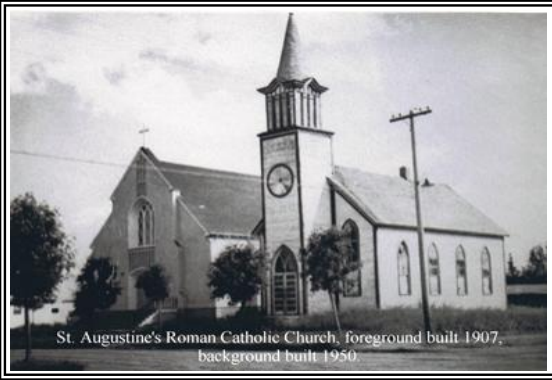

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday to Friday

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Aug 20, 2026

Isaiah 56.1, 6-7; Psalm 67; Romans 11.13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15.21-28

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, we learn about a Canaanite woman who demands Jesus help her daughter who is possessed by a demon. Initially, Jesus does not respond and his disciples urge him to ignore her. Surely we have experienced times when God seems to answer our prayers with silence. We pray for family, friends, the world—and wonder if God is listening. We can learn from the Canaanite woman's tenacity and humility, for she changed her demanding approach, humbled herself and showed great faith in order to save her daughter. Love motivated by love—love of God, family, neighbour, fellow citizens? Can we humble ourselves? And how strong is our faith—can it move mountains? There is no doubt that God invites us to grow closer in love so we can hear through the silence. When we humble ourselves, our faith grows and we are nearer to God.

Let us follow the exampes of both Jesus and the Canaanite women. When we cherish our relationship with God and love our fellow human beings despite our differences, we are following Jesus' example—he ignored his disciples and listened to the woman. When we persist in prayer, we are humble and tenacious like the Canaanite woman. Loving God and our neighbour will bring peace in our hearts and in the world.

Ildiko O'Dacre (Living with Christ)

Thank you Maria Perez for the past 13 years, you have poured your creativity, time, and heart into making every space and event more beautiful, welcoming, and inspiring. Thank you for sharing your talents so generously, for your unwavering commitment, and for the countless ways you've made a difference.

Let us welcome are new Art & Decorating Committee

Sue Henderson, Cornelia Bosart and Malorey Henderson.

And we are still looking for more volunteers for Art & Decorating committee and other groups

Mass Times:

Saturday: 7 PM Sunday: 9 AM Wednesday: 12 Noon Thursday: 9:00 am

Adoration: Saturday: 6:20 & Wednesday: 11:00 AM

Rosary: 30 minutes before Holy 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 @ 11:00 AM
Saturdays— @ 6:20 PM

Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 15	@ 7:00 pm	+ George Serkasevich
Sunday	August 16	@ 9:00 am	+ Joe Weiger
Wednesday	August 19	@ 12 Noon	+ George Seerkasevich
Thursday	August 20	@ 9:00 am	+ Jean-Louise Morin
Saturday	August 22	@ 7:00 pm	+ Hilaria Moreno
Sunday	August 23	@ 9:00 am	+ George Serkasevich
Wednesday	August 26	@12 Noon	Intentions of Nathan Carlson

August 22 and 23 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 to the Building Fund on the Fourth Sunday.

Thank you all for your monetary donations and volunteer support throughout the year

MFC community prayer assembly will be held on Saturday August 15 from 1:30 to 5:00 pm in the church basement led by Jojo

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

Please write your name, address and phone number on Donation Envelopes.

Bring your refundable cans & bottles to the church

$88.10 was collected in July. Thank you for the supports

We can Build for the Building Fund.

Catholic Women's League
Faith, Service & Social Justice

Wishing everyone a blessed summer.
The 4th Sunday of the month is CWL Ministries.

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

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) 3589-4845
Financial Secretary,
Henry Hollman
(403) 801-7948

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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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.

CONFIRMATION—every two years. Registration October 2027 for June 2028.

FIRST COMMUNION— registration in October, catechesis classes (first Sunday of month after 9 a.m. mass) and celebrated in the Spring. Deacon Rollie @ 403.783-6168

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

Stampede Food Booth **Surplus Food Sales**

Pies—Apple $10.00

Taco meat—$35.00 for a

5 pound bag.

4 packages of wieners - $32.00 per package

Please call Janie Hollman at

403-801-3863 or the Parish Office at 403-783-4048

All CWL members and their families are invited to celebrate the feast of The Assumption of Our Blessed Mother on Sat. Aug 15 beginning with mass at 7:00 pm. Following the mass we will pray the rosary and then have dessert provided in the church basement.

"I am calling you to great joy and peace which only God can give."

Our Lady Queen of Peace— March 25,1989

Message from Our Heavenly Mother

given in Medjugorje on
June 25, 2022

"Dear children,
I am with you to lead you
on the way to conversion, because
little children, with your lives you
can draw many souls closer to
my Son.

You be joyful witnesses of God's
word and love, and with hope in the
heart which conquers every evil.

Forgive those who inflict evil on you
and go on the way of Holiness.

I am leading you to my Son, for Him
to be the way the truth and the life
for you.

Thank you for having responded
to my call."

" Dear Children,
At this time,
do not only think
of rest for your body
but, little children,
seek also time for the soul."

Our Lady Queen of Peace
July 25, 2006

Your 11 Day Spiritual Retreat includes...

- Spiritual Guide (Priest)
- Rosary on the hill of Apparitions
- Stations of the Cross on Mount Kriezevac
- Holy Mass daily
- Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Sacrament of reconciliation
- Time alone for personal prayer and meditation
- Talks from the visionaries (those that are available)
- Talks given by the priests in Medjugorje

We invite you to join us on this pilgrimage and allow your hearts to be filled with the peace, love and healing graces flowing from "Our Lady's School of Love"

Contact us:
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May God bless you in all your decisions and may Our Lady extend her motherly blessings upon you and your loved ones.
Sincerely, Roger and Belita