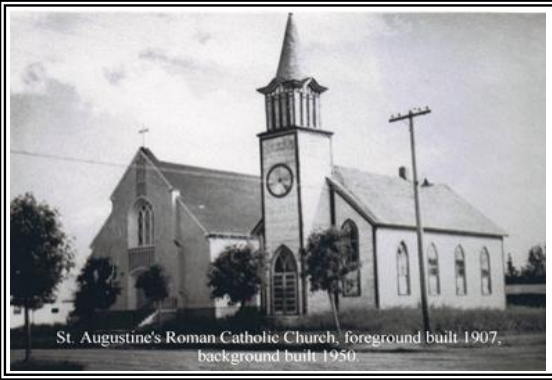
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950

St. Augustine Parish

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

2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2.42-47 Psalm 118

1 Peter 1.3-9 John 20.19-31

TODAY, JESUS SHOWS himself to the disciples for the first time since his resurrection. When Thomas, who was not there, is told they have seen the Lord, he doubts. However, eight days later Jesus reappears to the disciples and singles Thomas out, inviting him to believe. Thomas responds in awe: "My Lord and my God!" Scripture teaches that faith is our response to God. Jesus personally invites each of us to believe, as he did with Thomas. Faith is saying yes!

At the Ascension, the disciples were commissioned to go out and preach the gospel to all nations, even though they had abandoned and denied Jesus only weeks before. In today's reading from Acts, we see them zealously proclaim the gospel and suffer willingly for their faith in Jesus. They show us that faith is followed by surrendering our lives to Jesus. This is the "obedience of faith," where we commit our whole self freely to God, putting Jesus at the centre of our lives.

In today's second reading, Peter writes about the inexpressible peace and joy that come from faith in Jesus and in giving our lives to him. Jesus wants us to live in this freedom as well. On this last day of the Easter Octave, he calls out to us too by name. Do not doubt, but believe!

Connor Brownrigg

April 12, 2026

The Divine Mercy Sunday

Celebrate God's endless mercy and love for us.

@ 3:00 pm April 12.

Bring a Potluck item to share.

Ieluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to all our Ministry Volunteers the Decorating Committee .

For the beautiful Holy Week & Lent celebrations! Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasures!

HOUSE BLESSINGS

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, a time of renewal and resurrection, parishioners are invited to have their homes blessed as a way of welcoming God's grace, peace, and presence into their lives.

Home blessings are a meaningful tradition that help us recognize our living spaces as sacred places where faith is lived, love is shared, and families grow together in God's care.

If you would like your home blessed during this season or at a later time, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the suggestion box or email it to the parish office.

Thank you,

Fr Liju Jose

Mass Times: ***Saturday @ 7 PM Sunday @ 9 AM Wednesday @ 12 NOON Thursday @ 9 AM***

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	April 11	7:00 pm	+ Florence Roach + Eduardo Elemia
Sunday	April 12	9:00 am	Intentions of The Stang and Prediger Families
Wednesday	April 15	12 Noon	+ Roy Fairclough
Thursday	April 16	9:00 am	+ Brian Sautner
Saturday	April 18	7:00 pm	Deceased Members of The Vogel & Kohlman Families
Sunday	April 19	9:00 am	+ Cipriano & Leonila Mandanas
Saturday	April 25	7:00 pm	+ Roy Fairclough

The Food Bank is very low on food and is asking all Churches in Ponoka to please help with donations of food if you are able to. Collection baskets are at the entrance of

The Parish Council is rebuilding its membership. Please consider joining our Parish Council. Speak to Father Liju or Jan in the parish office.

Blessed with an extraordinary vocal talent, Zoe McCormick, originally from Ponoka recently landed the Wirth Vocal Prize from McGill University. **Congratulations Zoe (**Full article in the Ponoka)

The next confirmation class will be Sunday April 19 after the 9:00 am mass.

We will continue **to sell apple pies** after weekend massses with the proceeds going to our **building fund.** Cost is $15.00, **cash only please.**

STAMPEDE FOOD BOOTH SCHEDULES are completed and located at the church entrance for everyone to sign up.

Bring family & friends to work together and have fun! Youth must be 12 years old to work in the booth.

Shift Co-ordinators: please remember to submit your expenses for Food Handler Certification to the office for reimbursement.

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 accept e-transfers!
No service fees. Include your **name, address & phone number**.
For **OPERATIONS** (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 **BUILDING FUND** donations,
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e-Transfer

Knights of Columbus,
Council 4503

In Service for One, In Service

The K of C will host there Pancake breakfast on April 12 after Mass.

I hope you can join us.

Grand Knight, **Joe Henderson**
(403)358–4845
Financial Secretary, **Henry Hollman**
(403) 801-7948

The Catholic Renewal Services of the Archdiocese of Edmonton is hosting their next Mass with Healing Service on Saturday April 18, 6:30 pm start, with Fr. Matthew Hysell presiding. It will be held at St. Emeric's Hungarian Catholic Church (12960-112 St NW, Edmonton). Jesus said, *"I am the Bread of Life, he who comes to Me will not hunger and he who believes in Me will never thirst."* John 6:35

www.crsedmonton.ca

The Catholic Renewal Services invites you to participate in the Life in the Spirit Seminar at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 18407-60 Ave NW, Edmonton. Registration information is available below or on our website www.crsedmonton.ca. Registration fee is $20.00 Date: Friday, April 24/26 at 6:00PM and Saturday April 25.26, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lunch available for Saturday. Please register by April 22/26, if you desire lunch. Walk-ins are welcome.

April 25 & 26 is the Second Collection for the Building Fund (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

Catholic Women's League

Faith, Service & Social Justice

Co-presidents: Carol (403) 783-2148

Maria P (403) 783-8912

The **Building Committee** awaits our Archbishop Bishop Stephen Hero's approval to proceed with planning the new church. Once we receive approval we will meet with parishioners to discuss the preliminary drawings. We will also discuss the budget before proceeding.

We're happy to report that we have found a quarter of land to rent from Farmer Pete's AG.

It's straight west of the airport. Land location is NE 25 42 26 w4.

It's 158 acres and we're gonna seed it with barley.

We're very grateful to Peter Both, who is renting it to us.

Thanks, The Ponoka Foodgrains.

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

Saturday, April 25 10:00am-3:00pm Registration: 9:30am Sacred Heart Church, 5113-49 Ave., Wetaskiwin

Speaker: Constantine Kolitsos Ignite Your Passion Empower His Mission Blessed are the Poor Door Prizes Vendors Lunch Included Cost: $30 per person Register by Monday, April 20 Linda Webber 780-335-7739 text/ call

Pope's Prayer Intention: the following intention may be included in Sunday and daily Prayer of the Faithful during Mass and at Morning and Evening Prayer, on serveral occasions during the month.

For priests in crisis —Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understnding and prayer.

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

Bring your refundable cans & bottles
To the church
We CAN BUILD for the Building Fund!

Encourage hope, prevent MAiD

SAVE THE DATES! You are invited to participate in **Hope and Dignity Activation Week, April 18-24** with Amanda Achtman, creator of *Dying to Meet You* and Ethics Director for Canadian Physicians for Life. Stay tuned for locations and more details.

Every life deserves dignity, care, and protection. Our bishops have released a pastoral letter on Bill 18: *Safeguards for Last Resort Termination of Life Act* and calls us to **SHARE** this message, **SPEAK UP** and **PRAY FOR A CULTURE THAT UPHOLDS LIFE.**