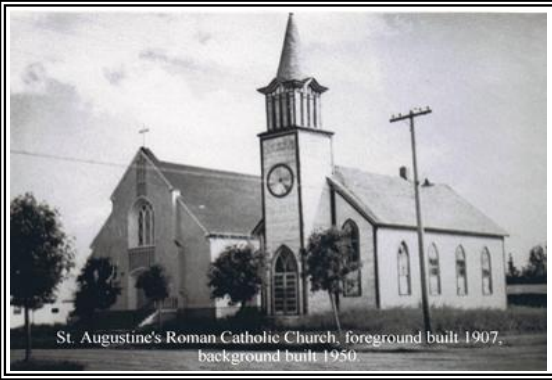
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, foreground built 1907, background built 1950

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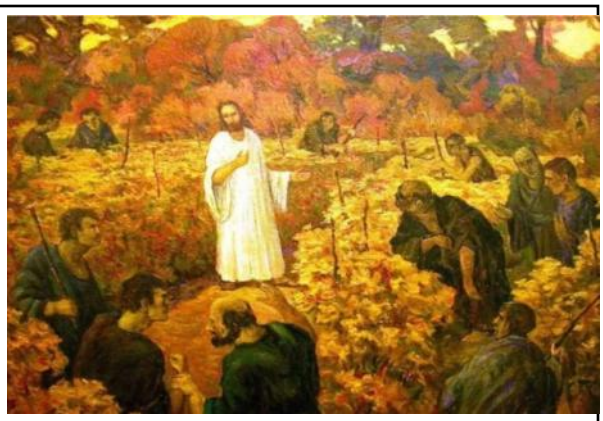
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Isaiab 5.1-7 Psalm 80

Philippians 4.6-9 Matthew 21.33-43

ONE DAY, God put an idea in my heart: "Invite friends over for a meal and talk about me." I felt excited to have been given this little project and set my mind to making this gathering the best one ever. I thought of all the details for the event: the invitations were sent, the menu was perfect, and the candles and napkins were on theme.

When the day finally arrived, the nerves started to build. Two people cancelled at the last minute; others arrived late. Things felt like they were slipping out of my control. When we finally sat down to eat, I very awkwardly led us in prayer. I cringed as I said "Amen" and turned red. In a moment of grace, I felt the Lord say: "Just breathe; give it all to me." It was then that I remembered that this was not my event to begin with. Like the tenants of the vineyard in today's Gospel, I was being asked to give the "produce" to the owner. This gathering, it was God's. Whatever would come out of this event was not for me, but for God's glory.

Everything belongs to God. We are tenants—not owners—of the yineyard. Is there anything God is asking you to give back to him? Place it in his loving care today.

Myriam Fernandes (Living with Christ) October 4, 2026

First Saturdays Devotion to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Mass @ 9 am on October 3 Rosary @ 8:30 am

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	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
Wednesday	October 7	@12:00 Noon	+ Dr. John O'Kane
Thursday	October 8	@ 9:00 am	+ Lou Gorman
Saturday	October 10	@ 7:00 pm	Intentions of Nathan Carlson
Sunday	October 11	@ 9:00 am	+ Giselle Saunders

Thursday October 8th theThanksgiving Mass will be held at 9:00 am in the school Gym. Everyone welcome.

This weekend is LIFE CHAIN weekend across Canada . Come join others to stand and pray for one hour on Saturday from 2-3pm along the boulevard by Lacombe No Frills for an end to abortion.

Have you signed the petition we talked about at mass last weekend to ask all Members of Parliament to vote yes for Bill C -218 and stop medical assistance in dying to be offered to people struggling with mental illness! Type in ….. Demand the Right to Recover:Stop Euthanasia for Mental Illness.ca. and please do it by this weekend.

Save the date! Our annual AWARDS POTLUCK will be held on Monday October 26th in the church basement. At the Awards we will present the CWL Maple Leaf Service Pin to someone who has served in an exceptional way . The person must have been a CWL member for at least 10 years and have or is presently serving on the Executive. If you would like to suggest a member for this award please call Carol before October 5th.

FAITH SERVICE SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

October looks like it will be a busy month!

With Thanksgiving and World Food Day this month we are asked to " share the good things God has given us" as our League Prayer says …. so from October 3 to October 31 the CWL will be coordinating our parish wide FOOD BANK DRIVE! Please be generous as the need is great! Some of the most needed items are canned meat and fish, baked beans and cheese slices for kid's lunches and bigger bags of macaroni.

!. The first meeting for those interested in **RCIA will be on Monday Oct 5 at 7:00 pm** at the church.

2. F**irst Communion** Parent meeting will take place on **Sunday Oct 18 after the 9:00am mass.** Those who have already filled in registration forms and paid the $40.00 for the resources, will receive the books on Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. If you have not yet filled in the registration, you can do so at the meeting. First Communion is available to students grade two and older who have not received their First Communion.

3. Confirmation takes place every second year. Students in grade 7, 8 and older will be receiving instruction in their faith next year.

Dear fellow parishioners

The Art and Environment team would like to invite anyone with a devotion to the Blessed Mother to bring her flowers anytime you feel inspired to do so. Please bring them in a vase- or put them in one from the shelf at the top of the stairs any time the church is open. Feel free to spend a few quiet minutes with her and Jesus!

There are times in the liturgical year when decorations are minimal so flowers are not appropriate - usually Lent or Advent so try to be aware of that. Please ask if you're not sure.

We welcome questions or suggestions and are excited to be part of this team serving at St. Augustine Parish.

URGENT: Please go to this Citizen Go website : Demand the Right to Recover: Stop Euthanasia for Mental Illness.ca and sign the petition to prevent MAiD(Medical Assistance in Dying) for those suffering from mental illness. We are asking all Members of Parliament to vote YES for Bill C-218 which would prevent this . The free vote will be held on October 7th so please sign the petition today!

Pope's Prayer Intention for October

For mental health ministry— Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

October 24 & 25 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

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

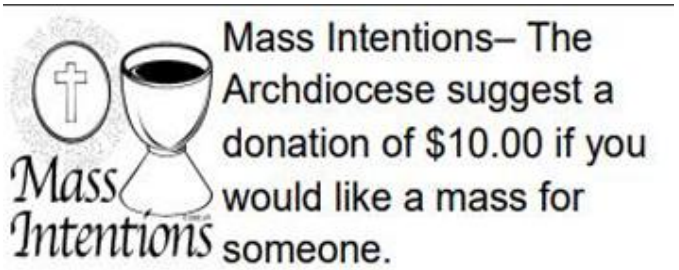
Pancake Breakfast October 11:

Captain Welbert Perez with Laurence & Lee Cayabyab; Joakaz Fernando; and Arnel Juan. Donations go to projects and scholarships sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

A gentle reminder: Whomever borrowed one chafing/heating pan, lid, stand & burner holders used for KofC Pancake Breakfasts, can they please return the items.

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

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



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

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.

The Food Bank is very low on food and is asking all Churches in Ponoka to please help with donations of food if you are able to. Collection baskets are at the entrance of our church.

Thank you for your Donation.