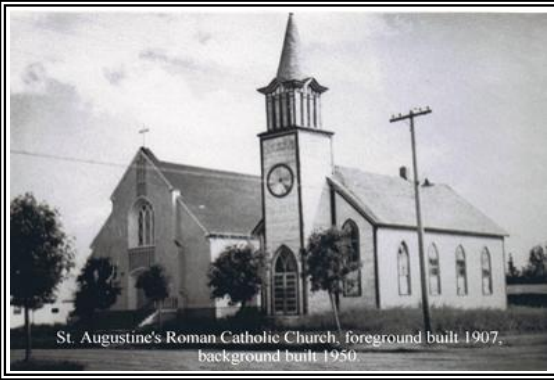

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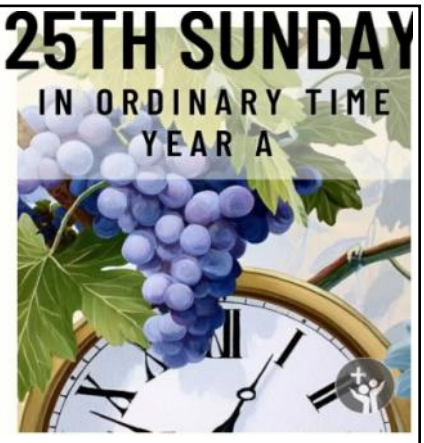
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Isaiah 55.6-9 Psalm 145

Philippians 1.20-24, 27 Matthew 20.1-16

OUR GOD IS SO generous! We benefit from the gifts of God's love and mercy. They are not earned: they are free gifts. As in our human nature, we can get caught up in what we think we deserve or what we feel we are entitled to, rather than receiving these gifts with awe and wonder at the generosity of God.

In the Gospel today, the workers hired at the beginning of the day thought they deserved more and complained that they received only what was promised when they saw others receive the same pay for less time worked. It is very human to want our "fair share," but when it comes to what God gives to us, it isn't about what we are entitled to, since we are not entitled to any of it. All is gift.

Entitlement and comparison can get in the way on our spiritual journey. If we could see, not from a self-centred perspective, but from God's perspective, we would see that God gives us so much more that our "fair share" all the time! When we focus on an appreciation of God's generosity to us and to others, and hold this view in our hearts, there is no room left for comparison and entitlement, only gratitude. May God grant us humble and grateful eyes to see and appreciate all God's gifts.

Kelly Bourke

Living with Christ

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	September 19	@ 7:00 pm	+ George Serkasevich
Sunday	September 20	@ 9:00 am	+ Joe Wieger
Wednesday	September 23	@ 12 Noon	Intentions of The Vogel Family
Thursday	September 24	9:00 AM	Intentions for The Parishioners of St Augustine Parish

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Is designed for people who have an interest in the Catholic faith & want to know more about it. Do you want to have a deeper & more intimate understanding of our Catholic faith? RCIA is a parish ministry where each one of us shares part of ourself with those inquiring in the faith. We welcome, participate and support those who are seeking. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or sharing your faith meetings are once a week from October to Easter. Please share this message.

Contact the Parish Office at 403-783-4048 or

Deacon Rollie at 403-396-1700.

FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILATION

Any child age 7 years and older (generally grade 2 and older) who has not yet prepared for and received their First Communion can now register at the Parish Office to be part of this year's class. Instruction will begin in October. There is a $40.00 registration to pay for the cost of Material (booklets)

There is NO Confirmation class this year. It occurs every second year. Next year grade 7 and 8 students (and older) will make up the class.

Septrmber 26 & 27 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

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

Knights of Columbus,
Council 4503

In Service for One, In Service for all

The First Sunday of the month is K of C Ministries.

The Second Sunday of the month K of C host a Pancake Breakfast.

Grand Knight, **Joe Henderson**
(403) 3589-4845
Financial Secretary,
Henry Hollman
(403) 801-7948

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Starting September 13 for 2 year olds (and their partents) to Grade 2. Children who have received First Communion will be asked to help the Liturgy Leader.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation is available on line at 7:00 pm and includes Zoom participation through Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) September 15 to November 17 is the "Bible Timeline"; October 14 to Novermber 11 is a Biblical Walk Through the Mass. In—person only Grief as a Journey.

Other daily online options, each less than 10 minutes, include: Bishop Baron (daily gospel reading and reflection); Formed Daily reflections with Dr. Tim Gray, Divine Mercy Daily; and Chris Stephanic—Daily Anchor.

St. Augustine Church also subscribes to FORMED. This is an entire educational channel with movises, documentaries and studies gearing to all ages Sign up today for free.

FORMED

Faith Formation Resources:

The Saint Paul app is an excellent resource for learning about faith formation. For example follow the Bible in a Year.

