



*Twinned in Faith*  
**ST. AMBROSE & ST. CATHERINE'S PARISHES**

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Whether you are new, visiting, or a longtime member, we're glad you're here.  
Please say hello to Fr. Iqbal—he would love to meet you!

Pick up a registration form in the foyer and place it in the collection basket.

**ASCENSION  
SUNDAY  
May 17, 2026**



**OUR PRAYERS**

**MASSES AND INTENTIONS for May 16—24, 2026**

<b>Saturday (Sunday Mass) May 16</b>	<b>SA 5:00 pm</b>	For the parishioners
<b>Sunday May 17</b>	<b>SA 9:00 am</b>	Intention of Paul & Lydia Jones
<b>Sunday May 17</b>	<b>SC 11:00 am</b>	Flerida Vela Gonzalez †
Monday May 18—Victoria Day	NO MASS	
Tuesday May 19	SA 6:00 pm	Intention of Paul & Lydia Jones
Wednesday May 20	SC 9:00 am	No intention available
Thursday May 21	SA 8:45 am	Intention of Dan Clarke
Thursday—Sunny South Lodge	2:30 pm	No intention available
Friday May 22	SC 9:00 am	No intention available
<b>Saturday May 23 (Sunday Mass)</b>	<b>SA 5:00 pm</b>	Intention of Len & Sandy Whyte
<b>Sunday May 24</b>	<b>SA 9:00 am</b>	Linda Wolfe †
<b>Sunday May 24</b>	<b>SC 11:00 am</b>	For the parishioners



**Please pray for our parishioners who are sick** – Robert Pitsol, Joanne Weber, Diane Murray, Lew Dooper, Peter Velker, Robert Briggs, Tanya Figg, Dave Gensorek, David & Darlene Beler, Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Maria Federmesser, Lorraine Kress, Joanne Kubic, Helen & Perry Layton, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, Fausto Romo Vela.

**And for the Repose of the Souls** of all the deceased.



**Pastoral Care Ministry** – If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion in Coaldale after the 9am Mass on **Sunday May 24**, please notify a team member by Saturday May 23.

May 24 Team: Bonnie 403-345-4596 Diann 403-345-4945

**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**



**Reconciliation**

St. Catherine's: Wednesday 7—8 pm  
St. Ambrose: Saturday 3:30—4:30 pm

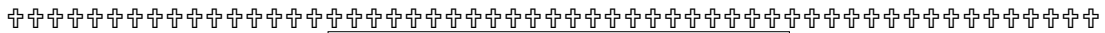
**Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist**

St. Catherine's: Wednesday 7—8 pm  
St. Ambrose: 1st Friday 9 am—1 pm

Fr. Iqbal is available for Anointing of the Sick and Confession by appointment. Please call 587-434-1937 and leave a message and he will call to arrange a time.

**Receiving the Sacraments in  
St. Ambrose & St. Catherine's Parishes**

Please contact the parish office regarding the required Sacramental Preparation courses 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. If you have questions, please contact the office at 403-345-3400



**Our Support for Others—TIA**

Together in Action is more than a fundraising campaign. It is a call to live our faith. In the spirit of St. Francis, we are reminded that faith becomes visible through our actions when we care for those in need.

Thanks to your generosity, we are making steady progress in our Together in Action 2026 campaign. We are moving closer to our Parish goals. Each gift is a sign of faith lived through action.

***Our parishes will be allocating the 2025 Surplus funds to helping achieve our 2026 TIA goal.*** Thank you for your continued help in meeting our parishes goals!

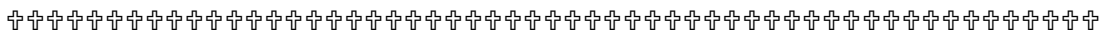
**St. Ambrose Parish**

2026 Goal:	\$10,531.00
Donations to May 3	\$ 6,166.20



**St. Catherine's Parish**

2026 Goal:	\$10,703.00
Donations to May 3:	\$ 4,092.00



**PARISH NEWS**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ST. CATHERINE'S AND ST. AMBROSE PARISHIONERS!**

Fr. Iqbal will be away on a pilgrimage from **May 23—June 5**. Fr. Luke Tran will be at our parishes on the weekends of May 23/24 and May 30/31 to celebrate the Holy Mass. The usual weekend Mass times will not change.

**Please note that there will not be any weekday Masses for May 25—29 or June 1—5.** Weekday Masses will resume June 8. There will not be a Mass at Piyami Lodge on May 27, or at Sunny South Lodge on June 4.

The offices will remain open for regular hours for the 2 weeks that Fr. Iqbal is away.

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE:** The parish office will be closed on Monday May 18 for Victoria Day.

**St. Ambrose Parish**  
**CWL Living Rosary — Sunday, May 31, after the 9 am Mass**

Everyone is invited to join our circle of prayer, offering roses and intentions to Mary. We welcome all ages and need up to 75 participants to help lead the prayers. Sign up in the foyer or contact Diane M (403-892-2244) or Maria F (403-795-7982).

**St. Catherine's Parish**

**Please join us in welcoming Matthew Gensorek, a Seminarian, who will be serving in our parishes from May through August!**

## CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE



**CONGRATULATIONS  
to Paul and Lydia  
Jones, who celebrate  
their 50th  
Wedding Anniversary  
this weekend!**



Please welcome  
Rylee Marie Thompson,  
child of Andrew & Jelena Thompson,  
who was Baptised at St. Ambrose on  
April 18, 2026.

