

MASS INTENTIONS:			
SA intention	Tuesday, December 15	Patricia Hartman RIP.	SA 7:00 pm
SC intention	Wednesday, December 16	Margaret Drew Int.	SC 9:00 am
SA intention	Thursday, December 17	Eric Vogel RIP	
SC Intention	Friday, December 18	Connie Briggs Family Int	
	Sunday, December 20	For the Parishioners	SA 9:00 am
		For the Parishioners	SC 11:00 am



**“Thank You” to everyone who continues to donate during this pandemic. Donations for both parishes are accepted:**

**1) Online** by using the giving page on the Diocese website to set up a one-time or recurring donation to your parish via credit-card. Funds donated will be transferred quarterly to the parish you choose. Give at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish.html>

**2) Pre-Authorized Donation** from your bank account (PAD) please request the forms from the parish office by email [stambros@shaw.ca](mailto:stambros@shaw.ca) or phone 403-345-3400.

**3) Donation envelope** dropped in the collection basket at mass or sent by mail to St. Ambrose or St. Catherine’s Church, 1513 - 23 Avenue, Coaldale, AB T1M 1E2

**Watch Livestream Mass** - We are promoting live stream Masses at the parishes on our social media.

[Current Parish Mass livestream schedule & link](#)

**Dear Parishioners,**

Weekday masses - SA Tuesday evening 7 pm

SC Wednesday morning 9 am

Sunday Mass - St. Ambrose Parish - Sunday 9:00 am.

St. Catherine Parish - Sunday 11:00 am.

New stricter restrictions have been introduced by the government of Alberta in the effort to bend the curve on the number of confirmed cases. These restrictions will take effect on Sunday December 13, 2020. All parishes under the Diocese of Calgary are expected to comply with these restrictions.

Faith services are limited to 15% of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance. For us that means a limit of 40 people. The Christmas Eve masses may be filled as of this printing. For St. Ambrose 345-3400 for St. Catherine 792-2353 or 381-4302

Today is Mission Mexico Sunday - Second Collection

Vaccine for Covid-19 -See below for the Bishop’s Letter

As open masses still depend on volunteers, if you are able to help, please contact Katie Lindsay 382-1235 or sign up for a time that works for you. Note: those 65 years and older are considered highly vulnerable and are not encouraged to volunteer. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our willingness to serve Christ as his body, we can make this happen. Be safe and may God’s grace and blessing be with you all.

The Diocese of Calgary strongly recommends to the faithful to, as much as possible, continue to wear the mask while seated in the pews during the Mass. This will help better protect one another in preventing the transmission of the flu and COVID-19. However, exemptions under the municipal bylaws will continue to be respected without requiring proof of eligibility. This gesture of wearing the mask is a sign of charity and concern for each other’s health. Please see the new poster in the church which highlights a number of health and safety measures to help prevent the spread of the flu and COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation. Yours in Christ, Fr. Ian Gagne

**The office will be closed on Thurs & Fri., Dec 17 & 18, 2020**

✙ St. Ambrose Parish ✙

**St. Ambrose TIA update** - Thank You for your continued support through this pandemic. We have \$854.05 to reach our goal! God Bless you & your family, .Rita Gensorek , campaign

**Dec 5, 2020 - Pre-Authorized Payments**

St. Ambrose - \$735 Christmas \$ 175 Hall \$300 TIA \$155  
Youth \$100 Mission Mexico \$50.

St. Catherine - \$ 550 TIA 50

**December 6, 2020**

**St. Ambrose** - \$2457.50 Hall \$20 TIA \$170

Fall Coll \$600 Cath Ed \$20 World Missions \$50

**St. Catherine** - \$1690 TIA \$75 Oper/maint \$75

Fall fundraiser. \$1450

**St. Ambrose TIA to date - \$ 9533.95**

**St. Catherine TIA to date - \$ 7043.70**

**Please pray for the sick** - Gaby Broers, Bryce Deys, Craig Parkinson, Joanne Kubik, Marianne Hirose, Gordon Briggs, Julius Urban, John Vogel

**Deceased** - Craig Wilson, Carol McNiven



**Food Banks** - Please consider making a donation to our local Food Banks, **North County Interfaith Food Bank** open Tues and Thurs

morning from 10 am to Noon at 326 Highway Ave. (Box 326 Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0). **Coaldale Food Bank** - open Mon thru Fri from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm at 1716 20th Ave, Coaldale, AB T1M 1K6 **We are now accepting** -non perishable and cash donations in the church foyers.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2020** - We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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**Advent Wreath** - We have Advent wreaths for sale — wreath with candles \$20. Wreath or candles alone are \$10. Phone office 345-3400, Shelley 345-4205 or facebook.

