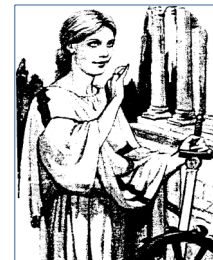




# ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB



# St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB

## April 3, 2022

## 5th Sunday of Lent

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Ian Gagne

Parish Secretary: Roisin Spitzig ([office@stambroseparish.ca](mailto:office@stambroseparish.ca))  
Bookkeeper: Joanne Wickenheiser ([finance@stambroseparish.ca](mailto:finance@stambroseparish.ca))

### Central Office at St. Ambrose

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Thursday, Friday

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

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

762 Crescent Ave Picture Butte  
Phone: 403-732-4433 Fax: 403-345-6962  
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.catholicyc.ca/#livestre>



### Scripture Reflection

**Shameful Acts.** She is caught in adultery. They drag her before Jesus and the crowd, more to trip him up than mete out the law. What does Jesus do? He asks, "Who is without sin?" A great Lenten question.

**What stone will I put down and not pound against someone else?**

**What sin will I admit and find a way to resolve?**

**Because of God's mercy to me, what mercy work will I do for another?**

*(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)*



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** – Maria Panic, 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.**

(Notices for Prayers for the Sick can only be accepted when made by the ill person or their family.)

**Donations for March 27, 2022**

**St. Ambrose**—\$1860 TIA \$505

**St. Catherine's**—\$282 TIA \$100 O/M \$20

**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?

There is one in-person Listening Session at St. Catherine's tomorrow, April 4 at 7:00 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** or email **Greg Schmidt (gbs4134@gmail.com)** to register or if you have questions about the Zoom session.



“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:
St. Ambrose - \$10,531	\$2920.00	
St. Catherine - \$10,703	\$1753.00	

**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.devpc.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 help support the works of Development and Peace/Caritas Canada. This was supported through the TIA Campaign, now supported through a second collection on Solidarity Sunday, April 3. For more info, please see Bishop McGrattan's letter on the bulletin board.

Interested in Bishop McGrattan's talk about the Synodal process in our Diocese? You can listen here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkh5ILHeSXA>



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

**Please continue to pray for all those who are ill with Covid 19, for all who have died and for their families.**

**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. **April 8 is the last opportunity for Confession before Holy Week & Easter.**



**\*\*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.

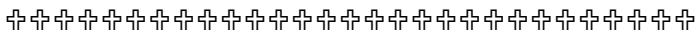
Sunday April 10 (phone by Saturday. April 9):

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

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



**St. Ambrose Easter Food Bank Drive** starts today and continues until Holy Thursday, April 14. Please collect a food bank slip from the foyer and bring your donation back to St. Ambrose by April 14. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



**COMMUNITY ITEMS**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2022—**We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest Countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



**The Pope video for April 2022 is not posted yet.**



**CWL Baby Shower –** St. Catherine's and St. Ambrose are collecting items for Elsie's House, a pregnancy support centre in Lethbridge. Collection baskets will be in both church foyers April 10th-May 1st. Needed items:

**(NO CLOTHING PLEASE),** baby lotion, soap, wipes; bath towels, wash cloths, bottles (nipples for breastfed babies), breast pads, changing pads, crib sheets, diaper cream, disposable diapers (size 4-5), nasal aspirators, nipple cream, nursing pillows, receiving blankets, teething, and thermometers. Questions? Contact Elsie Bulva at 403-394-8502 or Diane Miedema at 345-3974. Thanks for your support!



**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**

**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. **April 7 is the last opportunity for Confession before Holy Week & Easter.**

**KEYS, KEYS, KEYS!** – Do you have one or more keys for St. Catherine's church or hall? **WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR THEM BACK!** We only want to update our records! 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**

**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 March newsletter here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kyjJ15mA28JR4J9Grgy3WY8ZZxD3po26/view>



**Indigenous Delegation to Rome—**There is information about this historic meeting in Rome on the Diocese of Calgary website at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/>



**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).



**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/>



## Fr. Ian's Lenten Reflections

Over the 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.

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#### 4. Determination – to establish a daily routine of prayer

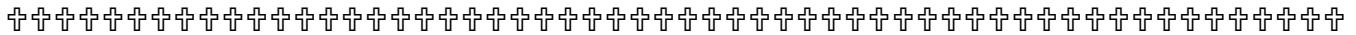
Jesus prayed often. We, too, need to find the time and place to pray, to be determined to overcome the obstacles that keep us from prayer. Jesus, too, had to overcome obstacles to prayer, ones that rose from the style of life that his mission demanded. Crowds would always be around him (SEE: Luke 9:12-17). Sometimes he could not even eat (SEE: Mark 3:20). We see that to be alone, he had to sneak away but even that did not work. He had to spend the night in prayer, even all night, thus sacrificing sleep and battling with fatigue – just like us. Jesus' example should give us encouragement. His life was just as erratic as ours! So, how do I find the time for prayer? There is no perfect time, but it is important to select a definitive time – getting up earlier, using pauses in a busy day, maybe even during lunch hour. The important thing is to stick to the time you choose with firm determination. Be persistent in prayer (SEE: Luke 11:5-13), or like the persistent widow (SEE: Luke 18:1-8). God knows what we need but it is important to stay steadfast no matter the obstacles we may encounter. Jesus understands that at times our prayer may be irregular, but we should do our best to pray daily, as he did so as to be with his Father.

Reflection: How faithful am I to daily prayer?

#### 5. Obedience - what does God want from me

True freedom comes from obedience and is rooted in the Truth. Jesus followed his Father's will in all he did (SEE: John 14:9-11) for he had been sent by God to the world with to carry out a mission. "My teaching is not my own but is from the One who sent me." (SEE: John 7:16). All that Jesus did was the Father's works (SEE: John 4:34). All through the Gospels we see that Jesus, in all things, did the will of the Father. Jesus learned what God wanted and that message was given to him through prayer. We learn to be obedient to God and enter into relationship with Him through our prayer. We imitate God's love by being obedient to His commands (SEE: John 14:21 and 15:10). Thus, we try to follow the obedience Jesus had to his Father in our own lives (SEE: Matthew 21:28-31). Our prayer nurtures us and calls us to go out and bear fruit for the rest of our lives.

Reflection: How committed am I to obeying God in all that He asks of me? How do I acknowledge my dependence on God?



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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