### Community Items

All are cordially invited to an **outdoor Mass to honour Our Lady**, followed by a potluck on Saturday, May 30th, 2026. 1008 4 St. West Barnwell. Arrive 10:45am, Rosary & Mass begin at 11am. Bring a lawn chair & a potluck item to share. Burgers, hot dogs, and beverages provided. Bouncy castles, bumper balls, and games for the youth. **Please RSVP 403-894-1471** Josh & Shawna Van Uden

**Everyone is invited to celebrate Father Kevin's 69th birthday with a festive dinner fundraiser.**

**Date: Wednesday, June 3rd** (the feast day of Saint Kevin) Location: Assumption Church & hall. Mass: 5:00 p.m. Cocktails: 6:00 p.m. Dinner and short program: 6:30 p.m. Full Roast Beef dinner and desserts catered by Cheryl Neufeld. **Dinner Tickets are \$150 each**, available through the parish office. Every ticket includes a \$75 tax receipt for supporting either the All Saints New Church Building Fund or St. Patrick's Modernization Fund or both.

**Rehoboth Christian Ministries:** The Annual Pork Roast will be on **June 12** from 5pm-7pm. Cost is by donation. For more info call 403-345-5199.

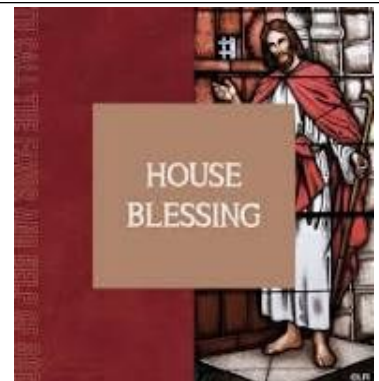
### Have you ever wondered: Why do we have our houses blessed?

The tradition of House Blessing dates back to early Christianity. We read in the Gospel of St. Matthew "On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh." It means we open the doors to Jesus to come in and stay with us. As it is written in the Book of Revelation 3:20 *"Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me"*

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Among the sacramentals blessings occupy an important place. They include both praise of God for his works and gifts, and the Church's intercession for men that they may be able to use God's gifts according to the spirit of the Gospel."

At the Easter Vigil, all is restored: The fonts are filled again, and the baptismal water is blessed. In this blessing, we hear how God has given water the "power to sanctify" throughout salvation history — the great flood cleansed the earth of sin, the Israelites passed through the Red Sea to freedom, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. For the remainder of the Easter season, the congregation is sprinkled liberally with this holy water in place of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass. We are reminded of our baptism and our baptismal vow. During Easter time, when houses are blessed with the water blessed at Easter Vigil, reminds us about the life-giving water which flowed from the side of Jesus when his heart of pierced. During the blessing, we remember the words of the Psalmist, "**Blessed** art thou, and it shall be well with thee".

**If you would like to have your house blessed, please call the office  
to book a time for Fr. Iqbal to come and bless your house!**





## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

“ Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it”  
(Hebrews 13:1-2).

**The Catholic Ministry of Ushers**, often termed Ministers of Hospitality, are liturgical ministers who welcome worshippers, assist with seating, take up collections, and ensure a reverent atmosphere. As the first point of contact, they embody the Parish community's hospitality. They also handle emergency situations, aid with the offertory procession, and assist with communion flow.

### Core Responsibilities and Duties

- **Hospitality:** Greeting parishioners and visitors at the doors, offering a welcoming atmosphere.
- **Seating:** Assisting with seating, particularly when the church is crowded, and guiding those with special needs.
- **Collections:** Taking up the Collection/offertings during Mass.
- **Offertory:** Identifying parishioners to bring up the gifts of bread and wine.
- **Logistics:** Distributing bulletins, ensuring pews are tidy after Mass, and managing special crowds.
- **Safety:** Assisting in emergencies and ensuring a calm environment.

### History and Role

- **Oldest Lay Ministry:** Ushers have roots in the ancient clerical order of porters (ostiarrii) from the 3rd Century, who guarded church doors.

**Focus:** Today, the ministry focuses on hospitality rather than exclusion, welcoming all who enter to worship.

### Qualifications and Requirements

- **Faithful Members:** Active, practicing Catholics with good reputation.
- **Requirements:** Often required to have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), and have a deep respect for the Mass.

**Commitment:** The role requires arriving roughly 15–20 minutes before Mass starts.

### Symbolic Role

Ushers represent the "presence of Christ" by offering hospitality and ensuring the smooth flow of the Eucharistic celebration. They, along with greeters, set the tone for the liturgical gathering.

Contact the Parish Office via email or phone call to register and you will be provided a training to learn about the ministry.

### Career Opportunity for a Bookkeeper (Casual) -

**St. Ambrose (Coaldale) & St. Catherine's (Picture Butte) Twinned Parishes. Office is located in Coaldale. Due to the size of this posting, we are unable to place it into the bulletin. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please go to the Diocese of Calgary website to see the full job posting:**

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/careers.html>

*The posting will also be on the parish website and our Facebook page.*



### NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!!

Both of our parishes are going to start a **Funeral Ministry!** We will be

looking for volunteers who will take on a leadership role in assisting Fr. Iqbal or our Deacons in meeting with families and helping to schedule other volunteers such as Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. Training will be provided! Please contact the parish office if you feel called to join this new ministry!

All parish volunteers must complete the Diocese of Calgary Volunteer Screening program BEFORE they can serve in the parish. The office can help with this! Please call for more information.