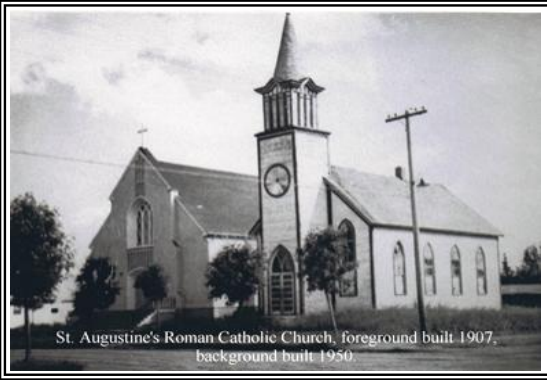
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950.

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1st Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2026

Genesis 2.7-9: Psalm 51:

Romans 5.12-19: Matthew 4.1-11

We have heard the story of The Fall many times. For centuries, theologians and lay people alike have debated who was to blame for Adam an Eve's disobedience. In the garden of Eden, God gave them one simple rule, and yet they were unable to keep it. They could not resist temptation.

Obedience is not always difficult – think of how we stop at a red light or follow the guidance of an instructor. Our struggle with obedience can become more apparent in relationships and spiritual matters. In our everyday lives, we encounter moments where obedience is a battleground. Whether it's submitting to a boss at work, yielding to our spouse's wisdom, or adhering to Church teachings, situations force us to confront our pride and self-will. This is where true growth happens. While we know we can't achieve perfection, relflecting on Christ's perfect obedience does offer us hope. Remembering that Jesus is both fully God and fully human helps us understand the strength he drew on to resist temptation.

This Lent, let us grow in the virtue of obedience. May we draw closer to Christ, recognizing him as Our Saviour in resisting Satan's call to sin. We can join the psalmist and humbly pray for cleansing and pardon in the sacrament of reconciliation, seeking renewal and grace.

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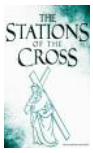

Friday Stations of the Cross

Start on February 20 with mass at 6 PM and Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM. The Parish Council will lead on February 20.

The Knights on February 27.

The **Stations of the Cross** or the **Way of the Cross**, also known as the **Way of Sorrows** or the ***Via Crucis***, are a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The stations grew out of imitations of the *Via Dolorosa* in Jerusalem, which is a traditional processional route symbolising the path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. The objective of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. Stations of the Cross - Wikipedia

Season of Lent

Lent is the yearly celebration by the church of its cororate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as sthey recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year.

Next bulletin: **March 1**

Please send info by February 23 12 Noon

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

Friday	February 20	6:00 pm	+ Maurice & Jean Alain
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
Friday	February 27	6:00 pm	+ Deceased members of the Caouette Family
Saturday	February 28	7:00 pm	+ Rolando Escaro
Sunday	March 1	9:00 am	+William & Giselle Saunder
Wednesday	March 4	12 Noon	+Liam James Holtz
Thursday	March 5	12 Noon	Intentions of Timothy Michael Dolan
Friday	March 6	6:00 pm	+ Fallon Jenkins

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!

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BAPTISM– Baptism Preparation is compulsory for parents prior to the Baptism of their child. Please contact the Parish Office to register with your child's birth certificate.

CONFESSION/RECONCILATION— 30 minutes before mass or by appointment with Father Liju on Wednesday or Thursday.

MARRIAGE—Please contact the parish office one year to six months before the proposed date of your marriage. A pre-marriage course is obligatory.

FUNERAL—Family or designated person by the family should contact the Parish Office for funeral arrangements with the Parish Priest.

<u>Next bulletin</u>: **March 08**
<u>Please send info by March 3rd 12 Noon</u>

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

In Service for One, In Service for All can we put in the KofC reminder.

Brother Knights, membership fees of 40 dollars was due January 1st. Payment not received by March 29 will result in suspension of membership. Payment can be dropped off in collection basket with KofC on envelope or etransfer to kenn21@telus.net Vivat Jesus

Financial Secretary, **Ken Kustiak (403) 307-270**
Grand Knight, **Joe Henderson (403)358–48455**

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

Please contact Sue Henderson, Lent Soup & Share Co-ordinator @ 403-783-1280 if you can make and bring soup. We will have Soup & Share after Wednesday 12 noon Mass. We will schedule some Soup-To-Go soon.

The next CWL meeting is March 2 @7:00 pm in the church basement.

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

World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 6 @ 1 PM. St. Mary's Anglican Church is hosting. Please come and pray with people around the World of Nigeria where Christians are being martyred for their faith!

Please remember in your prayers, WES KOHLMAN. Wes passed away on February 15 th.

Brother to Nick Kohlman and Theresa Turner

Stations of the Cross—2026

Friday	**Februarty 20**	**Parish Council**
Friday	**February 27**	**Knights of Columbus**
Friday	**March 6**	**St. Augustine School**
Friday	**March 13**	**CWL**
Friday	**March 20**	**Confirmation 2026 group**
Friday	**March 27**	**Music Ministry**

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Save the dates: June 24 to July 1 for the 2026 Ponoka Stampede Food Booth. We look forward to your support and your company as we serve together. Let us sail together for the Lord and for St. Augustine Church!

We are excited to announce our **parish and community camp out happening on July 17-19**

The next PPC is Wednesday February 25 @ 7:00pm

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