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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.



2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024



OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of April 7.

Mass Intentions for April 2024 posted in foyers of churches.

Tuesday, April 9

Wednesday, April 10

Thursday, April 11

Friday, April 12 Sunny South Lodge

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 14

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SA 7:00 pm

SC 9:00 am

SA 8:45 am

2:30 pm

SA 9:00 pm

SC 11:00 am

SA 4:00 pm

Cathy Majeau RIP

Briggs family Int.

Steve & Louise Gajdostik RIP

Geno Giacchetta RIP

For the parishioners

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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.

The Church celebrates the Easter season (also known as “Eastertide”) for 50 days, culminating with the Feast of Pentecost (Sunday, May 19), where Scripture (Acts 2:1–31) tells us that the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7) and the Feast of the Ascension (Sunday, May 12), take place during the Easter season.

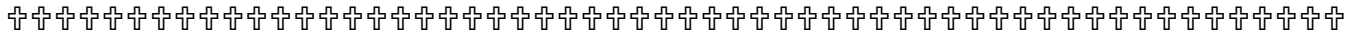
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

Support for Our Parishes

St. Catherine's
Good Friday: For the Holy Land \$761.15
Easter:
 Reg. \$5379.50 TIA \$200 O/M \$70
 Annual Coll. \$250
Well done, good and faithful servants!

St. Ambrose
Good Friday: For the Holy Land **\$869.75**
Easter:
 Reg. \$3,990.25 TIA \$1,170 Benev. Fund \$20
Well done, good and faithful servants!



Support For Our Diocese Programs

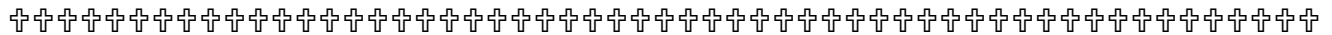
*God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches
 in glory in Christ Jesus.*

St. Catherine's Parish
 2024 Goal: \$10,703.00
Donations to March 31: \$ 1,389.00
 We still need: (correction) \$ 9,314.00
Giving out of love!



St. Ambrose Parish
 2024 Goal: \$10,531.00
Donations to March 31: \$ 3,126.00
 We still need: \$ 7,405.00
Giving out of love!

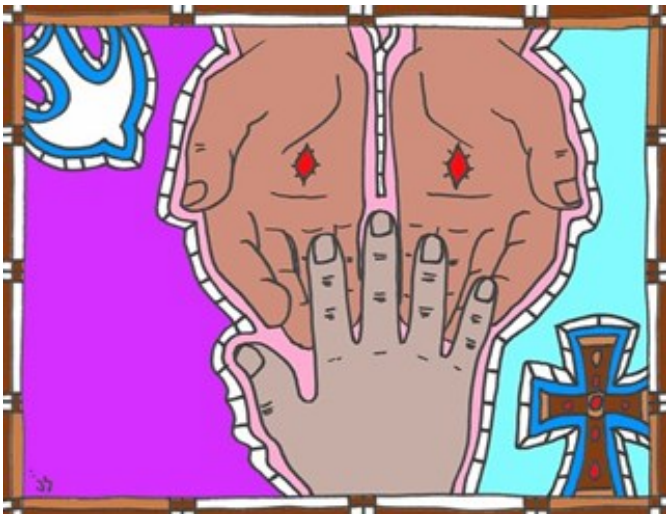
Our TIA campaigns are off to a terrific start! Thank you to all who have donated so far. Your efforts and sacrifices to help out those in our Diocese who are struggling will be appreciated in ways you can not imagine. Keep up the wonderful effort!



**We are an Easter people
 and
 Alleluia is our song!**

OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel: John 20:19-31



How does one come to belief? This is a contemporary question every bit as much as it was for the early church. The Thomas-story within the "Pentecost" story (with the disciples locked in a room out of fear, then Jesus defying locked doors, and breathing the Holy Spirit into them) is encouraging for all who struggle with an inability to hope and trust. Rather than condemning Thomas for his lack of faith, Jesus simply offers Thomas what he needs: "touch my wounds and see for yourself."

**How has the risen Jesus broken through your locked doors?
 Share a "Thomas" moment. How have you found your way out of doubts?
 Thomas leads others to the wounds of Christ, where is Christ's body wounded in our world?**

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

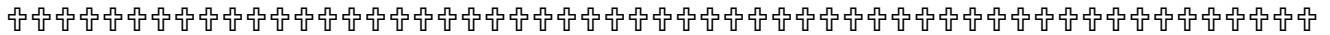


Divine Mercy Sunday is April 7. In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and added the Feast of Divine Mercy to the Church's official calendar. Saint Faustina, who died in 1938, was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She 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 crucified."

Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity for plenary indulgence. The usual conditions are as follows: sacramental confession [according to previously issued norms, within about 20 days before or after] Eucharistic communion [according to previously issued norms, preferably on the day, or the days before or after].

Prayers on Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Ambrose Parish will begin at 2:45 pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00 pm. There will NOT be Confessions or Adoration at this time so please note the times for Confession on the St. Ambrose page in this bulletin. Please feel free to stay for Mass at 4:00 pm.



OUR LARGER COMMUNITY

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.**



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. The movie was still at the Movie Mill at the time of printing this bulletin. Go to <https://moviemill.com/> for days and times.



Did you know—nearly a thousand people gathered for the solemn Outdoor Way of the Cross at St. Mary's University in Calgary on Good Friday, despite the snow and cold. Here is the link to pictures of the event:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/calgarydiocese/albums/72177720315882349/with/53625390586>



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: catholicyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer
Watch here for more information on The Year of Prayer and The Jubilee Year.

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2024: For the role of women—We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination they experience in different parts of the world.

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.



Our Collection Counting teams ask that you please:

1. **Do not FOLD** bills or cheques before putting them in your envelope or the basket.
2. **Do not FOLD** your envelope before putting it in the basket.
3. Please **do not USE OLD ENVELOPES** or other parishioner's envelopes as this makes it hard to record your donations and leads to errors on your tax receipt. Please recycle all old envelopes and boxes.

Thank you!

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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:

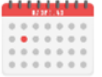
Thursday/Jueves 6:30—7:30 pm

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.

This week in our parish April 7—April 13

Esta semana en nuestra parroquia del 7 de Abril—13 de Abril



Sunday, April 7 + **Sunday Mass/ Misa Dominical 11 am +** Domingo 7 de Abril
Soup Sunday after Mass. Domingo de sopa después de Misa.

Wednesday April 10 + **Mass/ Masa 9 am + with St. Catherine's School** Miércoles 10 de Abril
Coffee after Mass. Café después de Misa.

Sunday Ministries Schedule

DATE	EMHC	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	PASTORAL CARE	COFFEE MINISTRY
April 14	Lew	AJ		Elsie	Lynda & Jackie
April 21	Elaine	Lynda			?

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.



Many thanks to all who helped to make our celebration of the Triduum and Easter meaningful and beautiful! Your work to bring God's message to His people is appreciated!

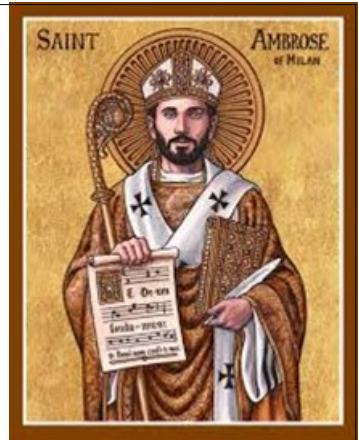


From Fr. Ian: Due to some parish keyholders not coming forward to register keys, both parishes will be forced to re-key the buildings at the considerable expense of the parishes. Parishioners who have church, hall, rectory, or any other parish keys and have not registered them since 2021 need to please 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: April 7—April 13

Sunday, April 7: + **Sunday Mass 9 am & 4 pm** +
Baptism 1 pm
Divine Mercy prayers 2:45 pm
**First Communion Parent's Meeting 5 pm in Foyer



Wed. April 10: Choir practice 9:15 am
Meeting 3—5 pm

Thursday April 11: + **Mass 8:45 am +**
with SJS gr, 4, 5

Friday April 12: no bookings

Saturday April 13: no bookings

Mon. April 8: CWL Rosary 10 am
Live-In Core Group meeting 7 pm

Tues. April 9: Reconciliation 6—6:45 pm
+ **Mass 7pm** +
Renewal Team meeting 7:30 pm



Pastoral Care Ministry: Please phone the team listed below on Saturday April 13 if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on April 14, and please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

April 14 Team: Bonnie 403-345-4596 and Diann 403-345-4945



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



Many thanks to all who helped to make our celebration of the Triduum and Easter meaningful and beautiful! Your work to bring God's message to His people is 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!



From the Hall Committee: Thank you to all who attended The Chosen and generously supported our efforts to build a hall for St. Ambrose Parish! We were able to raise \$1,047.85 to put towards our Building Fund. Please watch the bulletin for the next fund raising event coming soon!

The Hall Committee has meetings scheduled for Tuesday April 16 and Tuesday June 18 at 7:30 pm in the Foyer. We invite all parish members to attend and find out how things are progressing with the plans for the new hall.