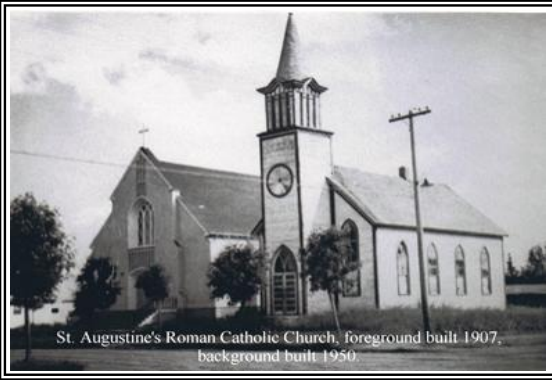

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday to Friday

STAMPEDE FOOD BOOTH

"Blessed are they who hold fast to God's word in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" Luke 8.15. THANK YOU to EVERY VOLUNTEER who gave generously of their time before, during and after the Stampede to make the Food Booth successful for another year!

All volunteers, both parish and Stampede are invited to an Appreciation Barbeque on **Sunday July 5th** at the church. Bring a lawn chair and if so inclined a salad or dessert. Arrive at 3:00 pm to socialize. Supper around 4:00 pm Pop and drinks suppied.

14TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9.9-10 Psalm 145

Romans 8.9, 11-13 Matthew 11.25-30

SIN IS OFTEN not a popular topic in our day, but it provides the background to today's readings. Both the Jewish and the Christian traditions take sin's reality and power very seriously. Both recognize that, since the time of our first parents, all human beings are subject to realities that lead them to death rather than life.

The law of Moses was offered by God as a remedy—to give life—but it was often used instead to create heavy burdens that weighed people down like a death sentence. Still, the prophets and psalmists, like Zechariah and David, could see, rejoice in and give witness to the faithful love of God for humanity—and indeed all created things—that continued to work tirelessly to restore the communion lost at the Fall and bring about salvation.

The definitive revelation of this loving intention of God towards humanity is found in Jesus Christ (the Son, and God-with-us). In his passion and death, he put an end to the stranglehold of sin, and, in giving his own Spirit, afforded the baptized the power to live according to that Spirit, instead of the flesh.

Anyone with the simplicity of heart to respond in discipleship is assured of finding rest (salvation), peace. Mercy and true freedom in Christ. For such a womderful gift, we offer our love and praise.

Christine Mader (lLving with Christ)

Mass Times: ***Saturday @ 7 PM Sunday @ 9 AM Wednesday @ 12 NOON Thursday @ 9:00AM***

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 4	@9:00 am	+ William Saunders
Saturday	July 4	@ 7:00 pm	+ John Rochford
Sunday	July 5	@ 9:00 am	+ Marcel Auer
Wednesday	July 8	@ 12 Noon	+ James Granlich
Thursday	July 9	@ 9:00 am	Intentions of Laura Witvoet
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	+ Florence Fenske

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

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

SACRAMENTS & RITES

ANOINTING OF THE SICK—in case of an emergency, please call **Fr. Liju Jose @ 780-935-1589**

BAPTISM– Baptism Preparation is compulsory for parents prior to the Baptism of their child. Please contact the Parish Office to register with your child's birth certificate.

CONFESSION/RECONCILATION— 30 minutes before mass or by appointment with Father Liju on Wednesday or Thursday.

MARRIAGE—Please contact the parish office one year to six months before the proposed date of your marriage. A pre-marriage course is obligatory.

FUNERAL—Family or designated person by the family should contact the Parish Office for funeral arrangements with the Parish Priest.

Knights of Columbus,
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)358–4845
Financial Secretary, **Henry Hollman**
(403) 801-7948

New Parish Logo

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has decided to adopt a new parish logo. Beginning next month, our parish will proudly use this new logo in our communications and publications.

We extend our sincere gratitude to **Carina Morin** for her dedication in helping to design our new logo

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.

Canada Day

July 1 is celebrated as Canada's birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnessess to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes.

Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

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.**

Thank you for supporting our Chalice children, **Peace** from Kenya and **Anna** from the Ukraine.

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

FIVE MINUTE SAFETY TALK – Are you a Happy Camper? Everyone wants to be a "Happy Camper". Camping often gives you the feeling of relaxing and that is okay but taking the time to ensure everyone stays safe, will make it a "Happy Camper" time for everyone!

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR PARISH BULLETIN

St. Augustine Parish is offering Business Card size

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

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.

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

Welcome to St. Augustine Parish. We encourage all our parishioners who worship with us to register. Please call the office, 403-783-4048, or return this form to the office via the collection basket, mail, or in person. Thank you.

NAME: (please print)_____

Names & ages of any Children or other members in your household:

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Contact Phone & email: _____

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Tel. # _____