## **Ascension Sunday**

# MASS INTENTIONS:

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## Please pray for the sick of our parishes -

Gracie Jeppson, Justin Dyck, Carmen Thom, Darlene Beler, Gaby Broers, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Craig Parkinson, Joanne Kubik, Marianne Hirose, Gordon Briggs, Julius Urban, John Vogel

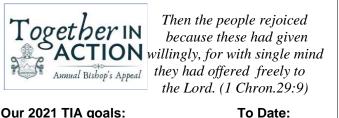
Anniversaries of death 1 year (Jan. – June 2020) Anne Boras, Anna Zalik, John Chute, Irene Kacik, Stanley Vavra, Avis Rettie, Eric Vogel, Terry O'Donnell

## Donations for Sunday May 2, 2021

<u>St. Ambrose</u> - \$835 TIA \$840 Benev. Fund \$10 Sem. Fund \$10 Holy Land \$30

<u>St. Catherine's</u> - \$160 TIA \$25 O/M \$25 Sem. Fund \$30

Donations for the Holy Land can be made year-round at https://www.catholicyyc.ca/goodfridaycollection.html



St. Ambrose - \$ 7,372.00 St. Catherine - \$ 7,492.00 \$ 4,963.00 \$ 2,280.00

The TIA Campaign 2021 - continues and your generosity in donating is much appreciated! The monies raised in TIA (Together In Action) go to support amazing programs throughout our Diocese that help those in need. Our parish goals are set by the Diocese. If you would like to see more information about the programs supported by TIA please go to https://www.catholicyyc.ca/tia.html

# Please help us reach our goals!

May is Mary's Month – St. Catherine's CWL encourages everyone to pray the rosary at home during May. Mary is advocate, helper, benefactress and mediatrix: intermediary through which the Son of God entered this world to save us from sin, through her faith she aided in reconciling sinners to her Son, and, because of her assumption and role as mother for all of us, she prays for us, interceding on our behalf just as she did at Cana, asking the Lord to bestow graces to us as He wills. **New restrictions announced May 4** by Premier Kenney mean that only <u>15 people are allowed in places of</u> <u>worship</u>. Including Father Ian, a sacristan, a lector and a registration person, we will only be allowed 11 other parishioners in the church. There will be no ushers, music ministry or projectionists. These 11 people will be allowed in on a first-come-first serve basis. Once a total of 15 people is reached the church doors will be locked.

There are a few things that can be done to help our parishes during these latest restrictions:

1. <u>Please consider only attending 1 mass per</u> <u>week.</u> There will still be Mass Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and 3 Sunday Masses. Attending weekday Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation and helps leave room for other parishioners.

2. <u>Please consider watching a live-streamed Mass</u>. See the information and link in this bulletin.

3. <u>The parish offices will be closed beginning on</u> <u>Monday May 10</u> until it is safe to reopen them. You can still reach the office by phone during regular working hours.

#### 4. Fr. lan will be on retreat the week of May 17 – 21 so there will be no Mass on May 18 or 19 or Adoration on May 21. Please be mindful of this on the weekends of May 16 and 23. Also, please keep Fr. lan in your prayers.

5. <u>Please pray for our parishes during this difficult</u> <u>time.</u> We must stay united as a church family and support each other in staying safe and well.

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**Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2021** – The World of Finance - Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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**Pray with our Seminarians for one hour** - Join Calgary Seminarians in prayer and support them financially as they commemorate the dedication of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies. From 7 pm on May 30 till 9 <u>am on May 31</u>, seminarians will hold an all-night vigil at the Shrine Church in Canmore. They welcome all to join them for one hour during the vigil through livestream participation. Each hour will begin with a reflection on a mystery of the rosary, followed by a decade of the rosary. Also, please consider donating to the Seminarian Fund towards seminarian formation. Commit to pray one hour with the seminarians by signing up here <u>https://www.catholicyyc.ca/vocations.html</u>

Event will be livestreamed at catholicyyc.ca/vocations

#### + St. Ambrose Parish +

Confirmation - will be celebrated on Saturday, May 22. Confirmation is postponed until further notice. Continue to pray for these 5 young people as they finish their preparation and wait to be Confirmed!

