



# ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB

# St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB



## March 20, 2022

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Ian Gagne

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### Central Office at St. Ambrose

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Website: [stambroseparish.ca](http://stambroseparish.ca)

**Sunday Mass:** 9:00 am & 4:00 pm

**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Thursday 8:45 am

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 7:00—8:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Friday from 7:00—8:00 pm

### St. Catherine's Office

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Office Hours: 9:00 – noon Wednesday

Email: [office@stambroseparish.ca](mailto:office@stambroseparish.ca)

Website: [stcatherineparish.ca](http://stcatherineparish.ca)

**Sunday Mass:** 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass:** Wednesday 9:00 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:00—8:00 pm



### Parish Registration

If you are new to one of our parishes—**WELCOME!** A warm WELCOME is extended to new parishioners. Kindly introduce yourselves to Fr. Ian, 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.

**Watch Livestream Mass** - If you cannot attend the Liturgy in person, Bishop McGrattan suggests you choose to watch a live-streamed celebration rather than a recorded one whenever possible. Live-streamed liturgies unfold in the present moment, and thus afford the opportunity for those participating virtually to join in real time with the Church at prayer. Current Parish Mass livestream schedule & link : <https://www.catholicycy.ca/#livestre>

### Scripture Reflection

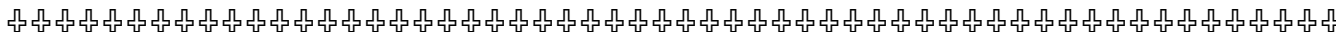
**Water.** Water, water, everywhere. Water in the Exodus through the sea and flowing from the rock in Horeb. Water in Jacob's well. Living water is found only in Jesus, becoming a spring of eternal life.

**Each time I dip my fingers in the font, I will pray for \_\_\_\_\_?**

**When the First Scrutiny is celebrated with the elect this Sunday, how will I also shun with them all that is wrong in our lives, in the Church, and in our world?**

**In preparing to renew baptismal promises this Easter, how will my figuratively drinking at the well of Baptism today nourish my Christian life?**

*(Source: Diocese of Springfield)*



MASS INTENTIONS:			
SA intention	Tuesday, March 22	All souls in Purgatory RIP	SA 7:00 pm
SC intention	Wednesday, March 23	Bulva family deceased RIP	SC 9:00 am
SA intention	Thursday, March 24	Dan & Dianne Clarke Int.	SA 8:45 am
SA intention	Sunday, March 27	For the parishioners	SA 9:00 am
SC intention	Sunday, March 27	For the parishioners	SC 11:00 am
SA intention	Sunday, March 27	For the parishioners	SA 4:00 pm



**Please pray for the sick of our parishes –**  
 Diann Knight, Ed Verhoeven, Deirdre Doyle, Tony Campmans, Ineke Broers, Dave & Rita Gensorek, Kathy Majeau, Marlene Stroeve, Walter Coles, Gracie Jeppson, Justin Dyck, Gaby Broers, Pat Theroux, John Vogel, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic, Marianne Hirose, Gordon Briggs,


**And our beloved deceased.** Anniversaries of death for March 2021: Mary Ann Kubik.

**Donations for March 13, 2022**

**St. Ambrose**—\$2764 Hall \$1150 TIA \$170  
 Benev. Fund \$150

**St. Catherine's**—\$2748 TIA \$26 O/M \$66

“Know that the Lord is God, He made us, we belong to Him, we are His people, the flock He shepherds.”  
 (Ps.100.3)



Our 2022 TIA goals:	To Date:	Balance:
<b>St. Ambrose - \$10,531</b>	<b>\$2315.00</b>	
<b>St. Catherine - \$10,703</b>	<b>\$1653.00</b>	

**Our TIA campaign for 2022 has started! The TIA goals** for our parishes are posted above. Your generosity in donating will help us reach our goals so that the Diocese, on our behalf, can continue to help those in need!

**Ukraine Emergency Relief – The parish IS NOT accepting these donations.** There are 2 options below for donating to the Ukraine Emergency Relief:

**1. Development & Peace**

**Donations made through the following...**

**Online:** <https://www2.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24360>

**Phone:** 1 888 664-3387

**Mail:** (mark cheque **Emergency Ukraine**)  
 Development & Peace,  
 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor,  
 Montréal, Québec Canada, H3G 1T7.

**2. Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Canada)** The Ukrainian bishops of Canada are working together with their churches to join CNEWA's campaign.

**The 5th Sunday of Lent** in Canada is set aside as **Solidarity Sunday**, a time for us to think about and help support the works of Development and Peace/ Caritas Canada. This was supported through the TIA Campaign but now will be supported through a second collection on Solidarity Sunday, April 3. For more info, please see Bishop McGrattan's letter on the bulletin board.

