

St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Ogden, Calgary
A Community Rooted in Faith, Service, and Fellowship

For more than 100 years, St. Augustine's Anglican Church has stood as a beacon of faith, hope, and community in Calgary's historic Ogden neighborhood. Located just off Glenmore Trail, our parish remains a place where God's love is shared freely and where all are welcome.

Our Story

Founded in 1912 under Rev. R. W. Walker, St. Augustine's began as a small congregation serving the workers of the Canadian Pacific Railway Shops. The first service was held on June 16, 1912, with fifteen people gathered under a tent near the worksite. Rev. Walker wrote:

"Only 15 were present... God seems to be blessing my efforts, and when we have a suitable place to worship, I feel sure that good work will be done."

— Rev. R. W. Walker, Founding Incumbent

The young parish endured hardship during the 1915 Bow River flood but remained united in faith. In 1921, the church was moved to its present location in southeast Calgary, where it continues to serve as a spiritual home.

Through the years, faithful clergy built on Rev. Walker's foundation. Rev. W. Attwood (1915–1934) guided the parish through years of growth, followed by Rev. J. R. Davies, Canon W. E. Herbert, and others who led during wartime and rebuilding seasons. During a period without a full-time priest, parishioner Joe Smith ensured worship continued.

Postwar leadership included Rev. W. E. Askew, Rev. D. B. Houghton, and Rev. W. E. Kerr. In the 1950s, Rev. W. E. Brown oversaw major upgrades to the Parish Hall, strengthening its role as a gathering place.

The 1960s and 1970s brought renewed vitality under Rev. J. Twining, Canon E. Justice, and Rev. Allen Gale. Ministry flourished through choirs, community events, and shared ministry with Holy Nativity Church. Rev. Gale later served alongside Rev. Watson Lazarus and Lay Reader Cyril Haynes, who became the first parishioner ordained to the priesthood in 1981.

According to diocesan and vestry records, many clergy served from the 1980s through the early 2000s. Rev. David Asher was Rector from 1981–1988. From January 1988 to June 1989, Rev. Maurice Buck served as Sunday Supply Clergy and as Honorary Assistant to both St. Augustine's and St. Paul's, Midnapore (1988–1990). During the same period, Rev. Eric Long served as Assistant Priest for St. Augustine's and St. Stephen's (1988–2003).

Rev. Stephen Smith served as Rector from July 1989 to March 1991, during which St. Augustine's partnered with St. Paul's, Midnapore (now Sundance) and as St. Paul's grew, Rev. Smith transferred to St. Paul in 1991. From June 1991 to May 1994, Rev. Pamela Orman provided clerical support. Bishop Fred Crabb served as Interim Priest-in-Charge from June to August 1994. Rev. Jonathan Gibson then became Rector, serving from 1994 to April 2011.

During Rev. Gibson's tenure, Rev. Ruth Lillington served as Honorary Assistant (2004–2011), joined by Rev. Charles Alexander beginning in 2008.

From 2011 to 2017, Rev. Bonnie Luft ministered first as Supply Priest and later as half-time Priest-in-Charge. Rev. Joey Vallejo served as Associate Priest from 2013 to 2016. Rev. David Asher returned as Sunday Supply Priest from 2020 to 2022. Since 2023, Rev. Willybert Galas has served as Sunday Supply Priest.

Through every season of change, St. Augustine's has remained a welcoming community of faith, fellowship, and devotion.

Our Parish Hall: The Heart of Community Life

The Parish Hall began in 1920, when the church purchased a former restaurant building from the City of Calgary — once used by CPR workers and briefly associated with boxer Arthur Pelkie. Though worn and vacant, it carried pieces of local history.

In 1921, the church was moved to 76th Avenue and 22A Street, and the former restaurant was moved to the original site to become the Parish Hall. The relocations cost \$400, with repairs supervised by church steward Mr. Richards at an additional cost of about \$1,500.

The Hall soon became a vibrant hub — hosting teas, concerts, dances, plays, community gatherings, and the district's first Boy Scout troop, led by Rev. W. Attwood, Joe Smith, and Charlie Cowley.

Despite limited facilities before water service arrived in 1957, parish spirit thrived. Music, skits, garden festivals, touring plays, choral groups, and fellowship events shaped decades of joyful community life.

By the 1970s, the Hall served both parish and neighborhood, hosting AA meetings, Lions Club events, whist drives, and beloved parish dinner shows.

