



ST. AMBROSE PARISH
COALDALE, AB

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.

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.

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1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of Dec. 1—7 Mass Intentions for Dec. 2024 posted in foyers of churches.

Sunday, Dec. 1	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Dec. 1	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Dec. 1	SA 4:00 pm	For the parishioners
Tuesday, Dec. 3	SA 7:00 pm	Lydia Tomasta RIP
Wednesday, Dec. 4	SC 9:00 am	Doyle children Int.
Thursday, Dec. 5	SA 8:45 am	Rudy Gettman RIP
Friday, Dec. 6 Piyami Lodge	10:00 am	Devereux family Int.



Please pray for the sick of our parishes – Dave Gensorek, Lorainne Kress, Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Darlene Beler, Katie Lindsay, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Deirdre Doyle, Gracie Jeppson, Pat Theroux, Fausto Romo Vela, Joanne Kubic

And for the Repose of the Souls of all the deceased, especially Rudy Gettman.

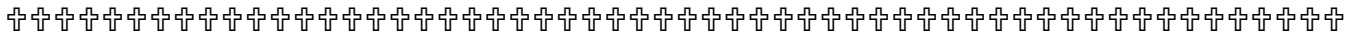
OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

Support for Our Parishes

<u>St. Catherine's</u>		
Sunday November 24		
Reg. \$3,491	TIA \$	O/M \$40
Well done, good and faithful servants!		

<u>St. Ambrose</u>		
Sunday November 24		
Reg. \$1,678	Hall \$5,000	TIA \$25
Well done, good and faithful servants!		

Our parishes are in need of your help this winter as utility bills rise. Every donation, no matter the amount, counts! Thank you for your continued donations and support !



Support For Our Diocese Programs

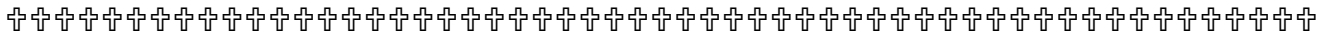
God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

St. Catherine's Parish	
2024 Goal:	\$10,703.00
<u>Donations to Nov. 24</u>	<u>\$ 5,835.00</u>
We still need:	\$ 4,868.00
<i>Giving out of love!</i>	



St. Ambrose Parish	
2024 Goal:	\$10,531.00
<u>Donations to Nov. 24</u>	<u>\$ 9,802.00</u>
We still need:	\$ 729.00
<i>Giving out of love!</i>	

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: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed. Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and

prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. Previous to this passage, Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

OUR LARGER COMMUNITY

A big thanks to everyone who supported our 2nd annual Fall Supper at St. Joseph School. Special thanks to the 50 volunteers that worked and to the many businesses and individuals that donated to make this event a great success!
From the Fall Supper Committee



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! The North County Interfaith Outreach Society is excited to once again organize a community event to make and distribute **Christmas Hampers** to those in need in our community. This event will take place on Saturday, December 14, starting at 9:00 am, at St. Catherine's Church. We are in need of volunteers to create hampers and volunteer drivers to deliver. Thank you for your continued support.



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 OR santiago.torres@calgary.diocese.ca



Advent begins on Sunday, Dec. 1! The retreat centers in our Diocese have many opportunities for prayer and Renewal during the Advent season, and all year round. For more information, here are the links to their websites:

The Martha Center, Lethbridge

FCJ Centre, Calgary | fcjcentre.ca

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center,

<https://www.martharetreatcentre.ca/>

Cochrane <https://mountstfrancis.ca/>

Advent Twilight Retreat Monday, December 2nd, 4:45 pm — 9:00 pm. Facilitators: Ellen Wagner, Mark Nixon. Cost: \$70, at the Martha Retreat Center, Lethbridge. Join us to reflect on the Holy Spirit's movement over the past year in your life. We will ponder, similar to Mary, how the Spirit enlightens, enkindles, empowers, and enriches, as we look deeper into Psalm 62 & 118, supported with song and wisdom of the ages thru silence.

The **Diocese of Calgary Advent resources page** is now online! Find Advent events (retreats, missions, events, penitential services) in our Diocese, prayers and traditions, inspiring books, music and movies, and activities for children. Visit <https://www.catholicyc.ca/advent.html>



Improve your English! For adults (18+) living in Lethbridge County, offered by the County of Lethbridge Community Learning Council. Phone 403-345-6009 or email clclcoffice@gmail.com for information on classes and other services. New classes begin in January!



