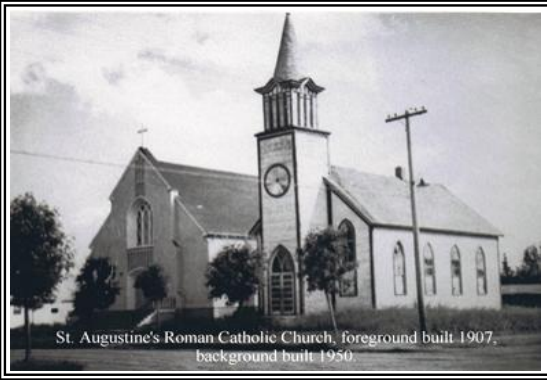

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday to Friday

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026 Year A

Isaiah 58. 6-10 Psalm 112

1 Corinthians 2.1-5 Matthew 5.13-16

When I shared with my grandson the fact that the Creator of the whole universe had come to us in human form, he was in awe, as were the first Christians. It is, after all, a staggering thought, isn't it? We should be hanging on every word God has said; but strangely, we've grown accustomed to them.

Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus, the Word of God, is the Light of the world, a light that shines through the darkness of our frail ideologies. The deepening world crises are proof that we can't get it right on our own. Collectively, we're tried everything except God's way: the way of love, compassion and forgiveness.

So why did God say, in Isaiah, "your light shall rise in the darkness"? Why did Jesus say, "You are the light of the world"?

All wisdom is God's wisdom. When we let it guide us, when we live by it, we begin to reflect his light the way the moon reflects sunlight: as a pale reflection. St. Paul said humbly: "My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God." May the power of God light up our lives!

Eugene Aucoin

2025 Tax Receipts are ready for pick up at the front entrance of the church!

We are grateful for your generous financial support of St. Augustine Parish. Despite the rising cost of living, your generosity continues to be a true blessing. Your contributions joined with fellow parishioners enable our parish to share the Gospel (i.e. Children's Liturgy) and maintain our operating costs (mass supplies; heat & light, etc).

The Building Fund continues to grow with faithful witness and generous sacrifice. God bless everyone

World Day of the Sick February 11

The 34th World Day of the Sick will be observed on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, with the theme: "The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain."

This annual day invites the faithful to reflect on Christ's closeness to the sick and to renew our commitment to prayer, care, and solidarity with all who suffer.

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	February 7	9:00 am	Intentions of Christopher Cayabyab
	February 7	7:00 pm	+ Cipriano Mandanas
Sunday	February 8	9:00 am	+ Hilaria Moreno
Wednesday	February 11	12 Noon	+ John Stretch
Thursday	February 12	12 Noon	+Sandra Lloyd
Saturday	February 14	7:00 pm	+ Ralph & Ann Neff and + Gilbert & Ella Burke
Sunday	February 15	9:00 am	+Yolanda Lipata
Wednesday	February 18	5:00 pm	+Rolando Escaro
Thursday	February 19	12 Noon	+Noreen Gorman
Saturday	February 21	7:00 pm	+ Liam Holtz
Sunday	February 22	9:00 am	Intentions of Archbishop Stephen Hero

Febrary 21 & 22 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>**.

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StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca.

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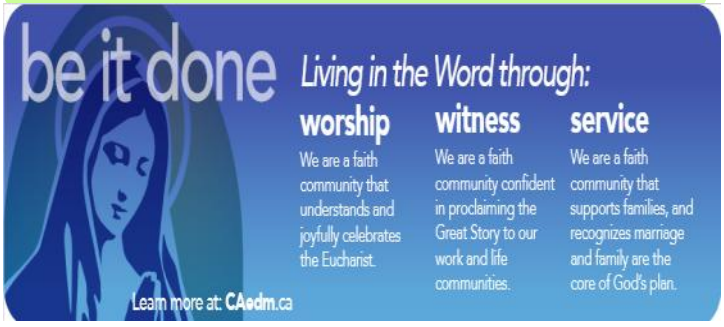
SACRAMENTAL PREP/FAITH FORMATION

"Confirmation students and parents meet on Sunday Feb 15, after the 9:00am mass."

Remember to have prepared your responses to the Catholic Questions given out.

February 15—**Confirmation Meeting**
After 9:00 am Mass
RCIA Mondays
Contact Deacon Rollie : 403-396-1700



Next bulletin: **February 22**
<u>Please send info by February 16th 2026</u>
<u>12 Noon</u>

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

Pancake Breakfast—February 8
Captain Roger Ouimet 403-783-0278

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
Membership renewal Time

God has given every baptized person a mission to serve and bring others to Christ. Of course we can do that alone but it is so much better to do it as sisters in the CWL , so we hope you will renew your membership again! You may give it to Maria or myself or just put the $40 in an envelope marked CWL and drop it in the collection basket. All renewals should be in to National CWL by February 28th so if you can renew as soon as possible that would be great! Thanks!

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

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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.

In 12 days it will be Ash Wednesday (February 18) please bring your last years Palm and we burn them and use the Ashes.

Lent is the yearly celbration by the Church .

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celbrate the Paschal Mystery.

During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virture of penance is hattred of sin as an offence against God.

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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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: _____