Today, it remains a living testament to creativity, resilience, and shared faith.

Who We Are

St. Augustine's is a warm, welcoming Anglican family of faith embracing people from many cultures and backgrounds. Stewardship is expressed through generosity, service, and the offering of time and talents — every need is met by someone who steps forward.

Our Mission

- To help one another find our way back to God
- To connect people with God through prayer, word, and deed
- To share the Gospel with compassion and joy
- To walk alongside the lost and broken
- To know Jesus — and to make Jesus known

Our Vision

We seek to be a community that:

- Welcomes all as beloved children of God
- Lives out the faith we profess
- Strives to be inclusive, united, and loving
- Loves God and our neighbors
- Follows Jesus in everyday life

Worship at St. Augustine's

We gather for worship every Sunday at **10:00 a.m.** Until June 14, 2026, the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by our part-time priest, Rev. Willy Galas. Beginning July 12, 2026, Rev. Mike Black of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary will provide supply ministry with our parish. When a priest is unavailable, our Licensed Lay Minister, Vickie Smith, together with Parish Council Clerk, Pamela Botengan, lead the congregation in Morning Prayer.

Our worship is rooted in the Anglican tradition and enriched by the warmth of a welcoming parish family. Through Scripture, prayer, joyful music, and fellowship, we seek to grow together in faith and in the love of Christ. Following each service, everyone is warmly invited to stay for coffee hour or a potluck meal as we share friendship and community.

Ministries and Parish Life

- **Readers, Music Ministry & Altar Guild** – Parish members serve in worship through Scripture readings, music leadership, and the preparation of the altar for services.
- **Children's Ministry** – Held every Sunday except the third Sunday of each month, the Children's Ministry nurtures young hearts through Bible storytelling, prayer, songs, crafts, and faith-filled learning, with the support of our youth leaders.
- **Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BSA)** – Established in 2020 under the leadership of Rev. Arvin Amayag, the Brotherhood is dedicated to the Anglican tradition of prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and service, encouraging men to grow as faithful disciples of Christ.
- **Annual Parish Activities** – Throughout the year, our parish gathers to celebrate the major seasons and special occasions of the Church and community, including Holy Week and Easter, Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day, our Annual Parish Camping Weekend, and other events that strengthen our faith, fellowship, and shared life together.

Parish Leadership

2022–2024 Parish Officers/Council

- Vickie Smith – Bishop's Warden
- Philip Lacbawan – People's Warden
- Elizabeth Sutherland – Treasurer & Envelope Secretary
- Douglas Filag – Lay Member of Synod
- Emilio Ngalob – Auditor
- Roy Lumpio, Chester Solang, Osmen Jr. Balokey, Mel Calixto, Pamela Angela Botengan, Maureen Galas, Reagan Polilin

2024–2026 Parish Officers/Council

- Vickie Smith – Bishop's Warden
- Ella Capuyan – People's Warden
- Roy Lumpio – Assistant People's Warden / Lay Member of Synod
- Junlyn Ticguingan / Elizabeth Sutherland – Treasurer & Envelope Secretary
- Emilio Ngalob – Auditor
- Pamela Angela Botengan – Lay Member of Synod
- Lolito Gabol, Reagan Polilin, Emilio Ngalob, Chester Solang, Elvira Cabinta, Lerma Guillermo, Douglas Filag

2026–2028 Parish Officers/Council

- Vickie Smith – Advisor
- Richard Botengan – People's Warden
- Elizabeth Sutherland – Treasurer/Council Member
- Emilio Ngalob – Parish Auditor/Council Member
- Pamela Angela Botengan – Lay Member of Synod/Council
- Council Members (8) – Emilio Ngalob, Rosa Alba, Lerma Guillermo, Douglas Filag, Ella Capuyan, Ella Capuyan, Pam Botengan, Elizabeth Sutherland
- Roy Lumpio – Lay Member of Synod/Non-council member
- Gerald Sheen – Envelope Secretary/Non-council member

Looking Ahead

St. Augustine's is discerning the call for a new part-time clergy leader to support our ministries and help us continue sharing Christ's light with the wider community.

Through every generation, we remain "*a community with a heart.*"
There is always room for one more at the table.

Join Us

Location: Ogden, SE Calgary

Worship: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship: Coffee or potluck after every service

Come as you are.

You are home at St. Augustine's Anglican Church.