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St. Catherine's Parish
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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.

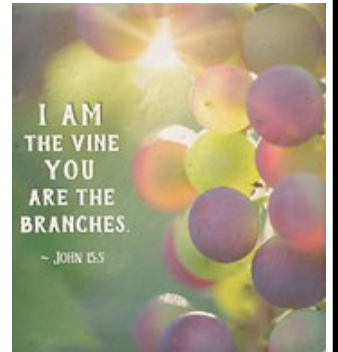
Receiving the Sacraments in our parishes: Please contact the parish office regarding Sacramental Preparation for all Sacraments—Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest at least six (6) months prior to the date chosen.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



5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of April 21.

Mass Intentions for April 2024 posted in foyers of churches.

Tuesday, April 30
Wednesday, May 1
Thursday, May 2
Friday May 3 Piyami Lodge
Sunday, May 5
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SA 7:00 pm
SC 9:00 am
SA 8:45 am
10 am
SA 9:00 pm
SC 11:00 am
SA 4:00 pm

Ed & Yvonne Wehlage RIP
All Souls RIP
All Souls RIP
Hettinga family deceased RIP
For the parishioners
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.

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 21**

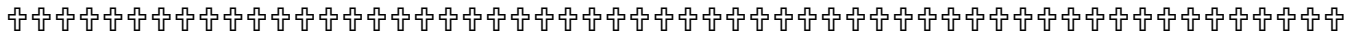
Reg. \$602.10 TIA \$125 O&M \$40 Sem. Fund \$53
Benev. Fund \$20 Online donations \$290.69

Well done, good and faithful servants!

**St. Ambrose
Sunday April 21**

Reg. \$1,366.30 TIA \$20 Sem. Fund \$335
Sacramental Prep. \$40

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: \$ 1,587.00

We still need: (correction) \$ 9,116.00
Giving out of love!

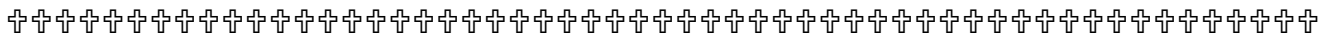


St. Ambrose Parish

2024 Goal: \$10,531.00
Donations to April 15: \$ 3,456.00

We still need: \$ 7,075.00
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 15.1—8



Jesus is promising, and advancing, God's covenant by expressing His desire to be joyful, to know our deepest desires and be intimate within our hearts. Christian writer John Shea said, "The true vine lives simultaneously in the flux of time and in the eternal now." We do this by answering a daily call to live in the house of love and to ensure that each branch in our families, parishes and communities remains healthy and connected to the Vine that "causes all things to work together for the good of those who trust in Him." As John expresses perfectly, "from the least to the greatest all will know the Lord."

How strong is Love in your family, your parish, your community, your workplace?

What branches in your parish are not bearing fruit?

When have you witnessed near complete joy in your parish life?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

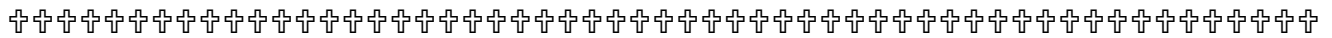


Catholic Education Week celebrates the vital role of publicly funded Catholic schools throughout Alberta and beyond. The event this year is set for **May 5 to May 10, 2024**. Moreover, May 9, 2024, is designated as World Catholic Education Day. During this week, the impact of faith-based education on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

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.



Miscarriage Care Ministries—For The Miscarriage Ministry Committee in the Diocese of Calgary is organizing an information night about its mission and vision. We desire to be a place of support for those experiencing this unique form of loss. Join us for an evening of learning about this ministry, assessing the community's needs, sharing best practices, and fellowship.



When: **Friday, May 24, from 7 pm to 9 pm** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave, SW, Calgary)

For information: <https://www.catholicyc.ca/>



“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: catholicyc.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.
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 28—May 4

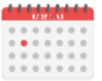
Esta semana en nuestra parroquia del 28 de Abril—4 de Mayo

Sunday, April 28 + **Sunday Mass/ Misa Dominical 11 am +** Domingo 28 de Abril
Children's Day Party after Mass. Fiesta del Día del Niño después de Misa.

****First Communion meeting #3 at 12:05 pm./Reunión de Primera Comunión #3 a las 12:05 pm.**

Wednesday May 1 + **Mass/ Masa 9 am +** Miércoles 1 de Mayo
Coffee after Mass. Café después de Misa.

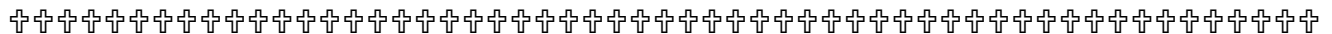
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Sunday Ministries Schedule

DATE	EMHC	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	PASTORAL CARE	COFFEE MINISTRY
May 5	Susan	Jackie		Elaine	Wil D.
May 12	Lew	Austen		Elaine	Mexican ladies

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.

Knights of Columbus—a reminder from Art that membership money is past due! Please remit your dues as soon as possible. Thank you!



Springtime!
Your message of hope
to a world tiring of winter's starkness,
longing for that first crocus
to push through snow's icy blanket
and spread its leaves,
like arms outstretched, to its creator.



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Our yearly reminder, if we needed one,
that to a world that was dark and cold,
a world devoid of love's sweet warmth,
you sent your Son
to break through sin's icy blanket, and,
arms outstretched on a cross,
he brought us hope.
Thank you, Lord!

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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.

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Sunday, April 28: + Sunday Mass 9 am & 4 pm +
**First Communion class - 2:30 pm in Foyer

Mon. April 22: CWL Rosary 10 am

Tues. April 23: Reconciliation 6—6:45 pm
+ Mass 7pm +

Joint Parish Finance Council meeting 7:30 pm



Wed. April 24: 9:15 am Choir practice
Knights of Columbus meeting 7 pm

Thursday April 11: + Mass 8:45 am +

Friday April 12: Office closed.

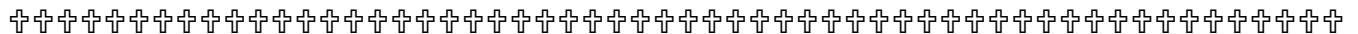
Saturday April 13: no bookings

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Pastoral Care Ministry: Please phone the team listed below on Saturday May 4 if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on May 5. Please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

May 5 Team: Mary-Ann 403-345-5457 and Lauraine 403-345-4184



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



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, ladies, on 75 years of service!!



Parish Yard Clean-up has been rescheduled for Saturday May 11, starting at 9:00 am. We are still looking for people willing to help! If you can rake, shovel, trim trees or bushes, pick up pine cones or are just willing to come and help with what needs doing, please call the church office at 403-345-3400 and sign up. We need to know how many burgers to cook for lunch, so please **RSVP by Thursday May 2**. Let's make this a fun and productive day!!



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