



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB

St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB



April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

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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**

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Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Mass: Wednesday 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:00—8:00 pm



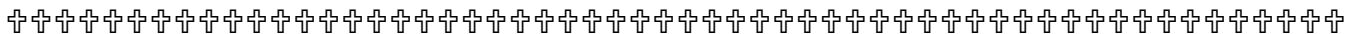
Parish Registration

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.

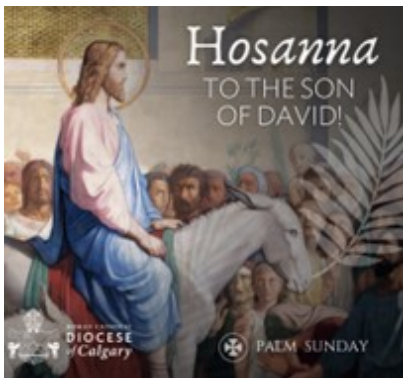
Receiving the Sacraments in our parishes: Please contact the parish office regarding Sacramental Preparation for all Sacraments—Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest at least six (6) months prior to the date chosen. 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



The stories of transformation of the past three Sundays – the woman at the well, the healing of the blind man, and the raising of Lazarus – now culminate in the final act of transformation in the Son of God. Everything is upside-down: the One without sin feels total abandonment and suffers an innocent death. The God who surprised us in Bethlehem again surprises us at the cross. Everything *seems* an utter failure, yet everything has been transformed forever.

**How does Jesus' journey to the cross speak to you this year?
When have you felt like an utter failure, and only later discovered the transforming effect of the experience?**

In what ways will you walk with this Gospel during Holy Week?

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)

MASS INTENTIONS: Intentions for March 2023 posted in foyers of churches

Tuesday, April 4	SA 7:00 pm	All Souls RIP
Wednesday, April 5	SC 9:00 am	Marianne Hirose RIP
Holy Thursday, April 6	SC 6:00 pm	For the parishioners
Holy Thursday, April 6	SA 8:00 pm	For the parishioners
Good Friday Service, April 7	SA 3:00 pm	
Good Friday Service, April 7	SC 6:00 pm	
Easter Vigil, April 8	SC 8:00 pm	For the parishioners
Easter Sunday, April 9	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners
Easter Sunday, April 9	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners
Easter Sunday, April 9	SA 4:00 pm	For the parishioners



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

**** Please note:** The office will be closed Good Friday April 7, Easter Monday April 10 as per Diocesan policies. ALSO: There will be **NO MASS** on Tues. April 11 or Wed. April 12 as Fr. Ian will be away.



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



Donations to Our Parishes
March 27, 2023

St. Ambrose—\$2050.65

St. Catherine's—\$1418.58 TIA \$500 Holy Land \$50

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!

Support the Holy Land: During the Good Friday Service, a collection is taken in support of the needs of the Holy Land to help maintain the Church's holy places. If you can, please contribute.



Let us love.
not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.
1 John 3.18

Our 2023 TIA goals:	Given to 27.3.2023:	Bal. owed:
St. Ambrose - \$10,531	\$2,490	\$8,041
St. Catherine's - \$10,703	\$3,828	\$6,875

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.



Triduum



The Triduum and Easter in our Parishes

St. Ambrose Parish

Holy Thursday Mass: 8:00 pm followed by Adoration until midnight. Sign up Palm Sunday.

Good Friday Service: 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday: 10:00 am Blessing of the Easter Foods. Decorating the church to follow.

The Easter Vigil takes place at St. Catherine's at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Masses: 9:00 am and 4:00 pm



St. Catherine's Parish

Holy Thursday Mass: 6:00 pm followed by Adoration until midnight. Sign up Palm Sunday.

Good Friday Service: 6:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm. Wine and Cheese to follow.

Easter Sunday: Mass at 11:00 am



Stations of the Cross at Henderson Lake on Good Friday at 1:00 pm. with the Net Ministry Team. Good Friday Service at CCH East at 3:00 pm.

All are welcome! Bishop McGrattan will celebrate the following liturgies at St. Mary's Cathedral:
 Chrim Mass, Monday, April 3 at 7 pm
 Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm
 Good Friday, April 7 at Noon and 3 pm
 Easter Vigil, April 8 at 8pm
 Easter Sunday, April 9 at Noon



Prayer for Holy Week

Almighty Father, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show me how I can honor you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus. Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it. May I seek you ever more as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond. Amen.



