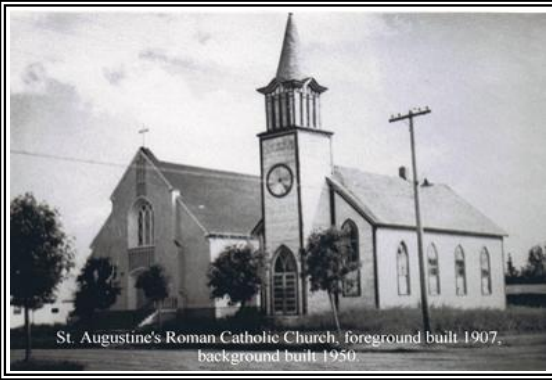
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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday to Friday

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19,2026

Acts 2.14, 22b-28 Psalm 16

1 Peter 1.17-21 Luke 24.13-35

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES TRULY challenge us to open our eyes and encounter the other. In the Gospel's compelling drama of the Emmaus story, the two disciples were leaving Jerusalem after the events of the Passover week-end. Imagine them fleecing in their despair and disbelief: their charismatic leader has been humiliated and crucified, and this wonderful adventure was seemingly over. Then, out of nowhere, a stranger approached them on the road. Soon, before their eyes, in the breaking of the bread, this stranger was revealed as the Lord whom they had been discussing. No wonder their hearts were burning!

These burning hearts inspired them to turn around and rejoin their companions, those with whom they had literally and spiritually broken bread.

In this celebration today, when you witness the bread being broken, who and what is revealed to you? What confusion, disappointment and grief are you witnessing and being invited to respond to? In what way does Christ, present in the Eucharist and the assembled faithful, invite you to be reunited with the human community?

This day, through our prayerful, active and conscious participation in this liturgy, may we become one with each other and with our Lord, whose activity in our world is indeed "mighty in deed and word."

Maureen Kinaban (Living with Christ)

As we gather in our church, remember that we in are in a **dwelling place of prayer, peace and the presence of Christ.** To be present with one another and with the Lord– let us set aside distractions as we come to worship.

Please refrain from bringing food and drinks into the sanctuary.

Kindly silence or turn off cell phones to maintain a prayerful atmosphere.

Thank you for your reverance and for helping to create a welcoming and holy space.

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 18	@ 7:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Vogel and Kohlman Families
Sunday	April 19	@ 9:00 am	+ Cipriana & Leonila Mandanas
Saturday	April 25	@ 7:00 pm	+ Roy Fairclough
Sunday	April 26	@ 9:00 am	+ Ahma Chan
Wednesday	April 29	@ 12 Noon	Intentionsof the Vogel Family
Thursday	April 30	@ 9:00 am	+ Jannette Stang
Saturday	May 2	@ 7:00 pm	+Roy Fairclough
Sunday	May 3	@ 9:00 am	+ Cresencia & Dante Casiano

Father Liju is away on vacation next week April 20 to 24.

Please come for Adoration @ 11:15 & Liturgy of the Word on Wednesday April 22 @ 12 Noon

Thursday April 23 mass @ 9:00 am with Fr. Heier

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

Confirmation candidates meet on Sunday **April 19.** First Communion candidates meet on Sunday **May 3** after the 9:00 am mass. Please bring your completed Holy Eucharist book with you.

Thank you to the organizers and participants of Divine Mercy Novena, service and potluck!

Jesus I trust in you!

CALLED TO SERVE: We are grateful to our many parishioners for sharing their time, talents and treasures in our Sunday ministries.

Acolytes are adult servers who help Father at the altar during mass and distribute the Eucharist at communion. They help with preparation of the Altar for the mass and clean up duties after mass. They guide the Altar Servers.

Lectors are youth and adults who have received the sacrament of Confirmation. They read announcements before mass and then proclaim the Word of God. The Deacon reads the mass intentions. Training is provided.

BE A CONFIDENT WITNESS of your faith. **How are you are invited to serve God?** How will you become a saint**?**

See the Volunteer Ministry Opportunities 2025 information sheet **.**
Email: **StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca** for more info about the volunteer positions. A volunteer form & Police Information Check letter will be forwarded to you.

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(403)358–4845
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(403) 801-7948

Catholic Women's League

Faith, Service & Social Justice

The next CWL meeting and Rosary making is on Monday the 20th of April.

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

If you have changed your phone number or address please inform the parish office @ 403-783-4048 so you information can be updated.

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 our church.

The **Building Committee** awaits our Archbishop Bishop Stephen Hero's approval to proceed with planning the new church.

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!

April 25 & 26 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

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 ***<u>on the last banking day of the month</u>***.

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

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