

MASS INTENTIONS: December 10 through December 16, 2018				
Mon	Dec. 10	St. Ambrose	9:00 am	<i>Mission Intention:</i> ~~That God will bring refreshment to our Parish family ~~ Anne Gibbons RIP Wil Dooper Int. John & Elisabeth Vogel Int. Chad Feist RIP Lauraine Sincennes Int. For the Parishioners For the Parishioners
Tue	Dec. 11	St. Ambrose	9:00 am	
Wed	Dec. 12	St. Ambrose	9:00 am	
Tue	Dec. 11	St. Catherine	7:00 pm	
Wed	Dec. 12	St. Catherine	9:00 am	
Thur	Dec. 13	St. Ambrose	8:45 am	
Fri	Dec. 14	St. Catherine	9:00 am	
Sat	Dec. 15	St. Ambrose	5:00 pm	
Sun	Dec. 16	St. Ambrose	9:00 am	
		St. Catherine	11:00 am	

*If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find a replacement. Thank you and God Bless*

	Off. Family	Ushers & Coffee	Com./Lector	Euch. Min.	Altar Servers
Sat., Dec. 15 SA 5 pm Layton Choir	David & Darlene Belser	Gord Elliott Bryce Cale	Linda Gorzitza Lydia Jones	Deacon Ray Ellen Wagner Louise Bridgeman	Mason Wolfe Miguel Macias
Sun., Dec. 16 SA 9 am Family Choir	Raylene Boehmer	Joe Butkiewicz Tom Miklos The Butkiewicz's	Archie Mpofo Sigrid Miklos	Deacon Ray Ellen Wagner Don Wentz	Isabelle Lohues Any Mpofo
Sun, Dec. 16 SC 11 am	Joe & Marlene Stroeve	Lynda & Jackie	Phil Mack Tanya Reiter	Susan Trechka Elisabeth Vogel Lorna Urban	Vanessa, Joel and Alberto

**December 2, 2018**

St. Ambrose - \$ 3,434.80 Fall Col. \$ 375.00 TIA \$ 160.00  
 Mission Mexico \$ 60.00 Youth \$ 100.00

Hall \$ 310.00 To date: \$ 173,555.33

St. Catherine - \$2,415.25 TIA \$ 161.00 Maint. \$ 50.00

**Readings for next Sunday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3.14-18a, Philippians 4.4-7, Luke 3.10-18

**The Sick** - Joanne Brecka, Jean Armstrong, Mercedes Halluk, June Tymensen, Marianne Hirose, Tania Holzli, Al Theroux, Gaby Broers, Wilma Vervoort, Inge Tope, Diane Sincennes, Marina Walls, Maria Tersteeg, Ted Campmans, Brenden DeBoer, Jim Breckie, Pauline Muller, Albert Bleile, Fr. Clair Watrin, Maryanna Litke, Herman Stroeve, Carmen Thom, Bep Braat, Perry Layton, Joanne Kubik, Mona Millward

*If you know of anyone on the sick list who can be removed, please contact the parish office.*

**Upcoming Events:**

- Dec. 09 -12 SA Advent Mission, 7 - 8:15 pm
- Dec. 11 - SC Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7 pm
- Dec. 13 - SC Advent Reconciliation , 7 pm
- Dec. 14 - SA Soup Kitchen  
- SA Advent Reconciliation, 7 pm
- Dec. 18 - SA Parish Council Christmas, Mass at 5:30 pm

**Praise & Worship Meeting** - Every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Olde Rectory at St. Ambrose. Call Al Theroux 330-3530

<b>Our 2018 TIA goals:</b>	<b>To Date:</b>
St. Ambrose - \$ 9,404.00	\$ 11,075.44
St. Catherine - \$ 11,141.00	\$ 10,829.84



**Sunday Missals - \$5**  
 Located in the church foyers.



Bishop McGrattan has declared the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) Mission Mexico Day in our diocese. Mission Mexico, is a partnership between the Diocese of Calgary and marginalized mountain communities of southern Mexico in dignity-affirming projects that include women's issues, education, human rights, and healthcare. Thank you for your generous donations.



- Dec. 13 - St. Catherine, 7 pm
- Dec. 14 - St. Ambrose, 7 pm
- Dec. 15 - All Saints at Assumption, 10 am - 12 pm
- Dec. 19 - St. Joseph's, Vauxhall, 7 pm
- Dec. 20 - St. Martha's, West Leth., 7 pm

**Christmas Mass Times**

- December 24,** 8:00 pm - St. Ambrose
- December 25,** Midnight - St. Catherine's
- 9:00 am - St. Ambrose
- 11:00 am - St. Catherine



**Tree of Hope** - both parishes have their Tree of Hope up, please consider taking a tag off the tree and purchasing the item or making a donation to help those less fortunate this holiday season. At St. Catherine's if your choice is a gift to a person, please have it to the church no later than December 14, the Food Hampers will be put together on December 15 and these are the gifts they include.