**CWL** - are praying the rosary on Monday mornings in the foyer at 10 am.

**First Sacrament Registration** - Please Contact Sylvia Zalik with any questions 403-345-6772 cell: 403-394-6234

## ❁ St. Catherine's Parish ❁

**St. Catherine TIA Update** - Thank you for supporting the TIA campaign during this pandemic. Our parish needs \$2697.30 to reach our goal. Blessings for you all. Fr. Ian

**Update from the Liturgy committee** - anyone interested to help with ministry for masses including sitting at front table, lectors, ushers, decorating and helping Dianne with cleaning before Christmas masses to please come forward.

**Christmas Eve Mass** - as 6:00 pm is full Father Ian is adding a 4 pm Christmas Eve mass. We will also be asked to register for this 4:00 pm Mass. Christmas Day Mass will be no registration required and walk ins welcome. He is asking for ushers and cleaners (for after) both masses and the Christmas Day mass at 11am. Arnie and Malinda & Doug and MaryAnne have offered to handle the front table and registration on Christmas Eve masses. :) There will be a volunteer sheet at front table as well for all masses.

**First Sacrament Registration** - Please Contact Susan Trechka with questions 403-732-4685, cell: 403-315-3217

## ☞ COMMUNITY NEWS ☞

**Martha Retreat Centre** - December a time to celebrate. God has invited us to love others as He has loved us. He has blessed us with many gifts that we can share with others. Together, we celebrate with hearts of gratitude all the gifts that have been shared with the Centre. Mass weekly on Tues. 4-4:30 pm For quiet time – Advent Retreat, Personal Prayer, Centering Prayer, Mindful Moments and Upcoming events, Advent Twilight Retreat. [click here](#).

**Mount St. Francis - Greccio: A St. Francis Christmas Pageant**, Sunday, Dec 6, check our website for info on this year's virtual event and other Advent retreats.

**Rehoboth & Community** - in response to cancelled fund raisers and COVID19 restrictions, Rehoboth Christian Ministries Garden Center has called out to the community of home crafters and artists to enter into partnership Rehoboth and sell their product. Along with what we are creating in our woodshop and greenhouse we are now carrying products from 11 different community vendors! Interested in partnering, call Denise 587-800-9410. Our retail hours are: 10 am to 6 pm on Wed. Thurs. Fri. and 10 am – 4pm on Saturday. Our focus is *KEEP IT LOCAL and SUPPORT A CAUSE*. Thank You for your support



**“I am Blessed” Campaign** has started and will conclude on Sunday, January 6, at the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This year’s campaign highlights our hope that is grounded in Christ – He is the great light that shines in the darkness. We hope that people will be encouraged to visit [www.iamblessed.ca](http://www.iamblessed.ca) and be inspired to give, act, and pray.



**Year of St. Joseph** - With the Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the

occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from Dec. 8, 2020, to Dec. 8, 2021. Read more *Patris corde* (With a Father's heart) [here](#)

**Mission Mexico - Dec 12/13** - Mission Mexico began in Alberta in the year 2000 as a Jubilee project by St. Mary’s Parish in Cochrane, under the leadership of Fr. Fred Monk, who had decided to raise \$100,000 to build an orphanage in Tlapa, Mexico. Soon, they were joined by other parishes in the Diocese of Calgary and Bishop Emeritus Frederick Henry declared December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese. Students and parishioners everywhere were invited to join in the work of Mission Mexico by giving a loonie and efforts continue to this day. Donations to this outreach project have provided greater access to education and self-sustaining projects to the people in the mountainous state of Guerrero, Mexico. In celebration of 20 years in partnership and in spite of the challenges we are facing, we are encouraged to engage in a special time of prayer, solidarity, and action for the work and ministry of Mission Mexico, for “love does not go on lockdown and close itself away from the poor and vulnerable at their time of great need.”

Letter from Bishop McGrattan - [Download here](#)  
Watch Video here - <https://youtu.be/JjwnhCrwJ00>

**Virtual Living Nativity in 2020** - Come one! Come all! To a virtual Living Nativity in 2020! In an effort to keep everyone safe this year, St James Parish in Okotoks will be offering an opportunity to prepare for Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus accessible online during Advent. We will be presenting “The Shepherd’s Tale” (with permission from Mother of God Music), sung and narrated by the Pollock family and Keith Hartman of Black Diamond. You can access this [video here](#). We also invite you to come to St James Church during Advent and spend a few minutes at the stable erected outside the church. Each week of Advent there will be additions to the stable in anticipation of Christmas Eve, when the Holy Family (actors) will be in the Stable between Masses. We look forward to welcoming you back to the replica of the Town of Bethlehem in 2021!