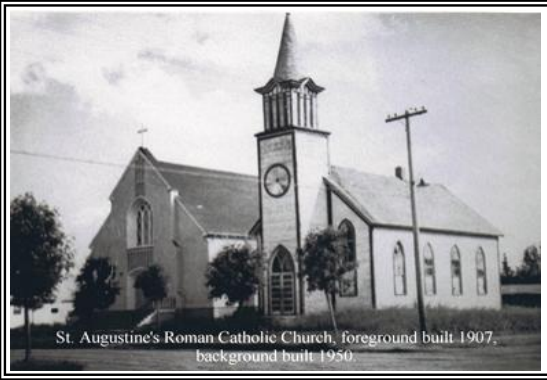


St. Augustine Parish

5113 - 52 Avenue, Ponoka, Alberta T4J 1H6

Phone: 403.783-4048 Text: 825.706-4863

E-mail: StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca

Website: staugustine.caedm.ca

Facebook: St.AugustinePonoka ***https://staugustineponoka.flocknote.com/***

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

4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026 Year A

Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13 Psalm 146

1 Corinthians 1.26-31 Matthew 5.1-12

The traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount is on a hill that rises only about 200 metres above the sea of Galilee, not far from the site of the fishing village of Capernaum. The climb up its gentle slope with Jesus would not have been hard. One can imagine a grandparent holding the hand of a small child on that easy hike.

Gathering with neighbours and friends, the crowd sat down to listen to a man who would make this region the centre of his public ministry. Jesus used the backdrop of the olive groves and green meadows below, rolling hills to the south and the blue sea to the east as his amphitheatre. It offered a tranquil setting for him to teach them.

He laid out before them a path towards a longed-for community of peace and goodwill where, by living the Beatitudes, social and spiritual justice would prevail. Experiencing then as now a broken world, his listeners knew exploitation, fear and injustice remained all too common. His teachings offered hope to all and they continue to resonate. Striving to live the Beatitudes brings Jesus' vision alive.

Zephaniah, six centuries before Jesus, provided a prophetic glance of a realizable future, if only we turn to the Lord. "Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid."

Michael Dougherty, Whitehorse, YT

World Day for Consecrated Life February 2

The purpose of the day is " to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels " as well as " to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord"
(Saint John Paul II, 1997).

National Catholic Health Care Week Feb. 1-7

More than 155 years ago, the Sisters of Charity (also known as the Grey Nuns) arrived in what would become Alberta with little more than faith, courage and a deep conviction that every life is sacred. They cared for the sick, welcomed the vulnerable and built the foundations of Catholic health care in our province.

Today, that same mission lives on in Covenant hospitals, continuing care centres and community health programs across Alberta. And it lives on through you: through the prayers, generosity and support of people who believe that compassionate care is still a calling. When you support **Covenant Foundation**, you are not just remembering a legacy. You are helping carry it forward, ensuring that faith continues to be lived through care for generations to come. **This Catholic Health Care Week, learn about our sacred legacy at covenantfoundation.ca/oursacredlegacy**

2026 February MINISTRY SCHEDULE
was sent out via Flocknote & will be posted in the Sacristy & Front Entrance of Church!
Thank you your time, talent and treasures

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 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	9:00 am	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
Wednesday	February 11	12 Noon	+ John Stretch
Thursday	February 12	12 Noon	+ Sandra Lloyd

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>**.

e-Transfer

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.

For **<u>BUILDING FUND</u>** donations,
Send e-transfer to:
StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca

SACRAMENTAL PREP/FAITH FORMATION

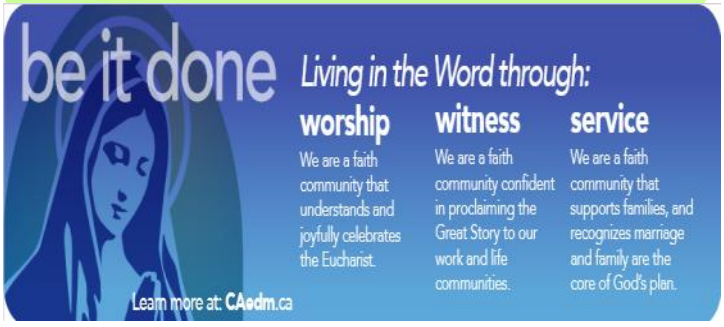
Febraury 1—**First Communion Meeting**

February 15—**Confirmation Meeting**

After 9:00 am Mass

RCIA Mondays

Contact Deacon Rollie : 403-396-1700



Next bulletin: **February 8**
<u>Please send info by February 4th 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

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.

Welcome Archbishop Most Rev. Stephen Hero.

God's blessings and congratulations to Wilfred & Muriel Toth on their 65th anniversary on February 1.

Belated Birthday Greetings to Carol Koleyak

In 17 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!

FORMED

Catholic Faith On Demand.

Formed: The *A special GiFT for all St. Augustine & St. Stephen parishioners!*

Are you hungry for a deeper faith and love of God? Let your heart be filled with inspiration, knowledge, and encouragement. 100s of movies, talks, books and episodes – including *Symbolon* and Bishop Barron's *Catholicism* – all in one place. Watch on your phone, iPad, computer or smart TV in the comfort of your own home. Sign on to FORMED. It is easy to use and best of all, it's FREE!

FORMED.org

A huge thank you to our donor partners: St Augustine & St Stephen Parishes, St. Augustine and St. Stephen Knights of Columbus, and our three Catholic schools. Access is easy:

1. If you are new to FORMED, sign up using your e-mail and the St Stephen postal code: T4L 1J7
2. If you have used FORMED before, it should simply be signing in with your e-mail. You will get a confirmation e-mail in return, and then you are in! NO passwords needed!

If you have any questions or need trouble shooting contact Michael Marien at mmarien@me.com or phone (403-783-9839)

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

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:

_____

Contact Phone & email: _____