



January 2, 2022

Epiphany of the Lord

Current Parish Mass livestream schedule & link :
<https://www.catholicyc.ca/#livestream>



(Source: Diocese of Springfield)

MASS INTENTIONS:

SA intention	Tuesday, Jan. 4	Leon & Annabelle Hartman Int.	SA 7:00 pm
SC intention	Wednesday, Jan. 5	Ann Mrak RIP	SC 9:00 am
SA intention	Thursday, Jan. 6	Maria Tersteeg RIP	SA 8:45 am
SA intention	Sunday, Jan. 9	For the parishioners	SA 9:00 am
SC intention	Sunday, Jan. 9	For the parishioners	SC 11:00 am
SA intention	Sunday, Jan. 9	For the parishioners	SA 4:00 pm



****Please note: the parish office is closed Jan. 3, 2022**

Please pray for the sick of our parishes –

Deirdre Doyle, Tony Campmans, Ineke Broers, Dave & Rita Gensorek, Kathy Majeau, Marlene Stroeve, Walter Coles, Carmen Thom, Gracie Jeppson, Justin Dyck, Gaby Broers, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, John Vogel, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic, Marianne Hirose, Gordon Briggs,

And our beloved deceased, especially Steve Gajostik.

Please continue to pray for all those who are ill with Covid 19, for all those who have died and for their families.

(Notices for Prayers for the Sick going in the bulletin can only be accepted when made by the ill person or their family.)

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Donations for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

St. Ambrose - \$2920

St. Catherine's - \$1360

Donations for Sunday Dec. 26, 2021.

St. Ambrose - \$1740 TIA \$50 Fall Coll. \$2000
 Seminary \$41

St. Catherine's - \$1497 TIA \$605 Fall Coll. \$100
 O/M \$5

PLEASE NOTE: For donations to be included on your 2021 Income Tax receipt, they must be received in the office or post-marked no later than Friday, December 31, 2021. Donations received after Dec. 31 will go on to your 2022 Tax receipt. Thanks!



*Then the people rejoiced
 because these had given
 willingly, for with single mind
 they had offered freely to
 the Lord. (1 Chron.29:9)*

Our 2021 TIA goals:	To Date:	Balance:
St. Ambrose - \$7,372.00	\$8,348.00	Goal met!
St. Catherine - \$7,492.00	\$6597.00	Goal met!

Congratulations to St. Catherine's Parish in meeting your TIA goal! Your generosity is much appreciated!

Many thanks to both St. Ambrose and St. Catherine's in completing your TIA goals for 2021. Your generosity will be appreciated by the many agencies in our Diocese that benefit from the financial assistance provided by TIA funds.



Merry Christmas! Did you know that the church celebrates the Christmas season until the Baptism of the Lord? That is on Jan. 9 this year!

The Feast of Epiphany, in the church, falls on January 6, or the first Sunday after January 1, whichever comes first. It is the day we recall the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The word Epiphany means "manifestation", to show or display something to an audience. So, the Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, the Son of God and the Saviour of the world, as well as the adoration of Jesus by the magi, or wise men, from the East. In the magi it is shown that non-Jewish people can discover Jesus and worship Him as the Son of God and Saviour of the world. The gifts the wise men brought – frankincense, myrrh and gold – as gifts that point not only to Christ's divinity and his revelation to the Magi as the King of Kings, but also to his crucifixion.

Around the world, Epiphany is celebrated with many traditions. Here are a few:

* In Italy, La Befana brings sweets and presents to children not on Christmas, but on Epiphany.

* Children in many parts of Latin America, the Philippines, Portugal, and Spain also receive their presents on "Three Kings Day."

* In Ireland, Catholics celebrate "Women's Christmas" – where women rest from housework and cleaning and celebrate together with a special meal.