Walk-In Prayer & Praise and Worship – Are you carrying your cross alone? *"Pray for one another that you may be healed"*, (James 5:16). Walk-In Prayer is available Tuesday evenings after the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Martha's during Praise & Worship (7:30-8:30pm). Adoration will also occur most evenings. Prayer teams will be available to pray with parishioners for their intentions.

Advent, Week 1: Light 1 purple candle

Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 1: "Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth at Christmas. Amen."



OUR LARGER COMMUNITY

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2024: For pilgrims of hope—We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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.



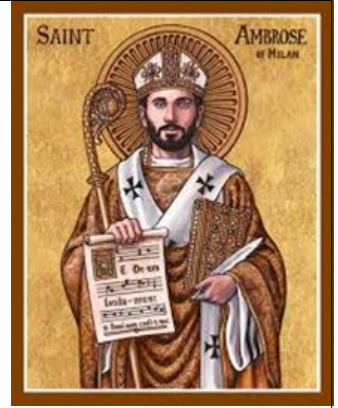
JUBILEE YEAR OPENING MASS— Diocesan opening of the Jubilee Year “Pilgrims of Hope” at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Calgary on Sunday December 29 at noon.

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OUR PARISHES

St. Ambrose, Pray for us.
Feast Day: December 7



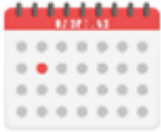
St. Ambrose Parish

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am and 4:00 pm
Weekday Masses: Tues. 7:00 pm, Thurs. 8:45 am
Adoration: Fri. 7:00—8:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tues. 6:00—6:45 pm
 Fri. 7:00—8:00 pm
Rosary: Mon. 10:00 am with CWL (except holidays)

New Office Hours:
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
8:30 am—4:00 pm
Closed Wednesdays

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 for December 1—7, 2024

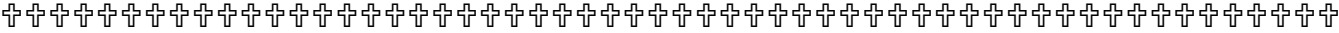



<p>Sunday Dec. 1 + MASS + 9:00 am + MASS + 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Monday Dec. 2 CWL Rosary 10 am.</p>	<p>Tuesday Dec. 3 + MASS + 6:00 pm <i>Diocesan Advent Mission to follow.</i></p>	
<p>Wednesday Dec. 4 SA office closed Choir practice 9:15 am <i>Diocesan Advent Mission</i></p>	<p>Thursday Dec. 5 + MASS + 8:45 am <i>Diocesan Advent Mission</i></p>	<p>Friday Dec. 6 Choir practice 12:15 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation 7:00—8:00 pm</p>	<p>Saturday Dec. 7 Feast of St. Ambrose 1st Reconciliation Retreat 9 am—1 pm Church & foyer</p>



Pastoral Care Eucharistic Ministry: Please phone the team listed below on **Saturday Dec. 7** if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the **9 am Sunday Mass on Dec. 8**. Please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

Dec. 8 Team: Offie 604-791-6141 Lauraine 403-345-4184



 CWL News: **We are having a Quilt Raffle!** Proceeds will go to help the Coaldale Food Bank, and Elsie's House which supports pregnant women and new moms who are in difficult situations. Tickets are 3 for \$10 and can be purchased after Mass or from CWL members. Draw Dec. 15. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Advent Mission for "Renewed in Hope," a three-day mission from Dec 3 to Dec 5 starting each evening at 7 pm. Renowned speakers Brett Powell, Bishop Scott McCaig, and Mary Rose Bacani Valenti will join us live via Zoom, leading us in reflections on discipleship, community, and family life. This is a wonderful chance to renew our faith and find hope together as we prepare for Christmas. Please join us at St. Ambrose Parish. All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE that the Mass on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3 will be at 6 pm to accommodate the Mission.

You are called. You are welcome. You belong.



2025 Donation Envelopes are in the foyer to be picked up. Look for your NAME, not your 2024 number, as numbers have had to be changed again.

Advent Penitential Services in the Deanery:
Wed., Dec. 11 at 7 pm St. Ambrose Sat., Dec. 14 at 10 am Assumption Fri., Dec. 20 at 7 pm
Thurs., Dec. 12 at 7 pm St. Augustine's Wed., Dec. 18 at 7 pm St. Peter's St. Joseph's
Fri., Dec. 13 at 7 pm St. Catherine's Thurs., Dec. 19 at 7 pm St. Martha's