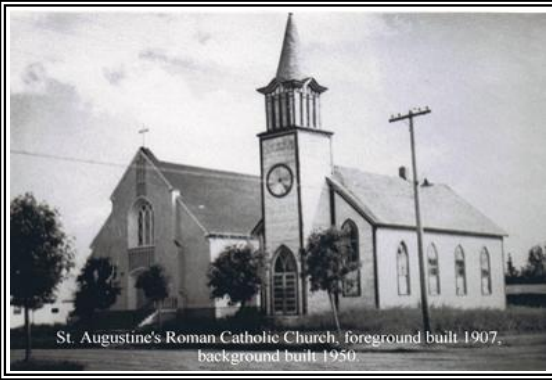
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950

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Ascension of the Lord May 17, 2026

Acts 1.1-11 Psalm 47

Ephesians 1.17-23 Matthew 28.16-20

AN EMAILED INVITE comes with three options: Yes, No and Maybe. As the event approaches, why are so many people still a Maybe? Surely they know if they are free or not. Perhaps they just don't want to commit. A wishy-washy Maybe gives them the quilt free option to bail last minute, because they hadn't promised anything. Not really. Honestly, they've probably forgotten about the invitation altogether. That's why a half-hearted Maybe is worse than a NO because no decision is made, no action is taken and the one inviting is left wondering who's in.

In Jesus' last words in Matthew's Gospel, he gives his disciples the Great Commission, the invite of all invites: Go. Make disciples. Baptize. Teach. And remember: Jesus is inviting them to continue his mission. To build his church. To live his love. And to remember he is always with them. Just imagine them giving a half-hearted Maybe.

Every day Jesus sends us countless invitations. They come through his Word, through the people we meet, the needs we encounter and the challenges we face. They come through the deepest desires of our hearts. Jesus is the one stirring us to act or rest, to start or let go, to reflect, remember or recommit. He knows exactly what we need.

A personal invite to collaborate with him. You in?

Caroline Pignat (Living with Christ)

Congratulations to our 8 young people who will make their First Communion on May 24th.

As you celebrate your First Communion, remember that God's love will always be there to comfort you, guide you, and bless you".

Many thanks to Deacon Rollie Comeau and Rona Mateo.

Thank you for the love, patience, and dedication you put into preparing children. You truly went above and beyond.

The last day of **Children's Liturgy class is on Sunday May 17th** and will resume again in September. Thank you to all who volunteer there time, talents and knowledge.

Confirmation Candidates

All Confirmants should take advantage of the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to June 7, Confirmation date.

Dates and tiems for the Confirmation candidates -

May 20 and June 3 both Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:00 pm

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	May 16	@ 7:00 pm	+ Roy Fairclough
Sunday	May 17	@ 9:00 am	+ John Gillespie
Wednesday	May 20	@ 12 Noon	For the Deceased members of the Caouette Family
Thursday	May 21	@ 9:00 am	+Roy Fairclough
Saturday	May 23	@ 7:00 pm	Intentions of the Ma-Hemingson Family
Sunday	May 24	@ 9:00 am	+ Rolando Escaro
Wednesday	May 27	@ 12 Noon	+ Garry Farwell
Thursday	May 28	@ 9:00 am	+ Roy Fairclough

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

In the Catholic Church, May is traditionally known as the Month of Mary, a time dedicated to honoring and venerating the Blessed Virgin Mary. This tradition began in the 13th century and has grown in popularity, with many Catholics observing special devotions and prayers throughout the month to Mary. The month of May is seen as a time to express devotion and love for the M other of God. (AI generated)

Pope's Prayer Intention:

That everyone might have food - Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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.

The next Pancake Breakfast is June 14th after 9:00 am mass.

June 9—taco meat preparation at stampede grounds.

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

May 23 & 24 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

We accept e-transfers!

No service fees. Include <u>your **name, address & phone number**</u>. 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: **StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca**

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Catholic Women's League

Faith, Service & Social Justice

All CWL members are cordially invited to our Strawberry Shortcake Tea on Saturday May 30 from 1:30-3:30. Wear a Spring Hat & have a chance to win a prize, bring one of your favorite Tea cups if you'd like.

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

Bring your refundable cans & bottles
To the church
We CAN BUILD for the Building
$127.85 Collected in April

STAMPEDE FOOD BOOTH SCHEDULE

are prepared & located at the church entrance for everyone to sign up.

Save the dates June 24 to July 1 .

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

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.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN
OUR PARISH BULLETIN

St. Augustine Parish is offering Business Card size Ads in our weekly bulletin effective February 2025

Cost of Ads: $130/year; $75/six months or $20/month

Take advantage of this exceptional offer

Call the Parish Office at (403) 783-4048

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.

World Communications Day

May 17

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newpapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

The Pictorial Directories are ready to be picked up

Please contact the Parish Office @ 403-783– 4048 if you have not received your Pictorial Directory.

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