**Fr. Ian's Lenten Reflections**

Please see the last page of the bulletin for this week's reflection!

**SYNODAL LISTENING SESSIONS!!**

**For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission** - from Harley Packer:

In accordance with the Synodal process initiated by Pope Francis, Bishop McGrattan has requested that we hold at least one parish-wide LISTENING SESSION between March 14 and April 11, 2022. Pope Francis has asked us all to prayerfully consider the following questions:

- 1. How have you experienced journeying together in the church?**
- 2. What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journey together?**

In person listening sessions are scheduled for **Saturday March 26 at 1:30 PM** and **Monday March 28 at 7:30 PM**. One zoom session is scheduled for **Saturday April 9 at 10:00 AM**. There are still spots available. Please consider signing up on **one** of these dates to share your experience. Sign up sheets will be available in the foyer after Mass. Questions? Please call Harley at **403-315-5388** or email [prodigal70x7@gmail.com](mailto:prodigal70x7@gmail.com) or **Greg Schmidt** ([gbs4134@gmail.com](mailto:gbs4134@gmail.com)) if you have questions about the Zoom session.

**Friday, March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord.**

Learn more here: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/>





THE LORD IS NEAR TO THE  
 BROKEN-HEARTED AND SAVES  
 THE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT.  
 PSALM 34.18

**Memorial Mass**

FOR LOVED ONES WE HAVE  
 LOST IN THE PANDEMIC

**TUESDAY, April 6, 7:00 p.m. St. Ambrose**

**WEDNESDAY, April 7, 9:00 a.m. St. Catherine's**



St. Ambrose has an IMMEDIATE need for:

- 1. Pastoral Care Ministers,
- 2. Projectionists for Sunday Mass.

Please pray about this need and, if you are being Called to serve in any of these ministries, phone the office at 403-345-3400 to find out more about them. Training and support are provided.

**\*\*Adoration, Confession & Stations of the Cross –** each Friday from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. during Lent.

**\*\*Rosary:** Mondays at 10 am with CWL  
Tuesdays following 7 pm Mass

**Pastoral Care Ministry–** If you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Mass on Sundays, please contact the team for that Sunday by the Saturday before. The teams ask that you please have another person present with you when they come to your home.

Sunday March 27 (phone by Saturday. March 26):

Sharon Robert 403-345-6565  
Lauraine Sincennes 403-345-4184

**St. Ambrose Caretaker (Part-time) position** has been posted on the Calgary Diocese website. If you are Interested, or know of someone who might be interested, in this position, please follow the link below for more Information and for the job application. **ALL HIRING IS NOW DONE THROUGH THE DIOCESE, NOT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

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

**First Sacrament inquiries** - If you have any questions regarding First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation please phone Sylvia Zalik at 403-394-6234.



**COMMUNITY ITEMS**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for March 2022 –** For a Christian response to bioethical challenges— We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



**The Pope video for March 2022 can be watched here:**

<https://thepopevideo.org/>



**Women's Retreat—**Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Martha Center, Lethbridge. Join us for an uplifting day to RESET, RECHARGE and RECONNECT. Come nurture your soul and step back into your life with more confidence and energy! Cost includes snacks and lunch. Limited space. **Cost is \$97 to register before March 15 or \$117 after that.** For info or to register call: Kendra Rolheiser at 403-710-4495 or Christine Kinahan at 403-715-9823.



**Looking for information from our Retreat Centers?**

Here are the links to their websites:

**The Martha Center, Lethbridge**

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

**Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, Cochrane**

<https://mountstfrancis.ca/>

St. Catherine's has an IMMEDIATE need for volunteers in the following ministries:

- 1. Projectionists at Sunday Mass,
- 2. a person/persons to be The TIA Rep for St. Catherine's to receive and distribute info from the Diocese.

Please pray about this and if you can help, please phone the office at 403-345-3400. Training and support are provided.



**\*\*Confessions & Stations of the Cross –** every Thursday during Lent from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

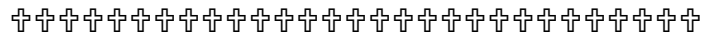
**We will be praying the Rosary for Peace in the Ukraine on Wed. March 23 before the 9:00 am Mass.**

**KEYS, KEYS, KEYS!** – Do you have one or more keys for St. Catherine's church or hall? **WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR THEM BACK!** If you have keys, please phone the office at 403-345-3400 so we can make sure our records are up to date! Your cooperation is much appreciated!

**St. Catherine's CWL** invites everyone to participate in the **Food Bank Project.** This is an ongoing project until June 2022. Items can be dropped off at the collection box in the Church foyer. Thank you for your support.

