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Parish Registration

If you are new to one of our parishes: A warm WELCOME is extended to new parishioners. Please introduce yourselves to Fr. Ian after Mass, fill out a registration form located in the church entrance, and place in the collection basket.

Receiving the Sacraments in our parishes: Please contact the parish office regarding Sacramental Preparation for all Sacraments—Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest at least six 6) months prior to the date chosen. A marriage preparation course is required.

Bulletin Announcements: Need to be submitted by 3:00 pm each Wednesday of the week the bulletin is published.

March 10, 2024 Laetare (Fourth) Sunday of Lent

OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of March	i 3. Mass	mass intentions for march 2024 posted in foyers of churches.	
Tuesday, March 12	SA 7:00 pm	Mary Lohues Int.	

Wednesday, March 12

Wednesday, March 13

Thursday March 14 (SJS Gr. 6-9)

SA 7:00 pm
SC 9:00 am
SA 8:45 am
Mary Lohues Int.
Mary Lohues Int.
Mary Lohues Int.
Mary Faber RIP

Friday

Sunday, March 17
SA 9:00 am
SC 11:00 am
For the parishioners
For the parishioners



Please pray for the sick of our parishes – Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Darlene Beler, Katie Lindsay, Robert Briggs, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Diann Knight, Deirdre Doyle, Gracie Jeppson, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic.

And for the Repose of the Souls of all the deceased.

CONTINUES TONIGHT, March 10!!

Lenten Movie Nights: The St. Ambrose Hall Building Committee is screening season 1 of **THE CHOSEN!** Season 1 of the series, rated PG, portrays the life of Jesus Christ and the calling of his initial disciples. Starts Sunday February 25th and then every Sunday until March 17th, at St. Joseph's School.

Time: Doors open 5:00 pm. Show starts at 5:45 pm and runs for approx. 90 minutes.

Snacks will be available: Hotdog/Drink/bag of popcorn for an extra \$5/person.

Please join us!

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You are Called, You Matter, You Belong!



OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

Support for Our Parishes

St. Catherine's, March 3

\$1.759 TIA \$140 O&M \$90

Well done, good and faithful servants!

St. Ambrose, March 3

\$1,960.10 TIA \$346

Well done, good and faithful servants!

Support For Our Diocese Programs

God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

St. Catherine's Parish

2024 Goal: \$10, 703.00 Donations to March 3: \$549.00

We still need: \$10,154.00

Giving out of love!



St. Ambrose Parish

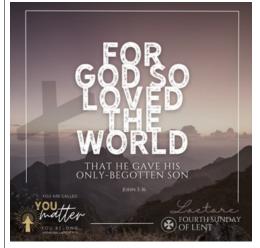
2024 Goal: \$10, 531.00 Donations to March 3: \$456.00

We still need: \$10,075.00

Giving out of love!

OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

March 10 Gospel: John 3.14-21



The image of a serpent raised up on a pole has become a cultural symbol of healing. The Gospel of John is an invitation to look upon Jesus crucified and to see in this image the healing of the world. It is an invitation to bring our darkness into the healing light of the cross. In the glory of the cross we see our sinfulness for what it really is – the bearer of death. In today's Gospel we are extended the invitation to step into the light and become bearers of life. Nicodemus resisted stepping into the light.

What makes bringing our darkness into the light so difficult? It is difficult to see in the dark. Where in your life do you need the light of Christ to help you see more clearly?

Recall a time when you experience illumination or insight that brought you to see things in a new way. How did this change you? Darkness can be social as well as personal. In what ways is our culture the bearer of darkness and death?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

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What is Laetare Sunday, which occurs on the 4th Sunday of Lent?

The word Laetare, or "Rejoice" is used on the 4th Sunday of Lent. It comes from the Entrance Antiphon of today's Mass, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who are in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

Laetare Sunday, like Gaudete Sunday during Advent, was meant to be a small opportunity to rest from the austerities of these penitential seasons as we prepare for the great celebrations of Christmas and Easter. Priests may choose to wear "rose" coloured vestments on these Sundays. Traditionally, the singing of the hymns, done "a capella", or without accompaniment of instruments during Lent, was relaxed and instruments allowed for this Sunday. Flowers, which were forbidden in the church during Lent, could be placed in the church on this Sunday, Marriages, also not allowed during Lent, could be held on this Sunday. The church was allowed a glimpse of the beauty and joy of the coming celebration of Easter.

