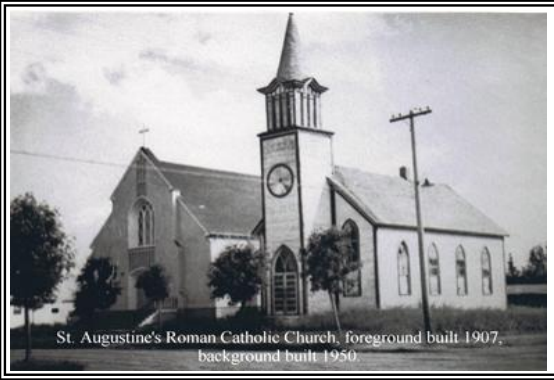

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday to Friday

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 258.6-10a Psalm 23

Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22.1-14

OUR READINGS THIS Sunday speak a consistent message of the richness of God's providence for us and the extravagant generosity of his plans for our eternal future. Yet there is a sobering caution of the consequences of not doing our part.

Jesus tells the parable of the king who hosts a banquet for his son. While many refuse the invitation in favour of their own plans, otheres accept and the banquet is ready when all are gathered. Only one thing is required from those who attend: to clothe themselves with a garment fit for the wedding of the king's son. The consequence of neglecting this one requirement is the loss of all the good that is prepared for them.

So, what is this necessary part for us to do? Clearly, it is not enough to simply show up. "I went to Mass every Sunday" won't get us entry to the eternal banquet in heaven. Perhaps the garment that Jesus speaks of is our act of complete surrender, our utter abandonment in obedience to all that God would do in us, through us and for us.

Even in this we are dependent on God: I cannot find sufficient goodness or strength within myself to accomplish this obedient surrender once and for all, but must rely on God's gifts to me. Praise God for his grace and persistent love.

Kathleen Giffin (Living with Christ) October 11, 2026

<u>Mass Times:</u>

Saturday: 7 PM Sunday: 9 AM

<u>Adoration:</u> Saturday: 6:20 & Wednesday: 11:00 AM

<u>Rosary</u>: 30 minutes before Holy Masses

<u>Confession</u>: 30 minutes before mass or by appointment

<u>Sacrament/Anointing of the Sick</u>: 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 10	@ 7:00 pm	Intentions of Nathan Carlson
Sunday	October 11	@ 9:00 am	+ Giselle Saunders
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

Fr. Liju will be away October 13,14 and 15. There will be No Mass on Wednesday or Thursday.

There will be a Liturgy of the Word and Adoration on Wednesday October 14 starts at 11:00 am.

Deacon Rollie presiding.

God's blessings & congratulations to

Rebecca Lai & Michael Pfiffner

Who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage on October 10th

One in Christ, united in mission' theme of World Mission Sunday 2026 World Mission Sunday is a day set aside by the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movements. The day is celebrated on the second-last Sunday of October every year, October 18, 2026. It was created by Pope Pius XI Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures. Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope. Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the Earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognize in Christ the light that

Thanksgiving Day

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we take time to pause and give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives — for our families, friends, and colleagues.

We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving filled with gratitude, peace, and good company.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

— Psalm 107:1

World Food Day October 16

A World Food Day has been promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization since 1981. The church is concerned about the issue of hunger in the world, remembering the words of the Son of Man on the last judgment of the nations, " I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink"

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.

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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.

Grand Knight, **Joe Henderson**
(403) 3589-4845
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Henry Hollman
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Catholic Women's League
Faith, Service & Social Justice

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!
As we count our many blessings this Thanksgiving we are most grateful for all our Sisters in the CWL!
May our lives continue to be full of THANKS and GIVING!

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) 783-214 /
Maria P (403) 783-8912

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

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 <u>Volunteer Ministry Opportunities 2026.</u>

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

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.

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.

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

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