


MASS INTENTIONS: December 17 through December 23, 2018					
Mon	Dec. 17	No Mass			
Tue	Dec. 18	St. Ambrose	5:30 pm	Ann & Jerry Keujer Int.	
Wed	Dec. 19	St. Catherine	9:00 am	Catherine O'Connell RIP	
Thur	Dec. 20	St. Ambrose	8:45 am	Della Kunkel RIP	
Fri	Dec. 21	Piyami Lodge	10:00 am	Helen Greaves RIP	
		Sunny S. Lodge	3:30 pm	Peter & Tiny Vanden Dungen Int.	
Sat	Dec. 22	St. Ambrose	5:00 pm	Margit Rach RIP	
Sun	Dec. 23	St. Ambrose	9:00 am	For the Parishioners	
		St. Catherine	11:00 am	For the Parishioners	

*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. 22 SA 5 pm New Wine	George & Angela Lohues	Bryce Cale Christina Schmidt	Diane Miedema Terry Roth	Marcelle Cale Laura Elliott Rita Gensorek	Kevin Erick Mason Wolfe
Sun., Dec. 23 SA 9 am New Wine	Joe & Jovette Butkiewicz	Peter Harris Katlin Boehmer Tom & Cheryl Klassen	Frank Weersink Marceline Billis	Greg Noyes Sherry Noyes Katlin Boehmer	Dorothy Harris Grace Wilson
Sun, Dec. 23 SC 11 am	Tony & Mia Austie		Doug Rudelich AJ Bergen Henengouwen	Elaine Jones Elizabeth Stroeve Elisabeth Vogel	Anna, Quinn & Maya
Mon., Dec. 24 SA 8:00 pm	Tom & Sigrid Miklos	George Lohues Joe Butkiewicz	Elizabeth Sutton Angela Lohues	Bernadette M. Diane Miedema Sylvia Zalik	Isabelle Lohues Miguel Macias
Tue., Dec. 25 SC Midnight Mass	Doug & Carmen Rudelich		Phil Mack Lynda BH	Lew Dooper Tony Campmans Diane Murray	Rayann, Malia & Justin
Tue. Dec. 25 SA 9:00 am	Raylene Boehmer	Gord Elliott Christina Schmidt	Greg Schmidt Michael Schmidt	Laura Elliott Alexandria Schmidt Marianna Schmidt	Amie Mpofo Any Mpofo
Tue. Dec. 25 SC 11:00 am	Michael & Cheralan O'Donnell		Jackie Elashuk Maya Madsen	Elaine Jones Elizabeth Stroeve Art BH	Connor, Riley & Alexandre

**December 9, 2018**

St. Ambrose - \$ 2,281.45 Fall Col. \$ 1,220.00 TIA \$ 160.00  
Mission Mexico \$ 459.40

Hall \$ 1,050.00 To date: \$ 174,605.33

St. Catherine - \$2,071.25 TIA \$ 550.00 Maint. \$ 50.00  
Mission Mexico \$ 561.00

**Readings for next Sunday:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Micah 5.2-5a, Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-45

**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

**Deceased** - Roma Roth, Herman Stroeve

**Upcoming Events:**

Dec. 18 - SA Parish Council Christmas, Mass at 5:30 pm  
Dec. 18 - SC CWL, 7 pm  
Dec. 31 - SC Soup Kitchen

*The parish office will close Mon., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am*

**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.

**Bulletin Ads** - As a new liturgical year begins and we look forward to another year of active parish life, we also are looking for new advertisers for our parish bulletin. The parish extends a great big "THANK YOU" to all those who have advertised this past year. You make it possible to have this bulletin/newsletter available to our parishioners on a weekly basis.

**2019 Donation Envelopes** are ready to be picked up from the foyers. If your name isn't on a box and you would like to have envelopes, please call the parish office and a numbered box will be assigned to you.

**Advent Reconciliation Services**

Dec. 19 - St. Joseph's, Vauxhall, 7 pm  
Dec. 20 - St. Martha's, West Leth., 7 pm



## Holiday Hours

*The parish offices will be closed  
December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

## A Joyous and Peaceful Season

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve** - Monday, December 24,  
St. Ambrose - 8:00 pm  
St. Catherine - Midnight

**Christmas Day** - Tuesday, December 25,  
St. Ambrose - 9:00 am      St. Catherine - 11:00 am

#### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 29 - St. Ambrose - 5:00 pm  
Sunday, December 30

St. Ambrose - 9:00 am      St. Catherine - 11:00 am

**Mary, Mother of God** - New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1  
St. Ambrose - 9:00 am      St. Catherine - 11:00 am

**Mass times in the Diocese** - find Christmas and Solemnity of Mary (New Years) Mass schedules in parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary at <http://news.calgarydiocese.ca>

### ✙ St. Ambrose Church This Week ✙

**Sick & Shut In Visiting** - will be done by Sharon Robert (345-6565) and Bonnie Sturm (345-4596). Next week will be done by Helen & Ray Sander (345-3857). 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 ✿

**Congratulations & Thank you - we've reached our TIA goal!**



**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. Poinsettias can be dropped off Wednesday from 9:00 - 11:00 am.

**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 **TODAY, Dec. 16, 7 pm at St. Catherine's Hall.** Free will offering.

### ☞ COMMUNITY NEWS ☞

**Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Registration** - Holy Spirit Catholic Schools are taking registrations for new students beginning on January 7, 2019. Early Learning programming is available for children three (3) and four (4) years of age and Kindergarten is available for children five (5) years of age on, or before, December 31, 2019. To register for the 2019/2020 year, contact your neighborhood school. Please remember to bring your child's birth certificate. For information about school programs, visit the division website at [www.holyspirit.ab.ca](http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca).

**Events at the Martha Retreat Centre** -Phone 403-328-3422 or email: [marthare@telusplanet.net](mailto:marthare@telusplanet.net)

**Dreams On Our Faith Journey** is a workshop designed to present a method to help one work on dreams, inviting you to explore your personal symbolism to arrive at a deeper understanding of your dream messages and their application to your daily life. This opportunity to deepen our relationship to God and to our inner selves is offered on **Mon, Jan 14, 7 - 8:30 pm** and **Mon, Jan 21, 7-9 pm**. Facilitator: Deacon Michael Pollard Cost: \$ 40

**Praying to Heal Life's Hurts** will provide through Inner Healing Prayer, a vehicle for the Lord Jesus to go back in time to heal life's hurts and renews us with His grace and blessings - making us whole. This is offered on Thursday, **Jan 17 & 24, 7 - 9:30 pm**. Facilitator: Ken Fabbri Cost: \$100

### 📖 IN AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE 📖

*Faithfully*  
FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.

**Insights of Discipleship  
in the Diocese of  
Calgary.** Faithfully gives

a snapshot of faith at work in the lives of everyday people. It features stories, news and events happening in the world, in relationships with our neighbours, families and with God. To subscribe, go to <http://faithfully.calgarydiocese.ca>

### Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance.  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service.  
To all, charity.  
To every child, a good example.  
To yourself, respect.

~ Oren Arnold