Once Laetare Sunday was over, the church goes back to Lenten austerity until the Easter Vigil, but now strengthened to continue our Lenten journey by the small break. Look forward to Christ's Resurrection!



DID YOU KNOW that 2025 will be a JUBILEE YEAR in the Church? The Holy Father has asked us to make 2024 a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year. The Holy Father encourages us to highlight the importance of both communal prayer and individual prayer this year.

To learn about the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope" -

visit: catholicyyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer

Watch here for more information on The Year of Prayer and The Jubilee Year.



OUR EVENTS



The Feast of St. Joseph is on Tuesday, March 19. Mass will be at St. Ambrose at 7 pm.

OUR LARGER COMMUNITY

Assumption Charismatic Prayer Group will be hosting a pot luck every FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month in the hall at Our Lady of the Assumption church in Lethbridge. Doors open at 5:30 pm, supper is at 6 pm, and praise and worship begins at 7 pm. All are welcome!

The next potluck will be Wednesday April 3, 2024.





St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy is a ministry in the Diocese of Calgary that fosters faith, formation and fellowship among young adults within the Diocese through 3 Chapters: 1) University Students, 2) Young Professionals, and 3) Young Families.

For more information follow us on Instagram @sfxc leth or call Fr. Santiago at 403-327-8931.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Lethbridge People of Praise Society, who host the Live-In Retreats, will be held on Saturday, March 16 at St. Joseph's School in Coaldale. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by praise and worship, a guest speaker, the business meeting along with voting for new Core Members and will conclude with fellowship over a potluck lunch. *A minimum of 25 in attendance is required to have a quorum*

Come & See

Priestly Vocations Night - Have you ever thought God might be calling you to be a priest? Come to the Priestly Vocations Night with Fr. Derek Remus. Mass at 5 pm, followed by Evening Prayer, supper, presentation on discerning a vocation, and prayer

before the Blessed Sacrament. When: Saturday, Mar 16, from 5 pm to 9 pm at St. Luke's, Calgary.

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Just a reminder that this week's Penitential Services are: St. Peter's Parish, Milk River on Wed. March 13 at 7 pm.



OUR LARGER COMMUNITY



The Pope's Prayer Intention for March 2024: For the new martyrs—We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

The Pope video can be found here: https://thepopevideo.org/

From Holy Spirit Catholic School Division—School Registration Fall 2024:

Families of Continuing students will get an email to update registration the week of Jan. 15-19/24. New Student Registrations for Holy Spirit Roman Catholic School Division begins Feb. 1, 2024. including Early Learning for 3 & 4 year olds, Kindergarten for age 5 on/before Dec. 31, 2022. French Immersion is also available in our school Division. Please register on line, or for more info see www.holyspirit.ab.ca or visit your neighborhood school.





Ukranian Easter Traditions at the Martha Center—Join us for a fun day of learning and reflecting on Ukrainian Easter traditions. Baking Paska and making Krashanky and Pysanky are some of the most treasured Ukrainian Easter traditions. Our hope is that you will leave the Centre inspired, nourished and with freshly baked Easter bread and beautifully decorated eggs. Cost: \$105.00

(All materials and lunch included). Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Facilitator: Irena Olas. Call: 403-328-3422 to register.



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OUR PARISHES

St. Catherine, Pray for us. Feast Day: November 25

St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday/ Miércoles 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday/Jueves 6:30—7:30 pm

Sacrament Prep. Inquiries—First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation questions? Please contact our Sacramental Prep Coordinator, Susan, at 403-732-4685 or 403-315-3217.

Preparación sacramental. Consultas: ¿Preguntas sobre Primera Reconciliación, Primera Comunión y Confirmación? Comuníquese con nuestra coordinadora de preparación sacramental, Susan, al 403-732-4685 o al 403-315-3217.



