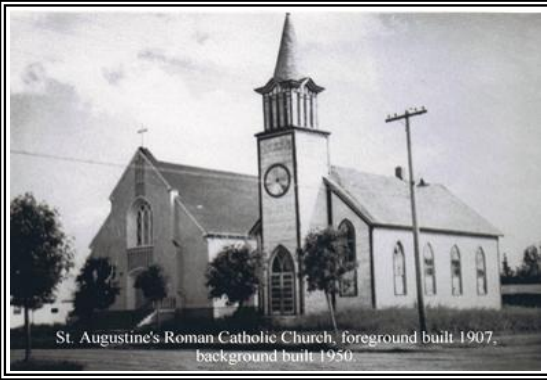
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

St. Augustine Parish

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1 PM Tuesday to Friday

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026 Year A

Isaiah 9.1-4 Psalm 27

Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18 Mathews 4. 12-23

In the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous there is a declaration that states the only way to keep your sobriety is by giving it away. This is echoed I the prayer attributed to St.Francis: " It is in giving that we receive." In today's Gospel we witness the instant impact of the apostles' encounter with Jesus. Something in their hearts recognized the voice of the living God, and they left their nets immediately. Our "yes" to the Master's call releases a similar grace that floods our souls and then flows outward.

This is our casting call into the communion of saints. Pope Benedict once said the saints are our constellations. With our "yes" we are empowered to forgive, love our enemies and do good to those who hate us, following the example of our Lord and the saints. Our decision to stay the course and be fed sacramentally sustains us in tandem with the saints and the power of the Holy Spirit who intercedes for us.

There is an old adage that states, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there." We know where we are going; it is by following the voice of Jesus who calls us to holiness that we will reach our final destination. Thank God we know where this road takes us: it is to eternal life. Dennis Grady (livinginchrist)

***Sunday of the Word of God* will be celebrated on January 25, 2026.**

In the Apostolic Letter Aperuit illis, Pope Francis Instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us

Thursday January 29 and Thursday Feb 5 Mass will be at 9:00AM

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 sanctuary.

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.

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Last Monday of the Month

January 26 @ 7 PM at Lynne's 403.783-8736

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 24	**7:00 pm**	+ Fallon Jenkins
Sunday	January 25	9:00 am	Intentions of Carol and David
Wednesday	January 28	12 Noon	Intentions of Nathan Carlson
Thursday	January 29	12 Noon	+ John Stretch
Saturday	January 31	**7:00 pm**	+ Andrew Forsyth
Sunday	Febraury 01	**9:00 am**	+ Franz Iten
Wednesday	Febraruy 4	12 Noon	+ Deceased Members of the Cauoette Family
Thursday	February 5	12 Noon	Intentions of Timothy Michael Dolan
Saturday	February 7	9:00 am	Intentions of Christoper Cayabyab
	February 7	7:00 pm	+ Cipriano Mandanas
Sunday	February 8	9:00 am	+ Hilaria Moreno

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

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No service fees
Include your **<u>name, address & phone number</u>**.

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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:
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SACRAMENTAL PREP/FAITH FORMATION

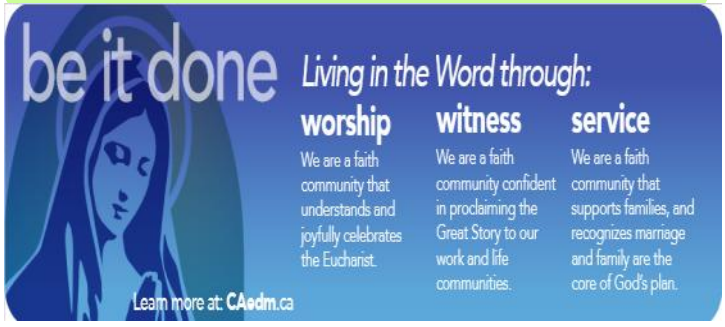
Febraury 1—**First Communion Meeting**

February 15—**Confirmation Meeting**

After 9:00 am Mass

RCIA Mondays

Contact Deacon Rollie : 403-396-1700



Next bulletin: **February 1**
<u>Please send info by January 27 2026 12 Noon</u>

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

Sunday Ministries—February 1,
Pancake Breakfast—February 8

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

First Saturdays Devotion of
Reparation to The Immaculate Heart of
The Blessed Virgin

The First Saturdays Devotion is a request made by Our Lady of Fatima. The Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all who, as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the first five Saturdays of consecutive months:

1. To confession (The sacramental confession can be received within twenty days either before or after the reception of Communion…
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Say five decades of the rosary
4. Keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary.

Reception of Holy Communion must take place within twenty-four hours of the first Saturday. The fifteen minutes of meditation are in addition to the recitation of the Rosary.

https://fatima.org/first-saturday-devotion/#why-five-first-saturdays **Info:** Sue @ 403.783-1280

Pray the Rosary at 8:30 AM
Join us on February 7 @ 9 AM

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.

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.

You can unsubscribe anytime. Visit our church at: ***https://staugustineponoka.flocknote.com/***

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.

New Office Hours Staring February 1, 2026
9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Welcome Archbishop Most Rev. Stephen Hero

God's blessings to Wilfred & Muriel Toth on their 65th anniversary

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

New to the parish? Or visiting? Left your envelopes at home? For *tax receipts,* please print your full NAME & ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER on the pink Visitor Envelopes for Operations Fund (heating, mass supplies, etc.) Thank you!

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St. Augustine Catholic School

5520—45 Avenue Crescent, Ponoka

Mass will be in the Gym on February 12 to be confirmed.

Ash Wednesday is 24 days away!

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)_____

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

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Contact Phone & email: _____