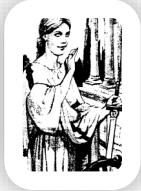




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**Parish Registration**

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 12:00 pm each Wednesday of the week the bulletin is published.

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 6, 2024**



**OUR PRAYERS**

**MASS INTENTIONS: Week of Oct.**

**Mass Intentions for Sept. 2024 posted in foyers of churches.**

Sunday, Oct. 6  
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SA 9:00 am  
SC 11:00 am  
SA 4:00 pm

For the parishioners  
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Tuesday, Oct. 8  
Wednesday, Oct. 9  
Thursday, Oct. 10  
Friday

SA NO MASS  
SC NO MASS  
SA NO MASS



**Please pray for the sick of our parishes –** Rudy Gettman, Dave Gensorek, Lorraine Kress, Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Darlene Beler, Katie Lindsay, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Deirdre Doyle, Gracie Jeppson, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic  
**And for the Repose of the Souls** of all the deceased.

# OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

## Support for Our Parishes

### St. Catherine's

**Sunday September 29**

Reg. \$775.50    TIA \$510    O&M \$40

**Well done, good and faithful servants!**

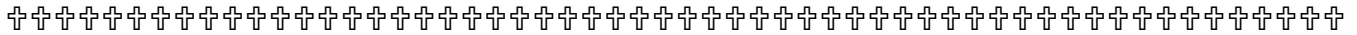
### St. Ambrose

**Sunday September 29**

Reg. \$1,695.95    Hall \$    TIA \$50

**Well done, good and faithful servants!**

**The fall can be an expensive time for our parishes as many of the subscriptions, etc., come due. Thank you for your continued donations and support !**



## 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 Sept.29       \$ 4,960.00

We still need:                \$ 5,743.00  
*Giving out of love!*



### **St. Ambrose Parish**

2024 Goal:                    \$10,531.00  
Donations to Sept. 29       \$ 7,836.50

We still need:                \$ 2,694.50  
*Giving out of love!*

**Our TIA campaigns are going well, but the push is on to meet our goals by year's end! 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!**



## OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

### Today's Gospel: Mark 10.2—16

Mark 10:2-16



For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. The first verse

of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him about the lawfulness of divorce.

Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus explains that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason.

God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Ian will be away at Priest Study Days Oct. 7—12. The following schedule changes will be necessary:

1. There will be no weekday Masses at St. Ambrose or St. Catherine's.
2. There will be no Reconciliation at St. Catherine's on Thursday or at St. Ambrose Tuesday or Friday.
3. Deacon Peter will lead Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Ambrose on Friday evening. There will not be Reconciliation.

The parish offices will be open during this week with regular hours.

While at Study days, Fr. Ian will remember these intentions when he celebrates Mass:  
Jerry Kreujer Int., Gertie Chervenka Int., Ellen Wagner Int.

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/SFXCLeth) OR [www.instagram.com/sfxc\\_leth](https://www.instagram.com/sfxc_leth) OR call Fr. Santiago at 403-327-8931.



**St. Augustine's Parish, Taber, is hosting a 40 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** beginning with Exposition at 3 am on Monday, Nov. 25 and concluding Tues. Nov. 26 at 7 pm. This Devotion is for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. We need at least 2 people for each hour. To sign up, please call the parish office at 403-223-2226.

**All Saints, Lethbridge 48 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - Fri, Oct 4 at Assumption Church after the 9 am Mass to Sun, Oct 6 at 8:45 am, followed by 9 am Mass. The Devotion is for Vocations. To sign up, please call 403-327-8931 or go to the All Saints website.



Please note that **Catholic Education Sunday**, which has taken place yearly on the first Sunday in November will be moving to **October 19/20, 2024**. This date change was made the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association at their AGM earlier this month. **Catholic Education Sunday** will start **Catholic Education Week** which takes place from October 19-25, 2024.



**OFFICE PARKING ONLY** YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED—With many thanks to St. Joseph's School, we have been able to designate 3 parking spaces on the east side of the Olde Rectory as Office Parking Only. This will greatly assist our parishioners with mobility difficulties in accessing the office, especially in the winter months when it is icy. We have placed signs along this area and are working to gently discourage people from parking there "...just for a minute...". Please spread the word so that we can keep these spaces open for those coming into the Parish Office. Thanks so much!



Are you returning bottles, cans, milk containers found in your spring cleaning? Consider donating the money to the St. Catherine's Flower Fund. When you go to the Bottle Depot, just let them know that the money can go into the St. Catherine's Flower Fund. A similar program exists also at the Coaldale Bottle Depot. Just let them know your donation goes to St. Ambrose Parish. Thanks!



**Guided Journeys Foundation** is a registered non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing our communities with palliative care support wherever they may need it. Every moment is precious for us, so we try to make each one count. We offer comfort, guidance, and compassionate care to patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers facing end-of-life bereavement. Guided Journeys Foundation will become the first residential hospice and palliative care home in Lethbridge, Alberta.

If you are interested is more information on this Foundation, please go to: <https://guidedjourneys.ca/>

**For more information on their Western Flare 2024 Fund Raiser, please see the poster in the foyer of the church, or speak with Christine Kinahan.**



## OUR LARGER COMMUNITY

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2024: For a shared mission—We pray that the church Continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion, and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people. The Pope video can be found here: <https://thepopevideo.org/>









**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.



**JUBILEE YEAR MASS**— Diocesan opening of the Jubilee Year “Pilgrims of Hope” at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Calgary on Sunday December 29 at noon.

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