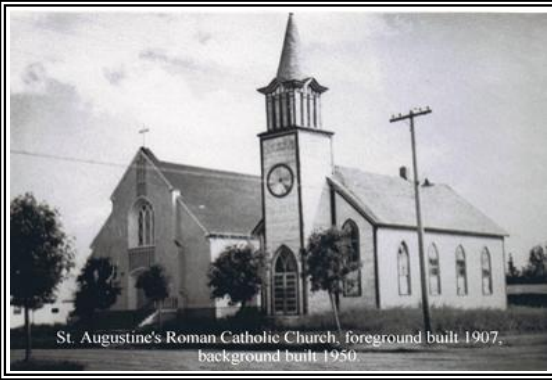
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950

St. Augustine Parish

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

Mass Times:

Saturday: 7 PM
Sunday: 9 AM
Wednesday at 12 Noon and
Thursday at 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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45.1, 4-6 **Psalm 96**

1Thessalonians 1.1-5ab **Matthew 22.15-21**

WE MAY HAVE numerous requests and expectations as to where to give our energies and resources. Our own interests and desires also dictate how we spend our time and money, and these may not be in harmony. How do we discern what is best? How do we judge where to give our attention at any given time?

In today's Gospel, Jesus' clever answer to the Pharisees' question (about whether to pay taxes) teaches us how to discern our priorities. As followers of Jesus, we are invited by God to a response beyond what is merely required of us as citizens in a secular society. Our energy, talents, and resources, indeed our very lives, come from God, and we are meant to use them to contribute to God's redeeming work in our world.

On this Mission Sunday, we will do well to remember that having a mission is about pursuing life's deepest meaning. Today let us take time to give thanks for the particular mission to which we are called, both at this time in our lives and as we look towards the future. Bearing in mind the wider context in which we live, let us also give our support and prayers to all who undertake to spread the good new of the gospel by word and action.

Beth Porter (Living with Christ) October 17, 2026

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

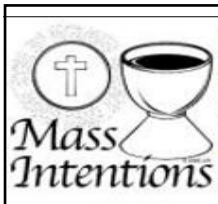
Saturday	October 17	@ 7:00 pm	+ Deceased members of Louise Morin's Family
Sunday	October 18	@ 9:00 am	+ David Farwell
Wednesday	October 21	@ 12 noon	+ Wesley Kohlman
Thursday	October 22	@ 9:00 am	+ Mary Molloy
Saturday	October 24	@ 7:00 pm	+ Dellah Colmin
Sunday	October 25	@ 9:00 am	+ John Stretch

First Communion Parent Meeting - OCT 18- AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS - all parents who wish to have their child take part in the preparation classes for First Communion are asked to meet in the church basement to complete registration forms, pick up resource materials and receive the dates for the catechism classes which will take place from November to May. Cost of materials is $40.00 which can be paid at the meeting**.**

Please have a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate to turn in at that time.

Fr. Liju will be away from Tuesday October 27th to Friday November 6th for the upcoming Medjugorje Pilgrimages.

If you have **changed** your **phone number or address** please inform the parish office at StAugustine.Ponoka@caedm.ca or phone



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

VOLUNTEER VINEYARD:

*We need **six new Saturday evening Greeters and two Sunday Greeters** as we prepare for Advent.*

With gratitude, we thank our retired and soon to be retired Greeters (Joanne Comeau; Jocelyn & Glen Kawahara and Devi & Ken Kustiak) and Greeter Co-ordinator, Joan Wyering. Their total years of dedicated service as Greeters adds up to 50 years. The Kawahara Family were active for many years in the Children's Liturgy Program and look forward to serving on the Stampede Food Booth Committee in 2027. The Kustiak Family enjoys the tradition of ringing the bell to call parishioners to mass and will continue to serve in our parish community & with the Knights. Joan is committed to the Pastoral Team (who go visit and take holy Communion to retirement and senior homes).

*We also need **Saturday evening USHERS.***

Please call Tina, Volunteer Co-ordinator (403) 783-4048 on Tuesdays if you are interested in being part of the Hospitality Team (Ushers, Greeters & Fellowship/Coffee) or email: ponokastaugustine@gmail.com.

FOOD BANK DRIVE

OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 31

FEED THE HUNGRY with non-perishables like peanut butter; canned fish/meat; fruit and vegetables; boxed or dry pasta and tomato sauce; crackers, granola bars, etc.

World Mission Sunday October 18

At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for the give to the missions. The collection this Sunday is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society. The funds collected assost some 1,250 mission dioceses under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

Pastors and pastoral workers are invited to encourage among all the people,of God a missionary spirit, to promote missionary vocation, and to collaborate spiritually and materially in the Church's mission work, including support for all the dioceses in our country's northern regions.

On the day of the collection, an appropriate petition may be added in the Prayer of the Faithful. The Mass for the Evangelization for Peoples may be celebrated on this Sunday.

"How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm

For a new chapter of evangelization full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction!....I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I implore him to come and renew the Church, to stir and impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples."

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

Oct 16th is World Food Day. The CWL is again coordinating our parish Food Bank drive.

Please help us fill the boxes for our local food bank. With so many millions of people in the world starving, we hope you will consider helping to feed them, too.

Your donation can multiply 4X if you donate to the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**, a network of churches including the Catholic Church and organizations providing emergency food around the world. The best part is that the Canadian government matches any donation we make 4 : 1 as the governments aid to the hungry**. https:// foodgrainsbank.ca/about-us/partnership-with-the-government-of-canada/**

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In Service for One, In Service for all

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

The next Pancake Breakfast hosted by the K of C will be November 8.

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

Catholic Women's League
Faith, Service & Social Justice

Please remember our Food Bank Drive
October 3rd to 31th.
And
Awards night on October 26th!

The 4th Sunday of the month is CWL Ministries.

Co-presidents: Carol (403) 783-2148 /
Maria P (403) 783-8912

Bring your refundable cans & bottles
To the church
$29.55 was collected in September.
We can Build for the Building Fund
Thank you

SACRAMENTS & RITES

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.

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.

Catholic Education Week

Oct. 17-23

2026 CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

"The Power of the Holy Spirit"

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:13

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