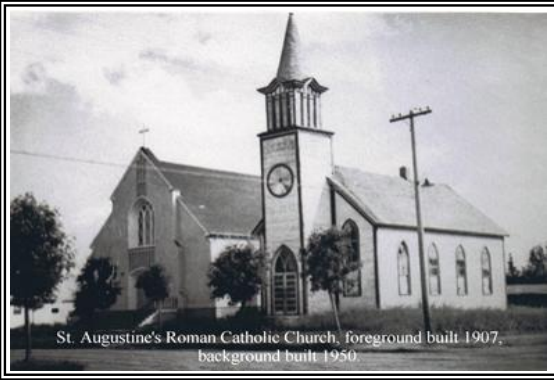

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday to Friday

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2026

Jeremiah 20.7-9 Psalm 63

Romans 12.1-2 Matthews 16.21-27

TODAY'S INTERACTION BETWEEN Jesus and his disciples is jarring, for we see Jesus rebuke Peter, the rock on whom he will build his church. In this moment, we encounter both Jesus' humanity and divinity. We see him, as a man, struggle under the burden of the task to which God has called him. As the Son of God, he will ultimately give his life for those whom he has never met and whom he loves unconditionally. Peter cannot fathom the possibility of this sacrifice, so he attempts to deny it. His response is unhelpful to Jesus. Pretending his death will not happen does not allow Jesus to prepare his disciples for the horror to come or to fill their hearts with the hope of the Resurrection.

Like Peter, we often try to insulate ourselves from hardships. We expect power, perfection or wealth will protect us from suffering. Yet Jesus warns us that there can be no hope of eternal life without these trials. Our God, having lived as one of us, knows our pain intimately. We must remember this hope in the face of overwhelming grief. We must place our trust in him to guide us and share our burdens. Following Jesus, may we respond with empathy, compassion, and action as we share our burdens and those of the people around us.

Elizabeth Chesley-Fewell

Living with Christ

Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For the care of water —- Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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

Wednesday	September 2	@ 12 Noon	Intentions of Bridget Harvey
Thursday	September 3	@ 9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners of St Augustine
Saturday	September 5	@ 7:00 pm	+ Reo & Therese Fleury and Family
Sunday	September 6	@ 9:00 am	+ Helene Rivard

Jeremiah 20:7 The prophet feels overwhelmed by God'd message but cannot hold it back.

Romans 12:1 Paul encourages believers sto offer their lives to God and discern what is good and pleasing Him.

Matthew 16: 21 Jesus explains His suffering and resurrection, urging His disciples to deny themselves and take up their crosses. This Sunday encourages us to live with humility, seek God's heart and recognize that true life comes from faith and obedience.

First Saturdays Devotion of
Reparation to The Immaculate Heart of
The Blessed Virgin

Saturday September 5th at 9:00 am

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 K of C will be hosting their Pancake Breakfast on September 13.

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

STAMPEDE FOOD BOOTH

We have made $152,000.00 from our food booth for 2026. We shared $12,000.00 with St. Stephen for their help. So our profit is $140.000.00

We will be having a Parish meeting for the Stampede food booth on Sunday September 13, 2026 just after the pancake breakfast.

All are encouraged to stay and have a say in the 2027 years.

Thank you for your time. energy, knowledge and support and much more.
"We appreciate your hard work."
"Your efforts made difference

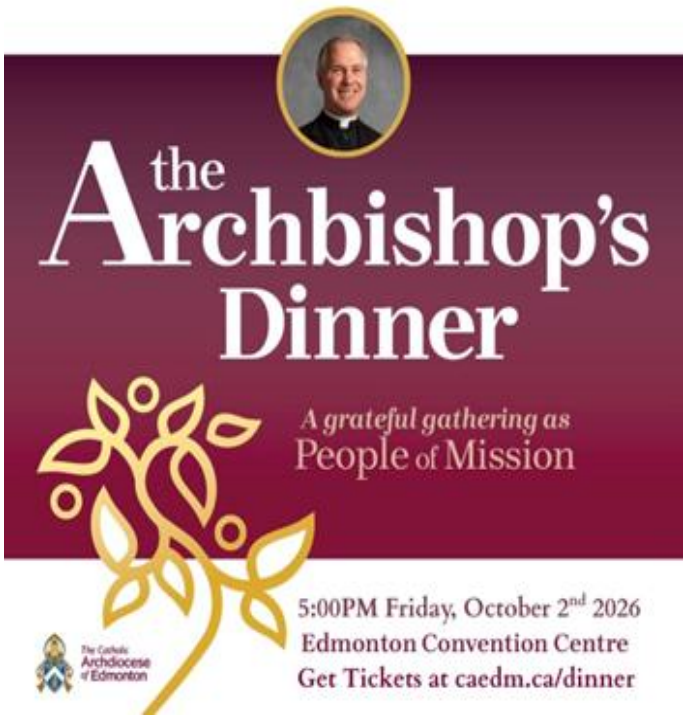
God Bless everyone

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

September 1st.

In 2015, Pope Francis declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Coinciding with a celebration instituted by the Orthodox Church, it is also a day of ecumenical prayer and unity.

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has some proposed celebrations on their website. Gatherings for prayer are encourged in parishes. The faithful should also be encourged to take practial initiatives to combat earth's environmental crisis.



God's blessings for the students and staff returning to school.

May they have a Safe and healthy of year of Catholic education!

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

4 packages of wieners $32.00 per package

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

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday September 2 at 7:00 pm 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"

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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