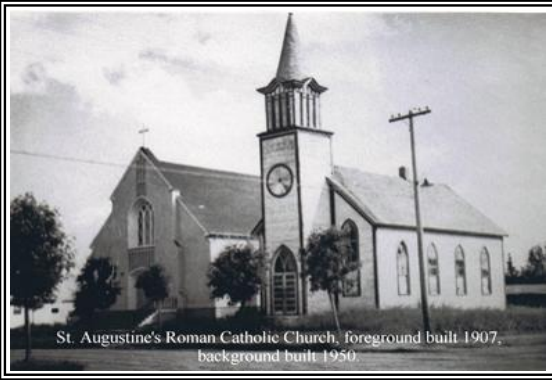

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday to Friday

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Acts 6.1-7 Psalm 33

1 Peter 2.4-9 John 14.1-12

WHEN POPE FRANCIS announced the Synod on Synodality, a three-year global conversation (2021-24) with the People of God to discern together how to be a Church where we walk together, reactions from Catholics ranged from amazement to cynicism to hope. This massive project reached from the Vatican to the tiniest faith community through small groups wrestling with questions about where the Church is and where it could go.

I guess not much has changed in 2,000 years: the early Church wrestled with these same questions, as we see in today's first reading. What are the priorities? Who can carry them out? How can we best serve those we care for? Confident in God's love and God's word, believers made decisions together and kept on working for the kingdom. They were (and we are) "living stones": " a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people," as the first Letter of Peter puts it.

Just as he beckoned his disciples, Jesus invites us to follow him. In today's Gospel, Thomas asks, " How can we know the way?" As we continue to walk together on the synodal path, we at times wonder the same thing. But by keeping our eyes on Jesus—the Way, the Truth and the Life—we cannot go astray.

Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.

Anne Louise Mahoney (Living with Christ)

NO Masses on May 13 & 14

Fr. Liju will be away from May 11 to 15 for the Priests' Assembly

First Communion Sunday May 24

It is important that all children be there. Also we need parents to plan the celebration that Sunday after mass. The children also have to have their First Reconciliation, which Father has scheduled for Wednesday May 6 after school from 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

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.

National Family and Life Week May 10-17

Celebrate the beauty and gift of family during National Family and Life Week, an annual initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops that invites individuals, families, parishes, and communities across Canada to reflect on the importance of love, life, and faith.

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 2	@ 9:00 am	+ Amelia Monana
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
Saturday	May 9	@ 7:00 pm	Intentions of Maxine and Gilles
Sunday	May 10	@ 9:00 am	Deceased Members of the Oppel Family

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

STANPEDE FOOD BOOTH SCHEDULE are completed & 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**

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.

The next Pancake Breakfast is May 10th after 9:00 am mass.

Captain: John Dela Cruz Assistant Chef: Russ Lilja, Mark &Edzel Quiambao, Conrad Van Staten, Joe Henderson and Ignacio Castro

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 ready. Please see 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***

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.

To everyone who remembered Noel in there prayers and offered Mass intentions –
your thoughtfulness has touched our hearts deeply. Your support continues to bring us strength and peace.
Bridget Harvey and Family

International Workers' Day May 1

Today, International Work's day is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human

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.

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

The **Parish Council** is rebuilding its membership.

Please consider joining our Parish Council.

Speak to Father Liju or Jan in the parish office.

Bring your refundable cans & bottles

To the church

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