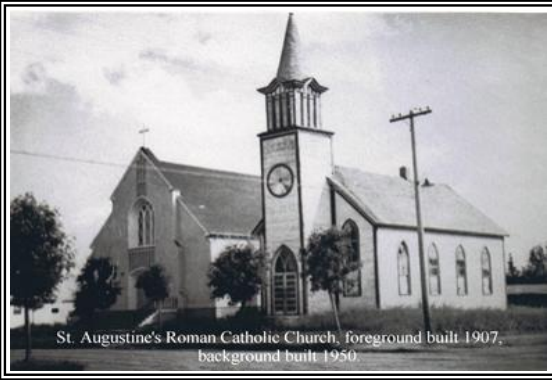
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950

St. Augustine Parish

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

21th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2026

Isaiah 22.15, 19-23 Psalm 138

Romans 11.33-36 Matthew 16.13-20

ON A HOT summer afternoon, after arriving home with my four young kids and a friend who helped run our older ones' summer camp, I placed my key in the keyhole. The door unlocked but I couldn't get my key out. It was stuck for good!

Making the most out of an unusual situation, I brought out cold drinks and freezies and we camped out by the front door, to prevent the theft of the key. I then realized that if we couldn't get the key out, nobody could, so we went inside and I made dinner. We also kept an eye on the door in case someone would walk in. Thankfully my husband is quite handy and he replaced the lock assembly with a padlock that evening so we wouldn't have to guard the door overnight.

With keys come big responsibilities. The key holder decided for whom to open the door, whom to let in, and when to protect the home by locking the door. We guard and protect our keys and the things and places that they unlock. St. Peter was given authority over the Church, which is a huge responsibility.

Let us pray for the Pope, St. Peter's successor as guardian and doorkeeper of the Church, that God may guide him in welcoming and protecting everyone united in our Lord.

August 23 and 23 is the 2nd Collection for the Building Fund. Thank you for your support.

Thursday August 27 and

Friday August 28

The Parish Office will be open

On Monday August 24th

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 22	@ 7:00 pm	+ Hilaria Moreno
Sunday	August 23	@ 9:00 am	+ George Serkasevich
Wednesday	August 26	@12 Noon	Intentions of Nathan Carlson
Thursday	August 27	@ 9:00 am	Intentions of Larry M.
Saturday	August 29	@ 7:00 pm	+ Kim Duero
Sunday	August 30	@ 9:00 am	Intentions of Bridget Harvey

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

PRAYER FOR BUILDING A NEW CHURCH

Heavenly Father,

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may seek Your truth and follow Your will with courage and love. Guide our hearts and minds, especially the members of our Building Committee as they discern your right path in creating a sacred place of worship.

May the decisions we make honor You and ensure that Your presence dwells amoung us. Help us to creat a community rooted in love, compassion, and unity. Bless our work today, tomorrow and for generations to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen

Knights ofColumbus,
Council 4503
In Service for One, In Service for all

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

September 13 the K of C will host theirPancake Breakfast.

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

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

Mass Intentions– The Archdiocese suggest a donation of $10.00 if you would like a mass for someone.

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.

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.

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

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 Priest.

"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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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