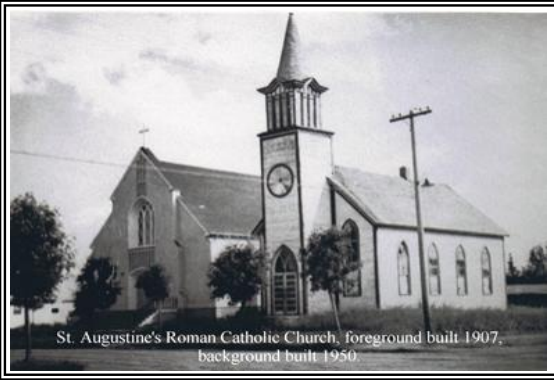
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950

St. Augustine Parish

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13/26

Sirach 27.30-28.7 Psalm 103

Romans 14.7-9 Matthew 18.21-3

TODAY'S GOSPEL IS challenging. When Peter asks Jesus how often he should forgive, Jesus replies that there is no limit to forgiveness. In the parable he uses to illustrate this, Jesus reminds us that, as we are forgiven, so we must show mercy to others. The ungrateful servant in the parable misses this aspect of mercy.

When I was in high school, one of our classmates suffered an unthinkable tragedy. Her father was shot and killed at work. Her family was never the same. Later in life, I was in an airport and saw her name on the cover of a magazine. She was telling the story of meeting the man who had killed her father. Since then, she has dedicated her life to advocating for justice and teaching about healing through poetry. Her work continues to honour her father's memory.

Forgiveness is a messy business. We often hold onto grudges or hurts, rather than confront them. It is not in our nature to simply let go of injustice or pain. Such moments do, however, open a space for healing and transformation: the healing that was an integral part of Jesus' ministry. If we strive to model Christ in our lives, forgiveness must be part of our mission.

Coming together in communion today, may we be strengthened to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Jan Bentham (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

Saturday	September 12	@ 7:00 pm	For the repose of the souls of Louise Morin Family
Sunday	September 13	@ 9:00 am	+ Cipriano Mandanas
Wednesday	September 16	@ 12 Noon	+ Romualdo Cacapit
Saturday	September 19	@ 7:00 pm	+ George Serkasevich
Sunday	September 20	@ 9:00 am	+ Joe Wieger

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.

Catholic Women's League
Faith, Service & Social Justice

The 4th Sunday of the month is CWL Ministries.

All CWL members are invited to our meeting on Monday September 14th in the church basement. Our meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and at 8:00 pm we will have a special guest, author Marilou Brummond who will share her book called "Truth". She will have copies for sale for $20.00 with $5.00 going to the Women's Shelter. Coffee will follow.

Co-presidents: Carol (403) 783-214 /
Maria P (403) 783-8912

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.

Knights of Columbus,
Council 4503
In Service for One, In Service for all

September 13—Pancake Breakfast
(Capt. Roger Ouimet (403-783-0278) with Erwin Alipar, Roldan Dulay, Max Nonan, Slade McCormich, Hayden Amogan, Brent Fleck & James Hemingson

Regular meeting September 17 at 7:30 in the church hall.

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

Thank you for The Children's Donations supporting our Chalice children, Peace from Kenya and

Anna from the Ukraine.

Chalice

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.

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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.

Fr. Liju has appointed Tina Ma Hemingson as our Volunteer co-ordinator for St. Augustine Parish

Thank you to all the individuls whom participated in the painting of the basement floor, it has brightened up the room and looks very nice.

God's blessings for the students and staff returning to school.
May they have a
Safe and healthy of year
of Catholic education!

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.

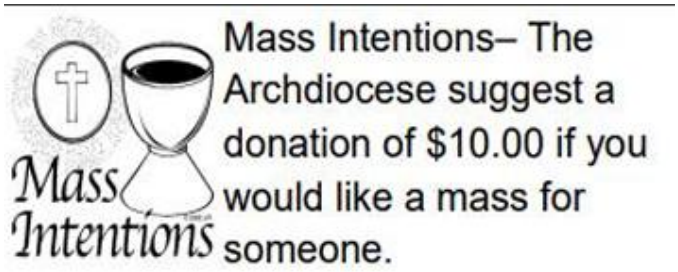
Lectors are youth and adults who have received the sacrament of Confirmation. They read announcements before mass and then proclaim the Word of God. The Deacon reads the mass intentions. Training is provided.

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



Bring your refundable cans & bottles
To the church
$19.65 was collected in August.
We can Build for the Building Fund.
Thank you

FOOD BANK

FEED THE HUNGRY with non-perishables like peanut butter; canned fish/meat; fruit & vegetables; boxed or dry pasta & tomato sauce; crackers, granola bars, etc. **Please drop off in our basket in our entrances.**

Thank you for your Donation.

SPAM/PHISHING ALERT! We will never email or text you to ask you for special requests or buy gift cards, coupons, etc. If you receive a suspicious message with requests, please delete it & report it. Fr. Liju will not email anyone for any financial help.

Please beware of such scams. When in doubt, please call 403.783-4048 or text 825.706-4863