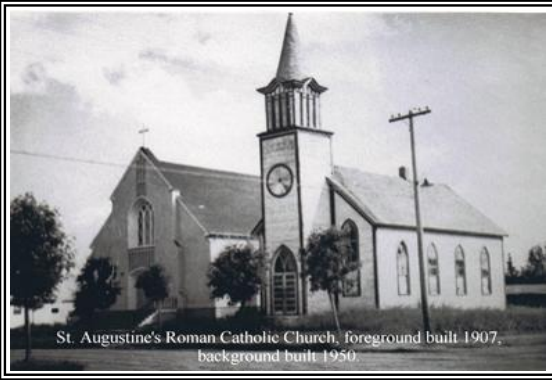
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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday to Friday

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12,2026

Isaiah 55.10-11 Psalm 65

Romans 8.18-23 Matthew 13.1-23

LIFE IS FILLED with a variety of distractions and temptations which often lead us away from our faith. In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us that, despite our many sins and imperfections, God never abandons anyone. He always generously offers us his love and mercy.

In the parable of the sower, the farmer scatters his seed freely. He sows not only on fertile soil, but also on the most unexpected places: along the pathway, on the rocky ground, and among the thorns and weeds. Most farmers would never waste valuable seed on such difficult terrain; but this sower sees the possibility of growth and new life even in the poorest of conditions.

Through this parable Jesus shows us God's love and generosity. God scatters the seed of his word, the seed of faith, love, and grace, freely and abundantly. No matter how far we may have strayed or how hard our hearts may have become, God still sees everyone's heart as full of promise and as a fitting place to sow his word.

God continually and generously scatters the seed of his grace in every heart. His love mercifully reaches out to us all, seeing in each person the potential of new life and a bountiful harvest. Let us welcome him humbly into our hearts today and allow his word to transform our lives.

Nada Mazzei (Living with Christ)

July 2026

Pope's Prayer Intention:

For respect for human life— Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Office Hours.

The Parish ofice will be **open on Monday July 13**

And **closed on Friday July 17**

Reopen to normal hours on Tuesday July 21.

Mass Times: ***Saturday @ 7 PM Sunday @ 9 AM Wednesday 12 Noon Thursday 9:00 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	July 11	@7:00 pm	+George Serkasevich
Sunday	July 12	@9:00 am	+ Ralph and Mary Gramlich
Wednesday	July 15	@ 12 Noon	Deceased Members of the Saunder Family
Thursday	July 16	@ 9:00 am	+ Kim Graham
Saturday	July 18	@ 7:00 pm	+ Teodoro & Amelia Perez
Sunday	July 19	@ 9:00 am	+ Barbara Wilson
Wednesday	July 22	@ 12 Noon	+ Martin & Mary Gramlich Family
Thursday	July 23	@ 9:00 am	+ Florence Fenske

St. Albert Parish 88th Pilgrimage

Celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Saturday, August 15

3pm – Living Rosary in the Grotto, led by SAPY
4pm – Confession
5pm – Mass followed by Anointing of the Sick
(confession & Mass will take place inside)
9pm – Outdoor Movie in the Grotto
(World Youth Day Fundraiser)

Sunday, August 16

10:15am – Rosary (in the Church)
11am – Mass in Grotto
Followed by Family Picnic

Old Fashioned Family Picnic

Lunch is $10 & includes:
hotdog or hamburger, juice & chips
(tickets available following weekend Masses)

Join us for sack races, tug of war,
cotton candy, popcorn & more!

7 St. Vital Ave, St. Albert 780-459-6691

July 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

Catholic Women's League

Faith, Service & Social Justice

The 4th Sunday of the month is CWL Ministries.

Co-presidents: Carol (403) 783-214 / Maria P (403) 783-8912

Stampede Food Booth

A most sincere thank you to all parishioners, family and friends who assisted in any way with the Stampede Food Booth. As we have learned over the years, it takes many hands to successfully make a project like this work and many hands we had. From the preplanning back in January, February to selling off left over supplies in July, you have all contributed to making the 2026 food booth a success. We will not have a final profit number until all product is retured or sold and bills paid. Of course the pressure is on during the seven days of Stampede and thank you to everyone who pitched in to do the work, who filled empty time slots and worked extra shifts. As well the behind the scenes workers who do the prep work, made deliveries, did daily laundry and the many other tasks needed doing, thank you.

Best of all, we got to make new friends and renew old ones. A parish event like this builds our parish community and perhaps that is the hidden gift God has given us. May he continue to bless us all.

Surplus Food for Sale:

French fries—a case of 6 bags is $40.00 One is $7.00

Taco meat—$35.00 fort a 5 pound bag.

Weiners are $63.00 for a case of 66 or $33.00 for a bag of 33

Sour Cream per bucket is $19.00

Apple and Strawberry /Rhubarb Pies $10.00

Please call Janie Hollman @ 403-801-3863 or the Parish Office @ 403-783-4048

Thank you

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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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Council 4503
In Service for One, In Service for all

The 1st Sunday of the month is K of C Ministries.

Grand Knight, **Joe Henderson**
(403) 3589-4845

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.

Thank you for supporting our Chalice children,

Peace from Kenya and

Anna from the Ukraine.

Bring your refundable cans & bottles
To the church
$26.50 Collected in June
We can Build for the Building Fund.

Archbishop Hero received pallium from Holy Father

On the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, we rejoice as Archbishop Stephen Hero received the pallium from Pope Leo at the Vatican, together with metropolitan archbishops from around the world. This joyful celebration marks an important milestone in his ministry as Archbishop of Edmonton.

It also marked the 26th anniversary of Archbishop Hero's ordination to the priesthood in 2000. We give thanks to God for his faithful priestly ministry and dedicated service to the Church.

The pallium, a woolen band worn by metropolitan archbishops, symbolizes the Good Shepherd, an archbishop's pastoral mission, and communion with the Holy Father and the universal Church.

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