Projector Operator Volunteers - are needed immediately! This is not a difficult ministry but is vital to our celebration of Mass as a community. Training will be provided. If you can help with this ministry, please phone the office.

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

Mary's Mantle group will pray rosary after the 7 pm Mass at the church. Everyone is welcome to join from home at 7:30pm so we are in harmony.

CWL - praying rosary Monday mornings in the foyer at 10 am. 15 person limit applies.

#### ❀ St. Catherine's Parish ❀

#### Rosary on Wednesday after Mass during May

Confessions - starting on Thursday, May 13 and continuing every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month, Fr. Ian will be available to hear confessions at St. Catherine's from 7 to 8 pm.

Confirmation - will be celebrated on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15. Confirmation is postponed until further notice. Continue to pray for these 19 young people as they finish their preparation and wait to be Confirmed!

First Communion - will be celebrated on Saturday, May 29. As above, only students and families may attend but please continue to pray for these students!

First Sacrament Registration - Questions on First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, please contact Susan Trechka 403-732-4685, cell: 403-315-3217

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Bishop McGrattan's message for** May - It is important to acknowledge the human and social issues impacting women in our society, mothers and families during this pandemic. This month, Bishop McGrattan speaks of domestic

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violence and its impact upon women and mothers, and ways to respond in the true spirit of Christian renewal. You can read Bishop's McGrattan's message here: https://www.catholicyyc.ca/blog/impact-of-covid-19-on-women-mothers-and-families

"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." (Mark 16.15)

Dialogue on Gifts of the Holy Spirit - presented by

Assumption Prayer Group on Thursdays beginning May 13 and running until June 10. Each session is a talk with workshop to follow. Please call Jackie at 403-399-6063 for more info and to get the Zoom link for these presentations.

The Coaldale Foodbank needs the following items:

- Relish, ketchup, mustard in the 3-bottle pack
- Hand cream
- Vaseline
- Cereal
- Boxes of Jello powder

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- Baking powder
- Chocolate chips
- Raisins

If you can donate any of these items, please leave them in the boxes in the back of St. Ambrose church. Thank you for your generosity!

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Keep In Touch program - are you a senior or know of a senior who would like calls from a volunteer to check on them or chat once or twice a week? FCSS and Volunteer Lethbridge are running a free program to assist isolated and lonely seniors. Please call 587-370-8518 or email seniorservices@fcss.ca to register or to volunteer.

Watch Livestream Mass - If you cannot attend the liturgy in person, Bishop McGrattan suggests you choose to watch a live-streamed celebration rather than a recorded one whenever possible. Live-streamed liturgies unfold in the present moment, and thus afford the opportunity for those participating virtually to join in real time with the Church at prayer.

Current Parish Mass livestream schedule & link https://www.catholicyyc.ca/#livestream ~~~~~ ~~~~~~~

Martha Retreat Centre - Please check our website at www.martharetreatcentre.ca or call 403-328-3422 for current updates related to programs which may be offered in person or virtually via Zoom at this time. Programs such as Centering Prayer and walking the Labyrinth are available.

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Senior's Week - is June 7 - 11, 2021. Be creative! Be safe! How about doing a random act of kindness for a senior that you know? Here are some suggestions:

- Do some yardwork
- Make a care package -
- Send a letter to a senior -
- Chalk a kind note on their sidewalk

And for seniors - FCSS in Taber, since they cannot have a community celebration, is asking seniors to register for a "Celebration in a Bag". Seniors can register for their bags by calling 403-915-7063 or emailing cindy.lauwen@fcss.ca by May 27.

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