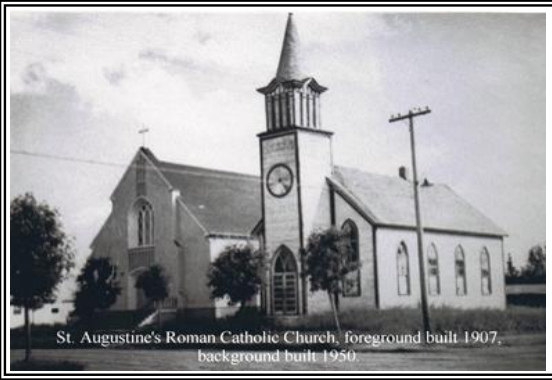
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 26,2026

Acts 2.14a, 36b-41 Psalm 23

1 Peter 2.20b-258 John 10.1-10

ONE OF THE hallmarks of the Gospel of John is the series of "I am" statements, with Jesus telling us how to understand who he is and what he holds out to us. Some, such as "I am the bread of life," are easier to understand. But the image of Jesus as "the gate," as he asserts in today's Gospel, can seem confusing.

In my hometown, gates are most often designed as a barrier, a way to keep the unwanted and unknown at bay. But the very nature of a gate allows it to swing open, and Jesus the shepherd assures us that he has kept the gate open to us in welcome. The gate leads to the sheepfold, a place of safety and security, of peace and life.

Jesus—the gate—is the point of entry to that sheepfold, but it is up to us to listen to his voice, avoiding the pitfalls of attempted shortcuts or false guides. While all of us will encounter the "thieves and bandits" who come "only to steal and kill and destroy," the gate reminds us that faith creates a discipline in us that allows us to overcome the temptations standing in the way of eternal life. The gate is open and inviting, allowing us to "find pasture" - eternal peace and eternal life.

Catherine Mulroney (Living with Christ)

PRAYER FOR BUILDING A NEW CHURCH

Heavenly Father,

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may seek Your truth and follow Your will with courage and love. Guide our hearts and minds, especially the members of our Building Committee as they discern your right path in creating a sacred place of worship.

May the decisions we make honor You and ensure that Your presence dwells amoung us. Help us to creat a community rooted in love, compassion, and unity. Bless our work today, tomorrow and for generations to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Last Monday of the Month

April 27 @ 7:00 pm at Lynne's 403-783-8736

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.

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,

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 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
Wednesday	May 6	@ 120Noon	+ Teodoro Perez
Thursday	May 7	@ 9:00 am	+ Fallon Jenkins

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

STANPEDE FOOD BOOTH SCHEDULE are completed & located at the church entrance for everyone to sign up. Save the dates June 24 sto July 1 .

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

Please contact **Franziska at 403-872-7734** to purchase tickets Or you can purchase a ticket at the Parish office during business hours.

Knights of Columbus,
Council 4503

In Service for One,
In Service for all

The 1st Sunday of the month is K of C ministries and the 2nd week of the month is Pancake Breakfast.

June 9—taco meat preparation at stampede grounds.

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

The Pictorial Directories are in an being distributed at the front entrance. By Roger Ouiment

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

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, Send e-transfer to: staugustine.etransfer@caedm.ca

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Catholic Women's League

Faith, Service & Social Justice

***May 3-9 is the Week of Prayer of Palliative Care** to be available to all Canadians. On **May 3** after mass join us for a video on state of MAiD in Canada today.*

*Please join the CWL during our 12 Hours of Adoration to pray for palliative care on **Saturday May 9th from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm***

*This **Sunday April 26th** is CWL Sunday but it is also the feast day of **OUR Lady of Good Council**, the patroness of the CWL Please join us for the rosary before mass which will be led by the CWL*

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

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.

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

The pictorial directories are in and we distributed quite a few last weekend at church. I had some inquiries from a few parishioners saying that they haven't received their photos ordered.

Could I get you to put in the bulletin that if anyone has any inquiries regarding their photos from IPC that they can call their customer service line at the following. They would need the confirmation number from their receipt and the date and location of their photos when calling them.

- **Toll-Free Phone:** 1-800-391-5161

Email: info@ipcphoto.ca

The contact information is also at the back of the directory.

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.**

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

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