Esta semana en nuestra parroquia del 10 de Marzo—16 de Marzo

Sunday, March 10 Sunday Mass/Misa Dominical 11 am Domingo 10 de Marzo

Coffee after Mass. Café después de Misa.

Wednesday March 13 Mass/ Masa 9 am Miércoles 13 de Marzo

Coffee after Mass. Café después de Misa.

<u>Thurs. March 14</u> Reconciliation/Reconciliación 6:30—7:30 pm <u>Jueves 14 de Marzo</u> Stations of the Cross/Estaciones de la Cruz 7 pm

Ministries Schedule COMMENTATOR/ ALTAR DATE **EMHC PASTORAL** COFFEE LECTOR **SERVERS** MINISTRY CARE March 17 Liz Linda & Sue Austen Nicki Murray March 24 Palm Sunday Susan Tanya, Linda E., Nicki Murray Nicki

If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion, please call Wil Dooper at 403-732-4962.

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Registration and Information for 1st Communion classes for parents: Sunday March 17 at 12:05 pm, right after Mass. Meet at front of the church. Books for the class will be handed out as well.

El registro y la información para la Primera Comunión para padres: Domingo 17 de marzo a las 12:05 pm después de la 11 am Misa. Entregaremos nuestras libros para la Primera Comunión. Por favor, reúnase en la parte delantera de la iglesia.

CWL News: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Our membership drive continues. The fees are \$35.



From Fr. lan: Due to some parish keyholders not coming forward to register keys, both parishes will be forced to re-key the buildings at the considerable expense of the parishes. Parishioners who have church, hall, rectory, or any other parish keys and have not registered them since 2021 need to

please contact the office and have those keys registered. If you had a key and lost it, please also let us know. Otherwise, re-keying will be done after Easter. This is an insurance issue so please help your parish!

Thank you to all who have registered keys!



OUR PARISHES

St. Ambrose, Pray for us. Feast Day: December 7

St. Ambrose Parish

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am and 4:00 pm

Weekday Masses: Tuesday 7:00 pm, Thursday 8:45 am

Adoration: Fridays 7:00—8:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesdays 6:00—6:45 pm

Fridays 7:00—8:00 pm

Rosary: Mondays at 10:00 am with CWL

Sacrament Prep. Inquiries: First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation questions? Please contact our

Sacramental Prep Coordinator, Sylvia, at 403-394-6234.

This Week in our Parish: March 10—March 16

Sunday, March 10: Sunday Mass 9 am & 4 pm

The Chosen starts 5 pm

Mon. March 11: CWL Rosary 10 am

Tues. March 12: Reconciliation 6—6:45 pm

Mass 7pm

Wed. March 13: SJS practice 9:15 am & 2:45 pm

CWL Meeting 7pm Foyer

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Thurs. March 14: <u>Mass 8:45 am</u> with SJS gr. 6-9 Fri. March 15: Youth-led Mass practice 12:22 pm

Soup & Bun 6 pm

Stations of the Cross 7 pm **Adoration** & Reconciliation 7:30 pm

Sat. March 16: First Reconciliation 10 am

Pas aral Care Ministry

<u>Pastoral Care Ministry</u>: Please phone the team listed below on <u>Saturday March 16</u> if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am <u>Sunday Mass on March 17</u>, and please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

March 17 Team: Bonnie 403-345-4596 and Diann 403-345-4945

St. Ambrose CWL NEWS: Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except July & August).



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Hello—Jesus is calling! All of our parish Ministries are looking for new members—councils, committees, liturgical ministries. We prayerfully ask that you consider giving some of your time to helping in a ministry! The response to Stewardship Sunday was very poor and we need help!

Not sure what is a good fit for you? Speak to some of those who are serving and get more information, or come and talk with Roisin at the office. Your gifts and talents will be much appreciated!



The next Youth-led Mass is next Sunday, March 17, at the 4 pm Mass. To participate, please call Pat Mastel at 403-892-4207. Bless you for supporting our youth by attending this Mass.