**St. Catherine's Flower Fund:** needs donations. You can help by donating your bottles at the Picture Butte Bottle Depot. Let them know they are for the Flower Fund

**First Sacrament inquiries** - Questions about First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation? Please contact Susan Trechka 403-732-4685, cell: 403-315-3217.



**COMMUNITY ITEMS**

**Lenten Mission with Fr. Kevin Tumback:**

*Woman at the Well*

When: **Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23 & 30, at 7pm.**

In person at Assumption Church, Lethbridge, or watch it via livestream at [allsaintslethbridge.org](https://allsaintslethbridge.org)



**Soup Kitchen Service—**The second Friday of each month is our parishes' time to serve the community at the Soup Kitchen. Remember that we are called to 'Feed the Poor'. If you can help please phone Bonnie at 403-345-4596.

**Our next ministry date will be: April 8, 2022**



**Are you familiar with GrACE—Grateful Advocates of Catholic Education?** The mission of GrACE is to inspire, invigorate and embolden the spirit of Catholic education in order to unite, engage, educate and communicate with one voice on its behalf. The GrACE newsletter seeks to build a provincial Catholic community by celebrating Catholic education across Alberta. To find out more, access the GrACE February newsletter here:

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**Attention Young Adults** - The St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy, Lethbridge, seeks to provide faith, formation, and fellowship for all young adults in Lethbridge and surrounding area. For regular event updates, please contact Fr. Derek at [derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca) or 403-327-8931).

**Fr. Ian's Lenten Reflections**

Over the next weeks of Lent, Fr. Ian will be sharing some reflections on the book Praying With Jesus: A Guide for Biblical Prayer written by George Martin. These reflections are meant to encourage us to reflect on Scripture and Spirituality. In sharing these reflections, Fr. Ian hopes to help us enter into prayer with Jesus as the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

**Attitudes of Prayer**

**1. A Father at our side through Jesus**

When Jesus prayed, He addressed God as "Father". In fact, Jesus spoke of God as Father many times. As you look closely in the scriptures, you will see that Jesus begins in this way all the time.

**(SEE: John 11:41-42** The raising of Lazarus – "Father, thank you for hearing me.") Notice something else. Jesus says "My Father" when addressing God. In Jesus' time this bold proclamation would seem presumptuous, almost like blasphemy. Jesus was confident in calling God his Father, he did so openly and without hesitation. **(SEE: Luke 10:21-22)** A third thing we notice is that at times Jesus uses the word "Abba" to address his Father.

**(SEE: Mark 14:36)** Thus Jesus was reverential, but also prayed in familiar and affectionate terms – his Father was not distant, but always close and by his side. **(SEE: John 14:9-11.)**

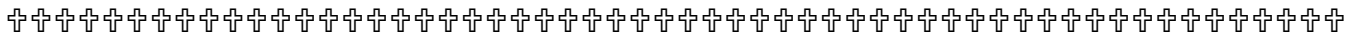
Jesus is more than a prophet giving us a message – he IS the message of God, the Word of God, a revelation of God Himself. So, to say "...teach us to pray..." we are asking for Jesus to lead us into the same intimate relationship with the Father as Jesus had. Jesus' prayer was bold, intimate, and confident. Thus, we can feel the same as we take up the mantle of prayer, knowing Jesus leads the way.

Reflection: What does it mean for me to be intimate with God? Am I willing to put aside my fears and allow Jesus to lead me to the Father?

**2. A loving Father who is our Father**

God is a Father who loves us beyond what we can give **(SEE: Matthew 7:11)**, who knows our needs **(SEE: Matthew 6:32)**, who prepared a place for us **(SEE: Luke 12:32)**. We see this love in the parable of the prodigal son, which could be called the 'parable of the loving Father' **(SEE: Luke 15:11-32)**. In this parable we see God's constant love for us through His patient waiting for us to find our way, His unconditional willingness to forgive us and His joy when we change our life and come to Him. Why do we deserve such a love? Because God does not want us to be orphans, but rather, in and through Jesus, makes us His adopted children. Thus, when we cry out "Abba, Father!" we can know that His Spirit is in us giving witness that we are God's children. **(SEE: Romans 8:14-16 and Galatians 4:6)**. This is our new reality, our invitation to a new relationship. Jesus' prayer, which he teaches us, enables us to partake in who we now really are – sons and daughters of God. The Our Father is not a formula or a rule on prayer; it is an entry way into the mystery of God.

Reflection: Am I able to see myself in a deep and personal relationship with God? Do I trust in His love for me?



The parish office strives to keep our parish records as up-to-date as possible. If you have had a change of address, phone number, email address, status, etc., please give us a call at 403-345-3400 or email [office@stambroseparish.ca](mailto:office@stambroseparish.ca) and update us. Your help is much appreciated!

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