- Epiphany in Poland is marked by taking chalk – along with gold, incense and amber – to be blessed at Mass. Back at home, families will inscribe the first part of the year, followed by the letters, "K+M+B+" and then the last numbers of the year on top of every door in the house. The letters stand for



the names traditionally given to the wise men – Casper, Melchior and Balthazar – as well as for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat," or "Christ, bless this house."

In nearly every part of the world, Catholics celebrate Epiphany with a Kings Cake: a sweet cake that sometimes contains an object like a figurine or a lone nut. In some locations lucky recipient of this prize either gets special treatment for the day, or they must then hold a party at the close of the traditional Epiphany season on Feb. 2.





St. Ambrose has an IMMEDIATE need for:

- 1. Pastoral Care Ministers,
2. Projectionists for Sunday Mass.**

Please pray about this need and, if you are being Called to serve in any of these ministries, phone the office at 403-345-3400 to find out more about them. Training and support are provided.

****Adoration and Confession – each Friday from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.**

Pastoral Care Ministry– If you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Mass on Sundays, please contact the team for that Sunday by the Saturday before. The teams ask that you please have another person present with you when they come to your home.

Sunday Jan 9 (phone by Saturday, Jan. 8):

Bonnie Sturm 403-345-4596

Mary-Ann Vervoort 403-345-5457

St. Ambrose CWL would like to wish parishioners a wonderful Christmas season and a New Year filled with peace and happiness. We welcome our new Executive: President Maryann Vervoort, Secretary Lydia Jones, and Treasurer Lisa Wolfe. Many thanks to Mary Coles and Darlene Beler for their years of service on the Executive.

****The CWL is now taking \$25 registrations for 2022.**
Fees need to be paid by the end of Jan. There will be a draw from those who pay for 1 person to receive a free membership, and 1 draw for a special prize!

CWL - will be praying the rosary Monday mornings in the foyer at 10 am.



****1st Reconciliation/1st Communion registration** will take place the 2nd week of January. 1st Reconciliation **MUST** be completed before 1st Communion. Forms are being sent home with St. Joseph's students. If you do not receive one or are in another school, please call either Sylvia 403-394-6234 or the office at 403-345-3400.

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

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COMMUNITY ITEMS

Parish donation envelope users—2022 envelopes are in the church lobbies for pick-up. Envelopes will be organized alphabetically. Please make sure you check the name.

Also, **please do NOT use old envelopes**. It causes confusion when entering your donations. Old envelopes and the box are recyclable!



If you can not pick up your envelopes please
phone the office so we can arrange to get them to you.
Thanks!

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Pope's Prayer Intention for Jan. 2022 – For true human fraternity—We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

The Pope Video for January 2022 is not posted yet.



St. Catherine's has an IMMEDIATE need for volunteers in the following ministries:

1. Projectionists at Sunday Mass,
2. a person/persons to be The TIA
Rep for St. Catherine's to receive and
distribute info from the Diocese.

Please pray about this and if you can help, please phone the office at 403-345-3400. Training and support are provided.



****Confessions – every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.**

St. Catherine's CWL invites everyone to participate in the **Food Bank Project**. This is an ongoing project until June 2022. Items can be dropped off at the collection box in the Church foyer. Thank you for you support.

St. Catherine's Flower Fund: needs donations. You can help by donating your bottles at the Picture Butte Bottle Depot. Let them know they are for the Flower Fund

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

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The Holy Spirit School Division is looking for Homestay families starting in January.

Particularly, there is a young woman from Spain who will attend CCHS and would like to live in Coaldale. If you are interested, please contact Wendy Urquhart at 403-331-7454 for more information.



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 regular event updates, please contact Fr. Derek at (derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca or 403-327-8931).












Soup Kitchen Service—The second Friday of each month is our parishes' time to serve the community at the Soup Kitchen. Remember that we are called to 'Feed the Poor'. If you can help please phone Bonnie at 403-345-4596.

Our next ministry date will be: Jan. 14, 2022

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