

ST. AMBROSE PARISH

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St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB



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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.

<u>Receiving the Sacraments in our parishes</u>: 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 <u>at least six 6) months prior to the date chosen</u>. A marriage preparation course is required.

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

March 24, 2024



UURTRATERS				
MASS INTENTIONS: Week of March 24. Mass Intentions for March 2024 posted in foyers of churches.				
Tuesday, March 26	SA 7:00 pm	Deacon Raymond Wagner RIP		
Wednesday, March 27	SC 9:00 am	John & Mary Faber RIP		
Holy Thursday March 28	SA 6:00 pm	For the parishioners	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1	
Holy Thursday March 28	SC 8:00 pm	For the parishioners		
Good Friday Service March 29	SC 3:00 pm			
Good Friday Service March 29	SA 6:00 pm			
Easter Vigil Saturday March 30	SA 9:00 pm	For the parishioners		
Easter Sunday, March 31	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners		
Easter Sunday, March 31	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners		

OUR PRAYERS

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.



This week is Holy Week, and we begin our observances of the Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Did you know that, beginning with the Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday and continuing right through until Easter Sunday <u>is all one Liturgy—the Triduum.</u> As Catholics, we do not pick and choose when to go to church over these three days, as it is all one Liturgy. This is why we <u>leave in silence on Holy Thursday</u>, <u>enter and leave the service in silence on Good Friday</u>, and again enter in silence for the Vigil Mass on Saturday <u>evening</u>. One Liturgy, spread over the three days. Time to immerse ourselves in the great sacrifice that Jesus made of himself for our sins and the redemption of His rising from the dead so that we could have eternal life. Take the time to be present and attentive to this Liturgy and all its aspects—you'll be amazed at how much you will experience.

Support for Our Parishes Support for Our Parishes St. Catherine's, March 10 Reg. \$1,529.60 TIA \$100 Reg. \$1,571.35 Hall Fund \$100 Init. Off. \$20 Well done, good and faithful servants! Well done, good and faithful servants! Well done, good and faithful servants! \$4000 #000 #000 #000 #000 #000 #000 #000	OUR SUPPOR	T FOR OTHERS			
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Our TIA campaigns are off to a terrific start! Thank you to all who have donated so far. Your efforts and sacrifices to help out those in our Diocese who are struggling will be appreciated in ways you can not imagine. Keep up the wonderful effort!



Good Friday National Collection for the Holy Land

This collection is taken up on Good Friday as requested by the Holy Father. The funds raised are used by the Pope to support the Church in the Holy Land. To donate online, visit: <u>catholicyyc.ca/goodfridaycollection</u>

OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

March 24 Gospel: John 12.20-33



Through the stark reality of the cross Jesus invites us to choose eternal life. With open arms he welcomes us to rise above the forces of death, in forgiveness and love, to follow him as disciples of life.

After a triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus is totally rejected and abandoned by everyone, even his closest friends.

What has been your experience of failure, rejection or abandonment?

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? When have you felt forsaken by God? What gives you hope? (Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Triduum and Easter Liturgies in our Parishes

St. Ambrose 6:00 pm then Adoration until midnight

HOLY THURSDAY MASS, March 28

St. Catherine's 8:00 pm then Adoration until midnight

St. Catherine's 3:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, March 29

St. Ambrose 6:00 pm

EASTER VIGIL MASS, March 30 St. Ambrose 9:00 pm



Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Calgary will be on **Monday, Mar 25 at 7 pm**, at St. Mary's Cathedral. During this Mass, the priests, deacons, and all the faithful gather around Bishop McGrattan, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year. Cathedral doors will be open to the public at 6 pm.



Divine Mercy Sunday is April 7. In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Maria Faustina Kowolska and added the Feast of Divine Mercy to the Church's official calendar. Saint Faustina, who died in 1938, was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She came from a poor family of farmers, had only three years of schooling, and performed the humblest of tasks in her convent. But she also was a mystic who was privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord, including a vision of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and

resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of

Christ.

