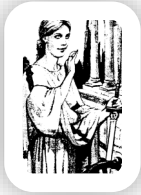




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Parish Registration

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.



4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21, 2024



OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of April 21.

Mass Intentions for April 2024 posted in foyers of churches.

Tuesday, April 23

SA 7:00 pm

Rach family deceased RIP

Wednesday, April 24

SC 9:00 am

Stan Vavra RIP

Thursday, April 25

SA 8:45 am

Gerald Vanden Dungen Int.

Friday

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28

SA 9:00 pm

For the parishioners

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28

SC 11:00 am

For the parishioners

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28

SA 4:00 pm

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, especially Stan Rach.

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

Sunday April 14

Reg. \$740.70 TIA \$53 O&M \$233

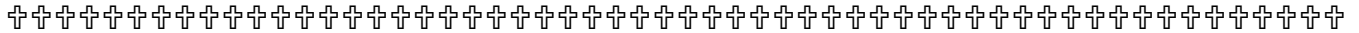
Well done, good and faithful servants!

St. Ambrose

Sunday April 14

Reg. \$2,044.50 TIA \$285 Good Friday \$20
Seminary Fund \$70 Youth Min. \$150 Easter \$140

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 April 15: \$ 1,462.00

We still need: (correction) \$ 9,241.00
Giving out of love!

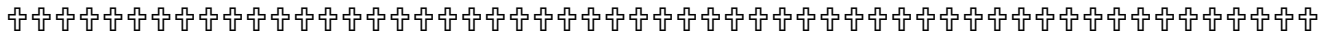


St. Ambrose Parish

2024 Goal: \$10,531.00
Donations to April 15: \$ 3,436.00

We still need: \$ 7,095.00
Giving out of love!

Our TIA campaigns are going well, with each week bringing us closer to our goals! Your willingness to share God's gifts with those in need in our Diocese is deeply appreciated. Keep up the great work, St. Catherine's and St. Ambrose!



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

OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel: John 10.11-18



John characteristically uses "I am" statements to indicate the revelation of Jesus' identity (an echo of God's name as revealed to Moses). Today we see Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and are reminded of Ezekiel's contrast between the good and bad shepherd of his day. Jesus is the shepherd who "knows" His sheep and is willing to give His life for them. To "know" here refers to a relationship of communion and love, not simply intellectual knowledge. Being chosen by the Shepherd, however, is no cause for elitism or privilege; rather, there is a greater responsibility that we shoulder as people who are co-shepherds.

Whom are you "shepherding" in your life right now and who "shepherds" you?

How can we be "known" by Jesus? And how do we "know" Jesus?

In what direction is the Good Shepherd calling you at this time in your life? Do you believe you are called by God? How can we overcome doubts to recognize God's call in a spirit of humility and faith?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)



Good Shepherd Sunday - April 21. Today, World Day of Vocations or "Good Shepherd Sunday," we heed the Lord's call to "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest." (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). We ask for your prayers for young people to courageously answer God's call to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. The Diocese of Calgary also asks for your generous donations today to support the education and formation of our seminarians and those in the permanent diaconate program. You can donate online at catholiccyyc.ca/give or through our parish. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

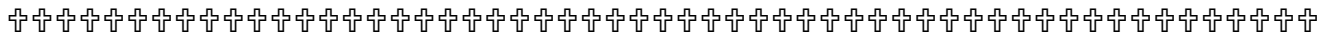
Catholic Education Week celebrates the vital role of publicly funded Catholic schools throughout Alberta and beyond. The event this year is set for **May 5 to May 10, 2024**. Moreover, May 9, 2024, is designated as World Catholic Education Day. During this week, the impact of faith-based education on over 183,000 students throughout Alberta is recognized.



The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024, "Courage to Lead", reminds us of the call and the responsibility to live and uphold the teachings of our Catholic faith, even amidst the challenges of the world around us.

Let's continue fostering the faith and education of our Youth by **recognizing the Significance of Catholic Education**. Catholic Education Week is a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Catholic schools. It's a period for valuing how Catholic Schools cultivate faith and academic prowess, influencing the development of young individuals.

Wear BLUE to support Catholic Education!



OUR LARGER COMMUNITY

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

www.facebook.com/SFXCLeth OR www.instagram.com/sfxc_leth OR call Fr. Santiago at 403-327-8931.

April Events

Saturday, April 27: 5pm Mass @ St. Martha's. Social after.

May Events

Saturday, May 11: Pilgrimage w/ Mass.

Friday, May 17: Adoration @ Assumption Church. Boardgames after.

June Events

Saturday, June 1: 5pm Mass @ Assumption. Social and Formation Session after.

Saturday, June 8: Hike for Life (organized by Lethbridge Pro-Life).

Friday, June 21: Adoration @ Assumption. Social at Henderson Lake after.



"Share the Mission Award" - Nominations are now welcome for the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's "Share the Mission Award." This prestigious award recognizes community members, parents, students, and school staff who have:

- Offered outstanding or long term service for the benefit of our students;
- Accepted demanding challenges and set new standards for the rest of us to follow;
 - Contributed, through action and deed, to the Catholic atmosphere of our schools;
- Demonstrated involvement and leadership in community / parish organizations;
- Reflected the Mission Statement of the Holy Spirit School Division in all actions.

If you know of an individual or group you would like to nominate, please forward their name to the Holy Spirit School Division Office by June 7, 2024. The nomination form is available online on the division's website:

https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/resources_publications/news/whats_new/share_the_mission_awards_2023-2024

For more information, please contact Rhonda Kawa at (403) 327-9555.



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: catholiccyyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer

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

OUR LARGER COMMUNITY



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 ask for envelopes if you need them.
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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 21—April 27

Sunday, April 21: + Sunday Mass 9 am & 4 pm +
9 am CWL-led Mass & Hospitality
**First Communion class - 2:30 pm in Foyer



Wed. April 24: No bookings

Thursday April 11: + Mass 8:45 am +
Choir practice 3:20—4:20 pm
Choir practice 7 pm

Mon. April 22: CWL Rosary 10 am
Live-In Core meeting 7 pm

Friday April 12: no bookings

Saturday April 13: no bookings

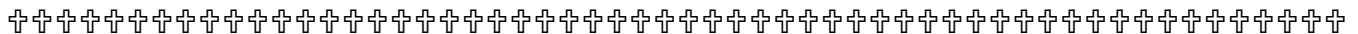
Tues. April 23: Funeral 11 am
Reconciliation 6—6:45 pm
+ **Mass 7pm** +

Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7:30 pm



Pastoral Care Ministry: Please phone the team listed below on Saturday April 27 if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on April 28, and please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

April 28 Team: Bonnie 403-345-4596 and Diann 403-345-4945



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

- 1. CWL-led Mass on Sunday April 21 at 9:00 am.** If you can help, please call Diane Miedema at 403-345-3974.
- 2. Hospitality Sunday by the CWL will also be April 21 at the 9 am Mass.** If you can donate snacks or help serve, please call Maria Federmesser at 403-345-3637.



St. Ambrose CWL is celebrating their 75th Anniversary on Friday June 14! This milestone will be celebrated with Mass at 5 pm followed by a banquet at St. Joseph's School at 6:30 pm. All are invited! Tickets are \$40, available in May. Please call Diane Miedema at 403-345-3974 for more information. Congratulations on 75 years of service!!



ORDERS CLOSE THIS THURSDAY!!

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!