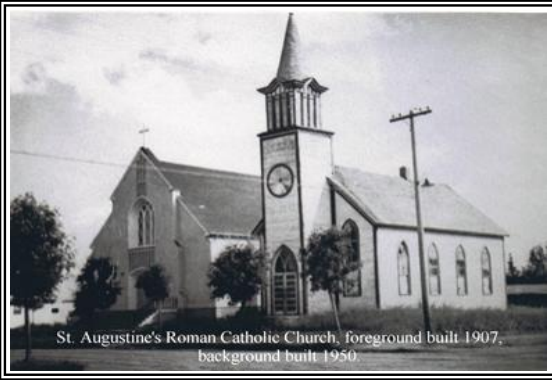


# St. Augustine Parish

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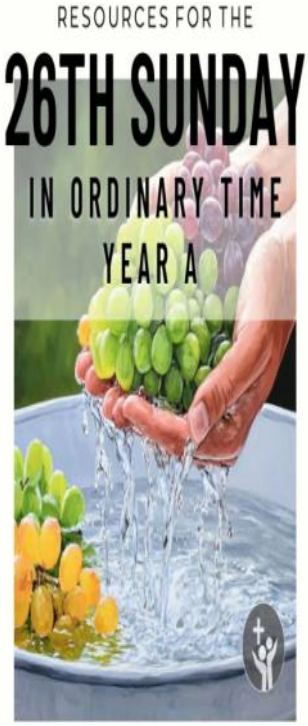
**Office Hours: 9 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday to Friday**

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

## Sunday September 27, 2026




**First Reading**: Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Responsorial Psalm**: Psalm 25

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11

**Gospel**: Matthew 21:28-32

**Key Theme**: True Obedience

**Focus**: Repentance and Action

**Summary**: God is just and merciful. True faith is shown by actions, not words alone. Those who turn back to God and follow His ways find life.

**Challenge**: Examine whether your actions match your words. Be willing to change course when you have made wrong choices.

**Action Step**: Choose one area where you have delayed doing what is right. Take one concrete step today to follow through.

**Verse to Remember**: "Which of the two did his father's will?" (Matthew 21:31)

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Sept 27/26

Ezekiel 18. 25-28 Psalm 25

Philippians 2.1-11 Matthew 21.28-32

WHEN I APPLY THE PRACTICE of Lectio Divina (the careful repeated reading of Scripture) to today's Gospel, what stands out for me is the first son's response. After initially refusing his father's request, " later he changed his mind and went"

As if to underline the importance of the son's changed stance, Jesus used the same words to chastise the religious leaders who, even after experiencing the witness of John the Baptist, "did not change (their) minds and believe."

Change is undeniably challenging. It can make us feel resistant, helpless, out of control. But change is essential for growth to happen— in nature, in our attitudes and actions, in our relationships and indeed in our spiritual journey.

The son's change of mind is essentially a conversion. We are all in need of conversion—not just once, but as an ongoing, lifelong process. And the good news is that ours is a God of infinite second chances. No matter what hurtful or guilty baggage may weigh us down, we are continually called by the God of love to newness of life. Today may we pray for the openness and courage to "change our mind" in response to God's invitation.

Krystyna Higgins

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

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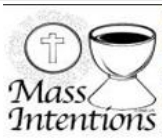
| Saturday | September 26 | @7:00 pm | For the Deceased Members of the Caouette Family |
| Sunday | September 27 | @ 9:00 AM | + Caring Cayabyab |
| Wednesday | September 30 | @12 Noon | + Nobert Christensen |
| Thursday | October 1 | @ 9:00 am | + Lou & Noreen Gorman |
| Saturday | October 3 | @ 7:00 pm | Deceased Members of the Caouette Family |
| Sunday | October 4 | @ 9:00 am | Deceased Members of the Kohlman and Vogel Families. |




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

**The Parish Office will be Closed on Wednesday September 30**

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Dear Friends,

You are invited to a complimentary Will and Estate Planning seminar hosted by the Archdiocese where you can learn how provide more for your family. Learn how you can pay less tax, while considering what you want your legacy to be.

