February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Sick



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Parish Registration

If you are new to one of our parishes: A warm WELCOME is extended to new parishioners. Please introduce yourselves to Fr. lan after Mass, 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.

OUR PRAYERS

Mass Intentions for February 2024 posted in foyers of churches. MASS INTENTIONS: Week of February 4.

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Tuesday, Feb. 13	SA 7:00 pm	Matthew Perin RIP	
Wednesday, Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday	SC 9:00 am	For the parishioners	1.00
Wednesday, Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday	SA 7:00 pm	For the parishioners	
Thursday Feb. 15	SA 8:45 am	Brian & Linda Kinahan Int.	
Friday			
Sunday, Feb. 11	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners	
Sunday, Feb. 11	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners	
Sunday, Feb. 11	SA 4:00 pm	For the parishioners	

Please pray for the sick of our parishes – Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Darlene Beler, Katie Lindsay, Robert Briggs, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Diann Knight, Deirdre Doyle, Gracie Jeppson, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic.

And for the Repose of the Souls of all the deceased, especially Mary Faber.

One Year Anniversary of Death—February 2023: Jake Braat.



Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Masses: St. Catherine's 9:00 am with St. Catherine's School

St. Ambrose 7:00 pm

OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

Our Support For Our Parishes

Weekly Donations to Our Parishes from Jan. 28, 2024

St. Ambrose—\$1,891.90 Hall Fund \$70 TIA \$10 Benev. Fund \$45 Init. Off. \$25 Rel. Ed. \$100 Bulletin Ads \$170

Well done, good and faithful servants!

St. Catherine's—\$705 TIA \$15 O&M \$85 Jan. 1 \$5 Annual Coll. \$500 Init. Off. \$10

Well done, good and faithful servants!



Support For Our Diocese Programs

The 2024 TIA program begins on Ash Wednesday. The Diocese will be sending out Information to the parishes on Tuesday so look for more information next Sunday.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK February 11, 2024

We are called to adopt the compassion-filled gaze of Jesus. Let us care for those who suffer and are alone, perhaps marginalized and cast aside. Pope Francis.

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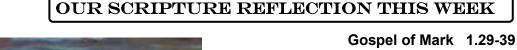


A Pastoral Message from Bishop McGrattan on Lent and Social Media

As we approach Lent, Bishop McGrattan reminds us to take a step back, pause, and reflect on our use of social media. Using insights from the latest CCCB pastoral letter, "Let Your Speech Always be Gracious," and the Holy Father's Lenten message, the Bishop highlights the seven commitments we should make to witness to core Christian values and help build a healthy online environment that serves the common good.

To read the Bishop's message, please go here:

https://www.catholicvyc.ca/blog/social-media-and-lent-let-your-speech-always-be-gracious





In touching the leper, Jesus breaks the moral and religious taboos about lepers, and publicly welcomes this precious person back into the human community – for no one is beyond God's loving touch.

Do you know anyone who feels beyond help, beyond God's loving touch?

How can you reach out to the one who feels beyond help? Where in our community can we defeat the evil one by tenaciously loving the so-called unlovable?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

OUR EVENTS



DID YOU KNOW that 2025 will be a JUBILEE YEAR in the Church? The Holy Father has asked us to make 2024 a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year. The Holy Father encourages us to highlight the importance of both communal prayer and individual prayer this year.



To learn about the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope" - visit: catholicyyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer Watch here for more information on The Year of Prayer and The Jubilee Year.

St. Ambrose Parish Pastoral Council: Seeking up to Five New Members! An Opportunity to Serve and Shape Our Parish Community

Dear Parishioners of St. Ambrose,

We are excited to announce an opportunity for you to play a pivotal role in the life and direction of our parish. The St. Ambrose Parish Pastoral Council is seeking new members who are eager to lend their voices, talents, and unique perspectives to our faith community.

The Role of the Council: The Parish Pastoral Council serves as a key advisory body to our Pastor, focusing on the vital matters of our parish. As a council member, you will have the opportunity to contribute to discussions that shape our parish's future, help identify and respond to the needs of our community, and foster an environment of growth and spiritual nourishment.

We Value Diversity: Our parish is a tapestry of individuals from varied backgrounds, each with unique gifts and experiences. We believe that a diverse council better reflects the richness of our parish community. Therefore, we encourage parishioners of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds to consider joining the council. Whether you are a long-time member of St. Ambrose or new to our parish family, your insights and talents are valuable to us.

What We Look For:

- A commitment to the Catholic faith and the mission of our parish.
- Willingness to engage in constructive and respectful dialogue.
- A desire to work collaboratively towards the common good of our parish.
- Availability to attend regular council meetings and parish events.

How to Apply: If you feel called to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council, please talk to Fr. Ian, Greg Schmidt (Chair) or the church office. **Please respond by February 25, 2024**. Together, let us continue to build a vibrant, inclusive, and faith-filled community at St. Ambrose Parish. We look forward to hearing from you!