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.

40 Hours Devotion for Vocations - In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to pray for vocations: "*The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest*" (Matt. 9:37-38). Come and pray with us at the upcoming 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations: **St. Martha's, Lethbridge**, Fri, Apr 12 at 8 am to Sat, Apr 13 at midnight.



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Have you seen the movie CABRINI? When Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini steps foot in America in 1889, she is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children living in New York's slums. Armed with a fearless spirit and a compassionate heart, Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. Despite broken English and poor health, Cabrini leverages her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.

Canonized a saint in 1946, she is the first U.S. citizen to be named a saint. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a religious institute that was a major support to her fellow Italian immigrants to the United States. This moving and inspirational movie is playing at the Movie Mill in Lethbridge and is a must-see, as reported by many of our parishioners. Go to <u>https://moviemill.com/ for days and times.</u>



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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: <u>catholicyyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer</u> Watch here for more information on The Year of Prayer and The Jubilee Year.

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: <u>https://thepopevideo.org/</u>

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.





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. This week in our parish March 24—March 31 Esta semana en nuestra parroquia del 24 de Marzo—31 de Marzo + Sunday Mass/Misa Dominical 11 am + Sunday, March 24 Domingo 24 de Mar-ZO Coffee after Mass. Café después de Misa. Wednesday March 27 + Mass/ Masa 9 am + Miércoles 27 de Mar-ZO Coffee after Mass. Café después de Misa. Holy Thursday March 28 + Mass/Masa 8:00 pm+ Jueves Santo 28 de mar-ZO Ministries Schedule COMMENTATOR/ ALTAR PASTORAL DATE EMHC COFFEE MINISTRY LECTOR SERVERS CARE March 28 Holy Thursday Lew Lynda Nicki Murray March 29 Good Friday Elaine Phil, Jackie, Austen March 31 Easter Sunday Liz Tanya Linda E. April 7 Susan Elsie Soup Sunday If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion, please call Wil Dooper at 403-732-4962. CWL News: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Our membership drive continues. The fees are \$35. Anyone who would like to bring, or pay for, Easter lilies for the church please contact Elizabeth Stroeve at 403-382-7320 before Easter. Thank you! The next Soup Sunday will be April 7, right after Mass. Come and enjoy lunch and visiting with your parish family. All donations will be gratefully accepted and are used for the upkeep of St. Catherine's. El próximo domingo de sopa será el 7 de abril justo después de la Misa. Venga y disfrute del almuerzo y isite a su familia parroquial. Todas las donaciones serán aceptadas con gratitud y se utilizarán para el mantenimiento de St. Catherine's.

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 24—March 30

Sunday, March 24: + Sunday Mass 9 am & 4 pm+

Mon. March 25: CWL Rosary 10 am Family Choir practice 7 pm

Tues. March 26: Reconciliation 6—6:45 pm +<u>Mass 7pm+</u> Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7:30 pm

Wed. March 27: no bookings

Good Friday March 29: Service 6:00 pm

Holy Thursday March 28: +Mass 6:00 pm+

Holy Saturday March 30: Blessing of Easter Foods 10:00 am

+ Easter Vigil Mass 9:00 pm+



Pastoral Care Ministry: Please phone the team listed below on <u>Saturday March 30</u> if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am <u>Sunday Mass on March 31</u>, and please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

March 31 Team: Bonnie 403-345-4596 and Diann 403-345-4945

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





Hello—Jesus is calling YOU! 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!

St. Joseph's School Spring Plant and Flower Sale—get beautiful flowers and plants and support our school at the same time. We have partnered with DeVry Greenhouses and are raising money for outdoor equipment for our Junior High students. **Orders need to be in by April 25 and will be delivered to the school on May 10. To order:**

- scan the QR code to place your order
- email: friendsofstjosephschool@gmail.com
- phone/text Deanna

Thank you for supporting our school!