**St. Ambrose ADVENT PARISH MISSION**

December 9-12 ~ 7:00 to 8:15 pm



**THE CRIB, THE GIFT, THE CROSS AND THE ALTAR:  
ADVENT UNFOLDING THE MERCY OF GOD**

**Sunday: Mission Talk 7 - 8:15 pm - Patron Saint - MARY:** "Receive The Mercy of God" Like the Father in the Prodigal Son story, the mercy of God is ever-present and waiting for our return home. There mercy is freely given, with no strings attached. God's mercy is best seen in the encounter between Jesus and those most in need of His mercy!

**Monday: Mass 9:00 am, Mission Talk 7 - 8:15 pm - Patron Saint - SIMEON:** "Give Thanks for God's Mercy." Our response to his invitation of mercy is molded deep in our hearts by the Eucharist we celebrate regularly. The Greek word "Eucharistia" means to give thanks! We can fashion a heart of gratitude both in our prayer life and in our relationships with people.

**Tuesday: Mass 9 am, Mission Talk 7 - 8:15 pm - Patron Saint - JOHN THE BAPTIST:** "Our Brokenness Needs the merciful Touch of Jesus." The healing touch of Christ from the cross reaches out to any wounded heart. His gentleness and compassion can transform and heal us when we find it difficult to love or be loved. "By his wounds we are healed."

**Wednesday: Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 9 am, Mass and Mission Talk 7 pm - Patron Saint - ISAIAH:** "Sharing the Mercy of God with a World in Need", desperately in need of our healing and merciful presence. The mercy we have received is meant to be shared with others. WE are the Body of Christ, given a mission to serve others.

**Led by the Redemptorist Mission Team - Deacon Bob and Joan Williston and Father David Purcell**

*Lord as we prepare for this retreat we pray for the outpouring of your Holy Spirit to open our hearts to receive the graces to grow in faith, peace and joy. Please inspire us to participate well as we follow the path of Christ. In the name of Jesus and with the help our out Mother Mary. Amen.*

✝ **St. Ambrose Church This Week** ✝

**Sick & Shut In Visiting** - will be done by Sheila & Terry Roth (345-4543). Next week will be done by Sharon Robert (345-6565) and Bonnie Sturm (345-4596). We encourage a family member or friend to be present for our visit.

**Attention Grade 6-9 students/families:** Registrations for the sacrament of Confirmation are now being collected. Forms can be picked up at the school or parish office. A copy of your Baptism Certificate **must** be included. Please register by January 10<sup>th</sup> by handing the registration form into either office. Please contact Sylvia Zalik (345-6772) for more information, and/or if you are available to help with instructing the classes.



**Poinsettias** - may be donated to dress our altar this Christmas season. If you wish to have our decorating committee pick one up for you monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Flower Fund". Poinsettias can be dropped off **Dec. 19-21** during office hours.



**Basket Raffle** - Purchase your tickets for a fun **Old Fashioned Christmas Basket**. Tickets are \$5 each and are available after masses until the draw date of Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Proceeds to St. Ambrose New Hall Fund.

✿ **St. Catherine's Church This Week** ✿



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**In Memory of** - or to honor the memory of a loved one during this special time of year, donations of poinsettias are being accepted to decorate our church. If you would rather have our decorating committee pick the poinsettias out, please contact Elizabeth Stroeve at 382-7320.

**Christmas Food Hampers** - on **Sat., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** hampers are being made in the church hall, volunteers and drivers are needed beginning at 9 am. Consider giving some of your time to this wonderful event. Some younger volunteers are needed to set up the hall on Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm For more info. please contact Ineke Broers at 732-5580.

**An Orphan's Christmas** - with Deanna Storfie "It's Christmas Day and there is not enough food in the pantry or money for Christmas Dinner, but Cady Murphy isn't worried, over the past 40 yrs she has learned how to trust God for the impossible..." Join us for a night filled with captivating Drama & Music as we walk through Advent Season to prepare our hearts for Christmas **Dec. 16, 7 pm at St. Catherine's Hall**. Free will offering.

Ⓔ **COMMUNITY NEWS** Ⓔ

**Christmas Kids Shop** - come SHOP with the Coaldale Kinettes! The Coaldale Kinettes are hosting a Christmas Shop for kids! We invite you to bring your children out so that they can shop secretly for mom and dad. (Reasonably priced gifts \$1-\$15). **Friday, December 14, 3:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Coaldale Community Centre. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Food Bank. **ALL CHILDREN WELCOME**

**Coaldale Cares BLOOD DRIVE** - The best gift you can give this holiday season. Dec. 1 - 31. Book your appointment to save a life: [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca), 1-888-236-6283. *Clinic hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 12:30 - 6:30 pm, Friday & Saturday 10:30 am - 2:30 pm.* You have the power to give life!

*Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.*

*J.M. Barrie*