Full access to Bishop Baron's faith resources is available on Flocknote. There are videos on Catholicism, sacraments, the Mass, saints, sermons and more. Sign into Flocknote and check out this great resource.

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.

God's blessings and congratulations to Fred & Lynne Calkins on their 65th wedding anniversary on September 16. Fred celebrated his 88th birthday on September 17. Lynne & Fred were married in Calgary and moved to Bashaw for Fred's job. Then in 1975 (51 years ago) they moved to Ponoka. They taught RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation) in the 1980's.

Fred has been a Knights of Columbus member for 45 years. He served as Grand Knight twice and has been the Treasurer for a decade or more. Fred shares his home renovation skills as needed with the Knights' projects. He has served as a Eucharistic Minister; Lector; Acolyte; on various committees and as unofficial greeter and choir member at our parish. Fred also made coffee and brought goodies on Sunday mornig. Fred is retiring from his position of Lector Co-ordinator but will continue to train Lectors.

Lynne joined the Catholic Women's League over 50 years ago. She was the Spiritual Convenor for our CWL council and served a term as the President. Lynne also served as member of the Edmonton CWL Diocesan Council. Lynne is one of the original members of our Prayer Line Ministry (25 years plus). For a period of time, she served on the Pastoral Team for Northcott Care Centre. Lynne started the Prayer Shawl Ministry in 2012 and continues to welcome the group to her home. Lynne worked as the Housekeeper for Fr. Matt Kueffler and retired when Fr. Shimit Abraham was transferred to the city.

Lynne & Fred are blessed with three adult children; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. St. Augustine Parish has been blessed with Fred and Lynne's volunteer contributions, dedication & faith the past half of century .

Congratulations to Kael-Aiden Manalastas,

son of Marcos and Ma Micaela Manalastas, who will be Baptized this weekend.

Make his a faithful disciple

and withness

to God's gospel

through Baptism

and Confirmation.

CALLED TO SERVE: We are grateful to our many parishioners for sharing their time, talents and treasures in our Sunday ministries.

Acolytes are adult servers who help Father at the altar during mass and distribute the Eucharist at communion. They help with preparation of the Altar for the mass and clean up duties after mass. They guide the Altar Servers.

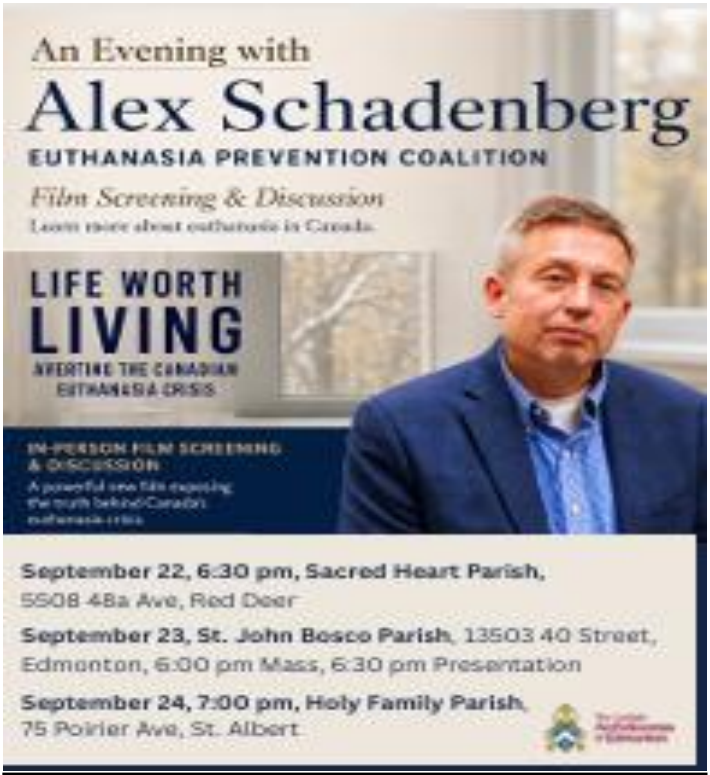
Lectors are youth and adults who have received the sacrament of Confirmation. They read announcements before mass and then proclaim the Word of God. The Deacon reads the mass intentions. Training is provided.

Greeters / Ushers / Altar Servers / Fellowship

BE A CONFIDENT WITNESS of your faith. **How are you are invited to serve God?** How will you become a saint**?**

See the Volunteer Ministry Opportunities 2026.

Email: **StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca or phone 403-783-4048** for more info



World Childen's Day September 27-28

'All of you, girls and boys, are a source of joy for your parents and your families, but also for our human family and for the Church, in which each of us is like a link in a great chain stretching from the past to the future and covering the whole earth."

Pope Francis, Message for the first World Childen's Day, 02/03/24