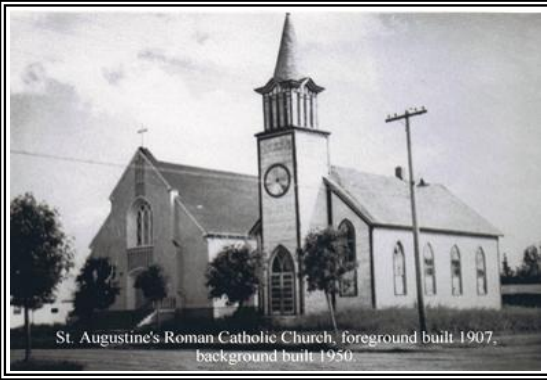

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday to Friday

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15. 15-20 Psalm 119

1 Corinthians2.6-10 Matthew 5.17-37

In today's gospel Jesus affirms that he has not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfill them. Outward conformity to the law is insufficient. Jesus invites us to something more: a conversion of heart. This at times calls us beyond our current age's sense of what is right or fair.

It can be tempting, when we are struggling individually or as a couple, to live our marriage as a contract rooted in laws instead of a covenant founded in love. Today's Gospel reminds us that our marriage needs to go beyond the letter of any agreement; this beautiful sacrament calls us to share truthfully of our gifts and our brokenness. We are invited into a love without condition that leads us beyond the law of freedom.

This does not mean we do not make mistakes or that there is no struggle. By virtue of free will we wrestle with discerning true wisdom, for as Sirach says, "God has set before us fire and water to which-ever we choose." But God is not asking us to choose perfect conformity to rules. He wants us to know ourselves as beloved. Grounded in that deep knowing, we are compelled to love gratuitously. After all, as St. Irenaeus reminds us, the glory of God is the human person fully alive.

Vanessa and Michael Nicholas-Schmidt

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

The CCCB has a strong record of opposing "MAiD" and seeking to limit its scope in Canadian society.

This statement has been approved by 14 Bishops from across Canada, who together form the Permanent Council, CCCB's most authoritative voice between Plenary Assembly meetings.

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 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
Saturday	February 21	7:00 pm	+ Liam Holtz
Sunday	February 22	9:00 am	Intentions of Archbishop Stephen Hero
Wednesday	February 25	12 Noon	+ Andrew Forsyth
Thursday	February 26	12 Noon	+Cipriano Mandana
Saturday	February 28	7:00 pm	+ Rolando Escaro
Sunday	March 1	9:00 am	+ William & Giselle Saunders

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

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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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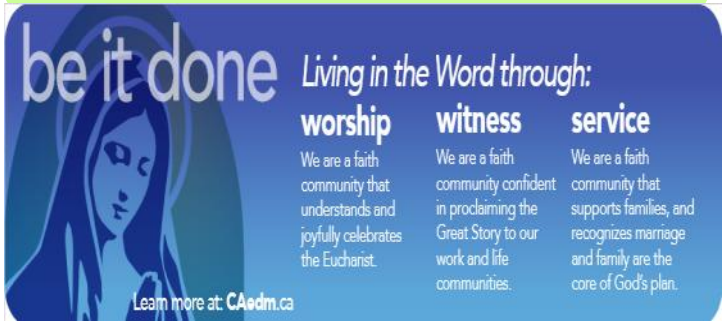
The purpose of *Hope & Dignity* is to **Form Confident Witnesses** (Pastoral Priority #2) in the Archdiocese of Edmonton – Catholics who are equipped to respond with compassion, knowledge and truth about euthanasia and assisted suicide in their families, workplaces, and communities.



Next bulletin: **February 22**
<u>Please send info by February 17th 2026</u>
<u>12 Noon</u>

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Ash Wednesday: **February 18:**

Holy Mass @ 5:00 PM

As Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday, let us enter the Lenten season with prayerful hearts.

(St Stephen Parish Lacombe: 9 AM and 7 PM)

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.

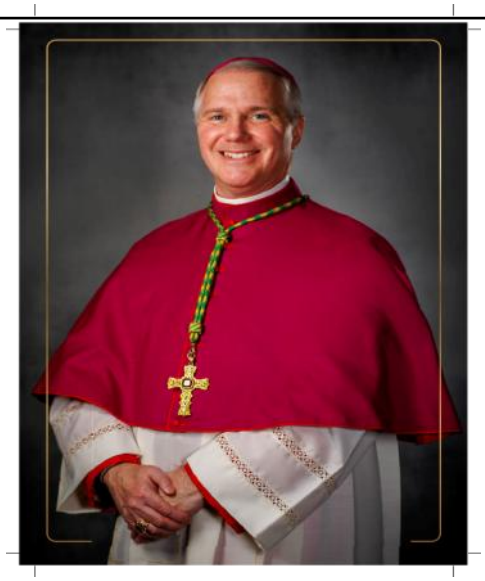
Reception of Holy Communion must take place within twenty-four hours of the first Saturday. The fifteen minutes of meditation are in addition to the recitation of the Rosary.

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

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!

Catholic Women's League
Faith, Service & Social Justice
Membership renewal Time
On Ash Wednesday *the CWL will be doing* ***Soup & Share*** *in the church basement after 5:00 pm Mass. We wiill also be offering Soup to go.*
Co-presidents: Carol (403) 783-2148
Maria P (403) 783-8912



Most. Rev. Stephen A. Hero
Eighth Archbishop of Edmonton January 23, 2026

Prayer for the Archbishop

O God, eternal shepherd of the faithful, who tend your Church in countless ways and rule over her in love, grant, we pray, that Stephen, your servant, whom you have set over your people, may preside in the place of Christ over the flock whose shepherd he is, and be faithful as a teacher of doctrine, a Priest of sacred worship and as one who serves them by governing. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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:

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Contact Phone & email: _____