**Please join us:**

**Saturday Oct. 17, 2026 10:30—12:30 pm**

St. Francis Xavier Parish Canrose, Ab.

Speakers include a financial planner with over 40 years experience, and an estate lawyer. Refreshments will be provided

**Please register below by Monday Oct.12th.**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions at

Lisa.Robichaud@caedm.ca or call 780-803-5706.

Please go to the

**Demand the Right to Recover:**

**Stop Euthanasia for Mental Illness.ca**

and sign the petition for Bill C-218 which would permanently stop MAiD ( medical assistance in dying) from being offered to people struggling with mental illness. The free vote in Parliament on this bill will be held on October 7th so please sign the petition as soon as possible.

***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
K of C host their Pancake Breakfast the 2nd Sunday of the Month.

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

Dear Friends and future Ministry Volunteers,

Thank you for the warm welcome last weekend<3. My volunteer job is to recruit Ministry Volunteers and volunteers for other programs like Pastoral Care. I will maintain the volunteer records for the parish and assist our Administrative Assistant and Ministry Co-ordinators with the monthly Ministry Schedule.

I will help our parish follow the guidelines set out by the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton to provide a **safe environment** for our parishioners, children, vulnerable adults and the sick, elderly or disabled.

If you are interested in volunteering , I will be in the church office on Tuesday afternoons to meet with you, answer questions and organize the paperwork.

Join our Hospitality Ministry Team! Need more info contact: **Joan** (Greeter Co-ordinator 403.783-2681); **Ligaya** (Usher Co-ordinator, 403.783-5007). **Carol** (Sunday Fellowship Co-ordinator.

**Or be a Lector! Proclaim the Word of God**! If you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation (14 years or older), please consider volunteering.

Tina/Volunteer Co-ordinator (825- 706-4863 cell) or **ponokastaugustine@gmail.com.**

**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.

**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

September 30th 2026

LISTEN LEARN ACT HONOUR

7 pm in the church:

8:00 pm in ST. KATERI HALL

All are Welcome

SACRED HEART CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

10821-96 street, Edmonton Ab.

Ph. 780-422-3052

**First Saturdays Devotion** of
**<u>Reparation to The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin</u>**

**Pray the Rosary at 8:30 AM**

**Join us on October 3rd, 2026 at 9:00 am**

**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

**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

## 2026 Sponsorship Update

Chalice

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| Child name: | peace gatwiri mwenda | | Child code: KJE2253 |
| Sponsor: | St. Augustine Church | Sponsor ID#: | 000239625 |
| Current age: | 13 years | Country: | Kenya |
| Date of birth: | Aug 19, 2012 | Site/subsite: | MERU/KJE |
| Hobbies: | Playing netball | Lives in: | House |
| Sports: | Netball | Grade/class: | Grade 8 |
| Career goal: | Doctor | Favourite class: | Art;Science |
| My news: | I have been promoted to grade 8. I am working hard in my studies to improve my grades | | |
| Family news: | My cousin has graduated from college | | |
| Home news: | My mother has bought a radio, kitchen utensils and foodstuffs | | |
| Social life: | My friends are Brenda and princes. we love reading and playing together | | |
| Message to Sponsor: | Thank you for your continued support. May God always bless you and your family and friends | | |

Please note: this update is gathered and translated by our overseas partners and may contain typos or use different terminology than that of native English speakers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your donor relations specialist and they would be happy to speak with you.

Dear: Augustine Catholic Church
Peace and Love of risen Lord Jesus Christ How are you?
Receive much greeting from me and all my family members. I am excited to inform you that we celebrated Christmas with my family and my friends and it was fabulous I received the Christmas bonnet gift that you sent for me. We enjoyed with my family very much may God bless you for that.
This year I am in grade 8 which is Junior Secondary. We are wearing new uniform which is green sweaters, black skirts and white shirts am excited about it. I love my school.
Thanks you much for the support. May God bless you.
Yours Loving Child
Peace Gatwiri Mwenda