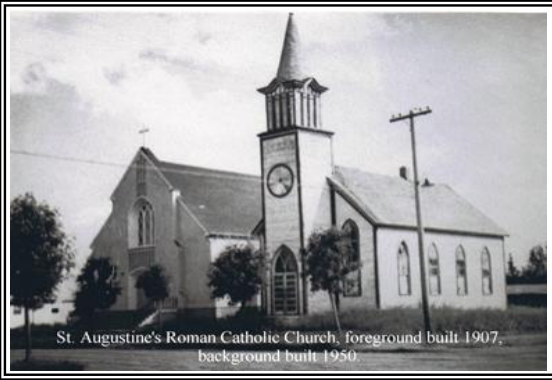

St. Augustine Parish

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2026

Isaiah 55.1-3 Psalm 145

Romans 8.35, 37-39 Matthew 14.13-21

AS SHE LAY dying at home, my aunt talked about the future. She described her hope that someone would find a plant based cure for cancer. She often felt weak, she said during a virtual call from the U.S., but she tried to muster enough strength to eat her favourite ube macapuno cheesecake. She had lost so much weight that she was unrecognizable in the final photo I saw of her, holding a sign proudly declaring that she had voted in the U.S. election.

My aunt's heart was full and her spirit was strong when I spoke to her a week before she died from cancer. She reminded me of today's Gospel. God can make miracles happen. He can make the weak strong, the poor rich and the hungry full in ways beyond what we can see with our eyes. Just like the miraculous abundance of faith, like my aunt demonstrated during her last days, can fulfill us.

My aunt, devout Catholic, never lost faith and her belief in miracles. She was thankful for her blessings—her loved ones, her favourite cheesecake, her hope of a cancer cure and the freedom to vote. We give thanks to God for hope and strength, as we look forward to a beautiful eternity with him.

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Living with Christ.

Pope's Prayer Intention for August

For evangelization in the city—- Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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 1	@ 9:00 am	+ George Serkasevich
Saturday	August 1	@ 7:00 pm	+ Della Kohlman
Sunday	Ausust 2	@ 9:00 am	+George Serkasevich
Wednesday	August 5	@ 12 Noon	+Giselle Saunders
Thursday	August 6	@ 9:00 am	For the deceased members of the Caouette Family
Saturday	August 8	@ 7:00 pm	+ Ed McGinnis
Sunday	August 9	@ 9:00 am	+ Elaine Saxton
Wednesday	August 12	@ 12 Noon	+ Clare Cook

ST Augustine Parish
Interim Financial Report
January 1st to June 30th 2026

	Six Months
REVENUES:	
Donations and Collections	65,607.00
Other Income	7,278.00
TOTAL	72,885.00
EXPENSES:	
Cathedracticum	12,378.00
Facilities,Equipment Operation and Maintenance	19,560.00
Salaries, Benefits and Milage	23,602.00
Office and Communications	5,159.00
Liturgy,Pastoral,Programs and Education	1,711.00
TOTAL	62,410.00
BUILDING FUND:	
Donations	42,669.00
Fundraising	899.00
Interest	94,262.00
TOTAL REVENUE	137,830.00
EXPENSE: New Church Costs	

NO Reporting For Food Booth

Bring your refundable cans & bottles
To the church
$88.10 was collected in July.
We can Build for the Building Fund.
Thank you

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

August 14 - 15, 2026

Skaro Shrine

108th Annual Pilgrimage 2026

FRIDAY, August 14

6:30 p.m. - Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. - Rosary
7:30 p.m. - Vespers
8:00 p.m. - Mass at the Grotto

Solemn Mass
Presided by His Excellency
Most Rev. Bishop Stephen Hero

The Blessed Sacrament Procession with lit candles will follow the blessing of the religious articles.

SATURDAY, August 15

10:00 a.m. - Mass at the Grotto with the Sacrament of the Sick

The Blessed Sacrament Procession with lit candles will follow the blessing of the religious articles.

THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE AT SKARO

On the evening of Friday, August 14th, 2026, the 108th Annual Skaro Pilgrimage will be held at the Grotto in Skaro. Following the Mass, the candlelight procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will conclude the evening.

On Saturday, August 15th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a special Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick. The Blessed Sacrament Procession with lit candles will follow the Blessing of the religious articles.

Lunch for purchase will be available at the Vigil on the 14th .

Skaro Shrine is 45 miles north-east of Edmonton. It is at the intersection of Highway 45 and Secondary 831 (see map on the poster).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Friday, August 14th, 2026

6:30 – 7:30 pm	Reconciliation
7:00 pm	Rosary
7:30 pm	Polish Vespers
8:00 pm	Mass at Grotto
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Saturday, August 15th, 2026

10:00 am	Mass at the Grotto with the Sacrament of the Sick
	The Blessed Sacrament Procession with lit candles will follow the blessing of the religious articles.

"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:
Roger & Belita Sanders
Box7 RR#1
Manitou, Manitoba R0G 1G0
1-204-242-3107
Email: queenofpeacemanitoba@mts.net

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

Stampede Food Booth
Surplus Food Sales

Pies—Apple $10.00

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

Taco meat—$35.00 for a

5 pound bag.

Please call Janie Hollman at

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

When receiving the Holy Eucharist please consume the host in front the Minister. As the person in front of you receives Holy Communion, bow/make a sign of reverence. The Minister lifts the Sacred Host and says "The Body of Christ". You respond with "Amen". You may receive in your hand or on your tongue. If you receive in your hands, place your hands on top of each other close to your heart or chest height. Keep your fingers flat so Father can place the host. Once you have received the Sacred Host (after the Priest has moved his hand) consume the Host