, Edmonton on **January 14** from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Our Lady of Perputual Help, Sherwood Park on **February 4** from 6:30 PM to 9:30 FM
To reserve email:
Lisa.Robichaud@caedm.ca

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for January

For Prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source for our communities, helping us to build a fraternal and missionary church.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026—Year A
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Isaiah 49.3, 5-6 Psalm 40
1 Corinthians 1.1-3 John 1.14,12

Today's Gospel invities us to reflect o n the baptism of Jesus and on our baptism. John the Baptist helps us to understnd the mission of Jesus by clearly proclaiming that Jesus " is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," a truth that we also proclaim at every Mass. Yet what does this mean for us today in a world that often denies the reality of sin, even when its harmful impact is all around us?

We cannot honestly face our individual and collective human failures unless we are convined that we too are meant to take to heart the words that Jesus heard at his own baptism. Yes, we too are "the beloved" in whom God takes delight. This is the deepest meaning of our own baptism. We can never be seperated for any reason whatever fro the love of God for us. This love is an unconditional gift and unearned grace beyond all measure. Once we claim this truth for ourselves with honesty and confidence, we can , with gratitude, face our need for forgiveness, trusting we will always receive it.

This week let us pray for Christian unity, a unity which is rooted in the common baptism we share with all Christians. May we live out faithfully, day by day, our baptismal mission to reveal God's love to our broken, messy world.

Joe Egan, Living with Christ

2026 DONATION ENVELOPES are ready for pickup at the Front Entrance. The number printed on your envelope is recorded, with your name in the data base. Please use only your 2026 envelopes. Write your name on your envelope when you first use them. **Thank you for using your envelopes regularly.** If you are absent, St. Augustine Parish expenses go on just the same.

If you would like a Box of Donation Envelopes, please call the office at 403.783-4048.

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Class room mass: Thursdays 8:45 a.m. Chapel

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