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.

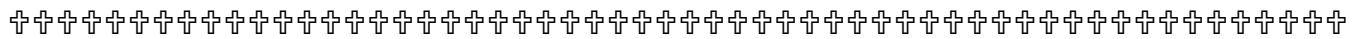
Pastoral Care Ministry If you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Mass on **April 9**, please contact the team by Saturday April 8. The teams ask that you please have another person present with you when they come to your home. Please call: Mary-Ann Vervoort 403-345-5457, Lauraine Sincennes 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 March 28 praying with our elders! 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.

St. Ambrose CWL Bake Sale—Sunday April 16 after both the Masses. Proceeds go towards charities the CWL Council supports. Thank you for your continued support!



****Confessions: 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM**

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

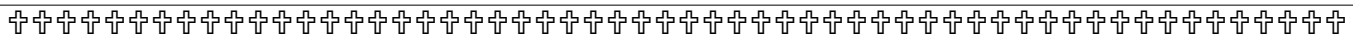
Ministries Schedule

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	COMM./LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	OFFERTORY FAMILY	COFFEE MINISTRY
April 6 Holy Thursday	Elaine	Tanya		Not yet	
April 7 Good Friday	Diane	Lynda, Phil, Austen		Not yet	
April 8 Easter Vigil	Liz	Jackie, Linda E.		Not yet	
April 9 Easter Sunday	Susan	AJ		Not yet	
April 16 Divine Mercy Sunday	Lew	Phil		Not yet	

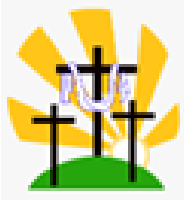
Our next Soup Sunday has been moved to April 16 after Mass. Cost is by donation and all donations go towards helping with our parish finances. All are welcome and please donate to help our parish!



 **Easter Flower Donations**—anyone wanting to donate flowers for Easter please bring them to the church. If you wish you can contact Elizabeth Stroeve (403-738-4417 or 403-382-7320) and she can purchase some for you. Please remember to donate bottles at the bottle depot for the St. Catherine's flower fund.



Easter Blessing from Fr. Ian



In the Exultet, which is sung to welcome the new light, Jesus Christ, we sing with hearts upraised to heaven, giving glory and honour to God, for the risen Saviour now shines upon us. What a glorious announcement of the joy we now celebrate after our 40-day Lenten journey. We are now led from the darkness into His glorious light. Sin and death have been conquered and in Christ we now live a new life.

As we begin our journey now in these 50 days of joy, my prayer for you is that we continue to let yourself grow in the mystery of our faith, to allow Jesus to reach your heart and lead you into the unfathomable love and mercy he has for you. May God bless you and your families. May he keep you all in his love and give you peace.

Happy Easter!

Holy Week: Time to Reflect On Where We Are Broken



Holy Week is a special time of year, almost always in early spring, to reflect on the places where we are broken in body and soul. It is an occasion to spiritually enter into sacred space in our minds and hearts to meditate on just how fragile and hallowed all life is. And while this might sound a little sad and depressing, it is all preparation for healing and rebirth.

The most dramatic and maybe the most spiritually challenging day of Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday and ends on the evening before Easter, is Good Friday. On this day hundreds of millions of people around the world will commemorate—through fasting, prayer, and attending church services—the suffering, crucifixion, and death of Jesus.

On Good Friday we encounter Jesus not as God or the leader of a religion but as a simple and fragile man. Nowhere in the accounts of his life is he more human. He is, like all of us, vulnerable and subject to great pain. And yet, regardless of the humiliation and the physical abuse that Jesus endures, he never behaves in typical human ways. He shows us his endurance, courage, compassion and forgiveness. Jesus not only offers us the ultimate example of grace under pressure, but he shows us what it means to be truly human.

We would all do well to set aside time in the next week to reflect on how we respond not just to our own suffering but to the pain of everyone who falls and hurts themselves against the rough concrete patches of life. When we do, something in us stirs, a stone is rolled away from a place of darkness, and the light of new understanding and appreciation begins to shine in our hearts.

Excerpt from: I've Been Thinking ... Holy Week Is A Time to Reflect On Where We Are Broken by Gary Jansen <https://mariashriver.com/>

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/>



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