



# ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB



# St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB

## April 16, 2023

## Divine Mercy Sunday

### 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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Office Hours: 9:30 - 3:00 Monday, Tuesday,

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 Tuesday from 6:00—6:45 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



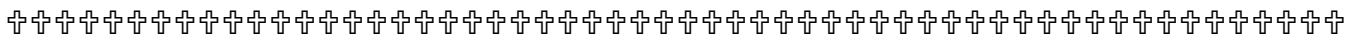
### Parish Registration

If you are new to one of our parishes: A warm WELCOME is extended to new parishioners. Please 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.



### Scripture Reflection

We might find it difficult to believe that faith was no easier for the first disciples than it is for us today over 2,000 years later. John describes a community united not by faith, but by fear. Ever since Jesus first said "Peace be with you," we have continued to need those reassuring words to combat our own fears. This phrase is still part of our liturgy for this reason. Thomas reminds us that doubt is not the enemy of faith, but fear is. He also illustrates our human need for touch, for physical encounter – a need met profoundly in the celebration of our sacraments.

**What kind of "hard evidence" have you ever needed to keep on believing?**

**The Divine Mercy message is one of trusting in Jesus and in the unbounding mercy of God. What does this message of mercy mean in our lives, our parishes and the world?**

**Thomas has been known as the doubter, but he acclaims Jesus in the most exalted words. Do you ever use Thomas' words: "My Lord and My God"?**

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)

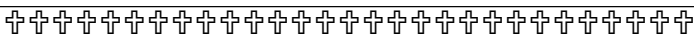
MASS INTENTIONS:		Intentions for March 2023 also posted in foyers of churches
Tuesday, April 18	SA 7:00 pm	Sheldon Tymko Int.
Wednesday, April 19	SC 9:00 am	Roisin Spitzig Int.
Thursday, April 20	SA 8:45 am	Rudy & Ellen Fernandez Int.
<b>Sunday, April 22</b>	<b>SA 9:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, April 22</b>	<b>SC 11:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, April 22</b>	<b>SA 4:00 pm</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>



 **Please pray for the sick of our parishes** – Stan Rach, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Maria Panic, Diann Knight, Deirdre Doyle, Tony Campmans, Ineke Broers, Kathy Majeau, Marlene Stroeve, Gracie Jeppson, Gaby Broers, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic

And for all those who have died, especially Johannes (John) Vogel.  
Anniversaries (1 year) of death for April—Martin Hudecek.

**Note:** Due to many Mass Intentions requested to stay at St. Ambrose, March requests at SA can't be booked for at least 8 months. If sent to the Diocese, they could be celebrated in 2-3 weeks. Please consider moving your request to the Diocese.



**Finance Council will be now be keeping Parishioners informed of our Financial Position on a Quarterly basis. Here is our First Quarter report for 2023:**

**St. Ambrose: (Jan, Feb, Mar) Financial Report**

Income: \$ 27,705.00  
Expenses: \$ 30,697.00

**Loss: \$ - 2,992.00**

**St. Catherine's: (Jan, Feb, Mar) Financial Report**

Income: \$ 25,624.00  
Expense: \$ 31,926.00

**Loss \$ - 6,302.00**

**Donations to Our Parishes**  
**April 6—9, 2023**

**St. Ambrose**—\$621.90 Hall \$20 Holy Land \$972.25  
Easter \$2601.15  
**PADs** \$945 Hall \$305 TIA \$265 Holy Land \$50

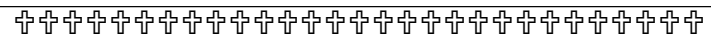
**St. Catherine's**—\$529.90 O/M \$40 Holy Land \$467  
Easter \$1280  
**PADs** \$955 TIA \$280 O/M \$400 Holy Land \$30

**Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!**

**Support the Holy Land:** Donations for the Holy Land can be made year-round at

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

The parish office strives to keep our parish records as up-to-date as possible. An incorrect address could affect getting your tax receipt or other important information from the parish. 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!

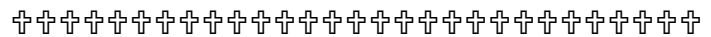


Let us love.  
not in word or speech,  
but in truth and action.

Our 2023 TIA goals:	Donated to 11.4.2023:	Bal. owed:
<b>St. Ambrose - \$10,531</b>	<b>\$3,120</b>	<b>\$7,411</b>
<b>St. Catherine's - \$10,703</b>	<b>\$4,269</b>	<b>\$6,434</b>

The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal was launched on Ash Wednesday as a way for us to enter into a renewed penitential path which can lead us to conversion and new life in Christ. May the efforts of raising funds to support the various needs reminds us the we love not in speech but in truth and action.

Thank you for blessing others with your support.



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, was designated as Divine Mercy Sunday by Saint Pope John Paul II, who along with Pope John XXIII was canonized in April 2014. Divine Mercy is also a devotion that was shared with the world by Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), a young Polish nun. Saint Pope John Paul II emphasized that this was not done in order to establish a way of honoring St. Faustina, but to emphasize the meaning of the Resurrection and the depths of God's great mercy and love that is made available to all of His creation.

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina frequently throughout her life and used her as way to transmit the message of His Divine Mercy to others. In her diary, St. Faustina describes in detail the image of Mercy that Christ instructed her to have painted.