OUR LARGER COMMUNITY

The next Live-In weekend retreat will take place Feb. 23—25, from 4:30 pm Friday to 4:30 pm Sunday, at St. Joseph's School in Coaldale. Register online at: www.lethbridgelivein.ca
For more information contact: katie.lindsay51@gmail.com OR petervanu@outlook.com

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Assumption Charismatic Prayer Group will be hosting a pot luck every FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month in the hall at Our Lady of the Assumption church in Lethbridge. Doors open at 5:30 pm, supper is at 6 pm, and praise and worship begins at 7 pm. All are welcome!

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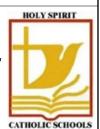


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The Pope video can be found here: https://thepopevideo.org/

From Holy Spirit Catholic School Division—School Registration Fall 2024:

Families of Continuing students will get an email to update registration the week of Jan. 15-19/24. **New Student Registrations for Holy Spirit Roman Catholic School Division** begins **Feb. 1, 2024**, including 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. Please register on line, or for more info see www.holyspirit.ab.ca or visit your neighborhood school.



Just a reminder: If you are planning an event, meeting or practice in St. Ambrose or St. Catherine's church, Lobby, SA Olde Rectory, or SC Hall, please book with the office. Things are getting busier and not booking a space could mean you don't have one when you arrive. Call 403-345-3400 to book for weekdays and weekends. Thanks!

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OUR PARISHES

St. Catherine, Pray for us. Feast Day: November 25

St. Catherine's Parish

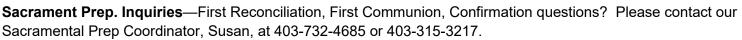
Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday/ Miércoles 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday/Jueves 6:00—7:30 pm



Preparación sacramental. Consultas: ¿Preguntas sobre Primera Reconciliación, Primera Comunión y Confirmación? Comuníquese con nuestra coordinadora de preparación sacramental, Susan, al 403-732-4685 o al 403-315-3217.



This week in our parish Feb. 11—Feb. 17

Esta semana en nuestra parroquia del 11 de febrero - 17 de febrero

Sunday, Feb. 11 Sunday Mass/Misa Dominical 11 am

Domingo 11 de febrero

Coffee after Mass. Café después de Misa.

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 14

Mass/ Masa 9 am

MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA 14 de febrero

Coffee to follow. Café a seguir.

Thurs. Feb. 15

Reconciliation/Reconciliación 6—7:30 pm

Jueves 15 de febrero

** Please note that Deacon Isaac will be away until mid-February.

Ministries Schedule

DATE	ЕМНС	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	PASTORAL CARE	COFFEE MINISTRY
Feb. 18	Liz	AJ		Susan Trechka	Martha & Fanny
Feb. 25	Susan	Linda		Susan Trechka	Lynda & Jackie

If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion, please call Wil Dooper at 403-732-4962.

CWL News: Our membership drive continues. The fees are \$35.







OUR PARISHES

St. Ambrose, Pray for us. Feast Day: December 7

St. Ambrose Parish

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am and 4:00 pm

Weekday Masses: Tuesday 7:00 pm, Thursday 8:45 am

Adoration: Fridays 7:00—8:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesdays 6:00—6:45 pm

Fridays 7:00—8:00 pm

Rosary: Mondays at 10:00 am with CWL

Sacrament Prep. Inquiries: First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation questions? Please contact our Sacramental Prep Coordinator, Sylvia, at 403-394-6234.

This Week in our Parish: Feb. 11—Feb. 17

Ash Wed. Feb. 14: SJS Choir practice 9:15 am Sunday, Feb. 11: Sunday Mass 9 am & 4 pm

Mass 7 pm Mon. Feb. 12: Mary Faber funeral 11 am

Thurs. Feb. 15: Mass 8:45 am Tues. Feb. 13: Reconciliation 6—6:45 pm,

> Mass 7pm Fri. Feb. 16: Stations of the Cross and New Hall Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Reconciliation 7—8 pm



Pastoral Care Ministry: Please phone the team listed below on Saturday Feb. 17 if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on Feb. 18, and please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

Feb. 11 Team: Bonnie 403-345-4596 and Diann 403-345-4945

St. Ambrose CWL NEWS: CWL Membership Drive is still on until Feb. 28. Please see our Executive to renew/ join.

Congratulations to our new Executive: Spiritual Advisor—Fr. Ian; President—Lynne Schaaf; Past President—Mary-Ann Vervoort; Secretary—Louise Bridgeman; Treasurer—Lisa Wolfe; Faith Chair—Diane Miedema; Social Justice Chair—Lydia Jones; Service Chair—vacant.



Parishioners of St. Ambrose are being encouraged to sign a postcard to ask the Federal Government to reverse its decision to permit MAiD for persons suffering with mental illness. There are still a few cards available in the fover.

Cards can be addressed to:

- 1. MP Rachael Thomas 2. Justice Minister Hon. Arif Virani 3. Hon. Rob Moore (CPC Justice Critic)
- 4. Randall Garrison (NDP Justice Critic).

The CWL will gladly send the signed cards to Ottawa on behalf of the parishioners. Thank you to those

Future Hall—the Fund Raising Committee is looking for Volunteers and support for the new hall. Contact Blaise MacNeil at 587-320-9958 or blaisemn@hotmail.com

Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz is a powerful way to learn about our faith. You will need an up-todate copy of the Catechism and access to You Tube or Hallow. Please contact Shelley with any questions by phoning or texting 403-331-7618.