*"The two rays denote Blood and Water. the pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who dwells in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."* (Diary 299) In 1934 St. Faustina and her spiritual advisor sought out Eugeniusz Kazimirowski to paint the image.

**Adoration** Fridays 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
**Confessions** Tuesdays 6—6:45 pm

**St. Ambrose Parish**

**\*\*Rosary:** Mondays 10 am with CWL

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

St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus meets the 1st Wed. each month at 7 pm at the church.

St. Ambrose CWL meets the 2nd Wed. each month at 7 pm at the church.

**Pastoral Care Ministry** If you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Mass on **April 23**, please contact the team by Saturday April 22. The teams ask that you please have another person present with you when they come to your home. Please call: Mary-Ann Vervoort 403-345-5457, Lauraine Sincennes 403-345-4184

**Our Pastoral Care Ministry will be praying the Rosary** with the residents of Sunny South Lodge on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm. Parishioners are welcome to come and join us on praying with our seniors! Please remember that masks MUST be worn.

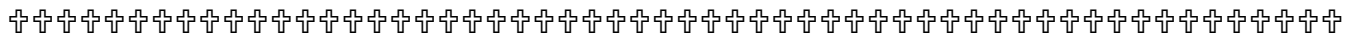


Sunday April 16 is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have a special time of prayer at St. Ambrose starting at 2:45 pm. At 3:00 pm we will pray the Divine Mercy followed by Mass at 4:00 pm. There will not be Confessions at this time. Please join us.

**CWL NEWS: CWL Bake Sale—POSTPONED UNTIL LATER DATE! WATCH HERE FOR INFO.**

**CWL –led Mass** will be on Sunday April 23 at the 9:00 am Mass. The CWL will serve in ministries as a tribute to Our Lady of Good Counsel, who we celebrate this month. To offer your service in a ministry please contact Diane Miedema at 403-345-3974 or [dmiedema13@gmail.com](mailto:dmiedema13@gmail.com)

**CWL Parish Office Break**—Monday April 24 at 11 am (after 10 am Rosary), we are having a special coffee break to express gratitude to Roisin & Joanne for the valued contributions to St. Ambrose Parish. These devoted professionals serve with grace while fulfilling their essential roles. Thanks ladies!



**\*\*Confessions: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM**

**St. Catherine's Parish**

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

**Ministries Schedule**

DATE	EMHC	COMMENTATOR/LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	OFFERTORY FAMILY	COFFEE MINISTRY
April 23	Elaine	Linda		Not yet.	?
April 30	Diane	Jackie		Not yet.	?

**Our next Soup Sunday is today, April 16, after Mass.** Cost is by donation and all donations go towards helping with our parish finances. All are welcome and please donate to help our parish!



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all those who helped at St. Ambrose and St. Catherine's parishes during the Triduum and Easter Liturgies! Our churches were beautifully decorated, flowers were donated, music was prepared and Music Ministers led our families in sung prayer, Liturgical Ministers helped to serve at the Liturgies, and food was prepared and served. Thanks also to Fr. Ian who prepared and celebrated 8 Liturgies over the 4 days, leading us all in prayer and celebration of the Risen Lord! **Well done, good and faithful servants!**

**COMMUNITY ITEMS**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2023: For a culture of peace and non-violence**—We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens. **The Pope video can be found here:** <https://thepopevideo.org/>



**New Student Registrations for Holy Spirit Roman Catholic School Division** for new students and continuing Early Learning/ Kindergarten students begins **Feb. 1, 2023.** Early Learning for 3 & 4 year olds, Kindergarten for age 5 on/before Dec. 31, 2022. French Immersion is also available in our school Division. For more info see [www.holyspirit.ab.ca](http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca) or visit your neighborhood school.



**COMMUNITY ITEMS**

**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 more information, please contact Fr. Derek Remus at [derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca) or (403) 327-8931.

**Faith and Reason Seminar.** Topic: "The Existence of God." Thursday, April 20 @ 7:30 pm. St. Basil's Church. How do we know that God exists? St. Paul says that God's "invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made" (Romans 1:20). Join us as we discuss how human reason can prove the existence of God.



**Coaldale Clothing Fest – Clear Out Your Closet!** This is a clothing recycling program through the Coaldale Mennonite Church to help those in need. They are looking for donations of clean clothing, shoes, toys and books in good condition. Drop donations at Coaldale Mennonite Church from 9 am – 12 pm March 27 – April 11. The Clothing Fest is April 15 from 10 am to 1 pm at the church gym—pick out clothes at no charge. For more info contact Jodi Reed 403-345-5956.



**“Share the Mission Award”**

Nominations are now welcome for the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division’s “Share the Mission Award.” This prestigious award recognizes community members, parents, students, and school staff who have:

Offered outstanding or long term service for the benefit of our students; Accepted demanding challenges and set new standards for the rest of us to follow; Contributed, through action and deed, to the Catholic atmosphere of our schools;

Demonstrated involvement and leadership in community / parish organizations; Reflected the Mission Statement of the Holy Spirit School Division in all actions.

If you know of an individual or group you would like to nominate, please forward their name to the Holy Spirit School Division Office by June 9, 2023. The nomination form is available online on the division’s website: [holyspirit.ab.ca](http://holyspirit.ab.ca)  
For more information, please contact Rhonda Kawa at (403) 327-9555



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