

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



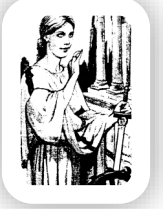
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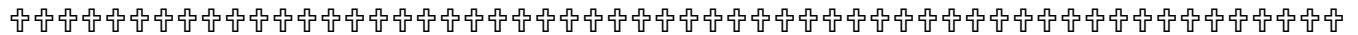
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**Parish Registration**

If you are new to one of our parishes: A warm WELCOME is extended to new parishioners. Please introduce yourselves to Fr. Ian 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**

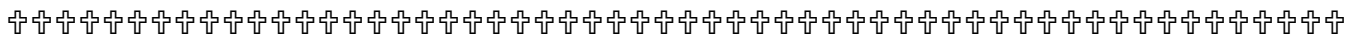
**MASS INTENTIONS: Week of February 4.** Mass Intentions for February 2024 posted in foyers of churches.

Tuesday, Feb. 6	<b>SA 7:00 pm</b>	Annalies Daniels Int.
Wednesday, Feb. 7	<b>SC 9:00 am</b>	Eric Vogel RIP
Thursday Feb. 8 (SJS gr. 6-9)	<b>SA 8:45 am</b>	Teresa Vanden Dungen RIP
Friday Feb. 9 Sunny South Lodge	<b>2:30 pm</b>	Lionel Sincennes RIP
<b>Sunday, Feb. 11</b>	<b>SA 9:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb. 11</b>	<b>SC 11:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb. 11</b>	<b>SA 4:00 pm</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>



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



**LENT 2024** Our Lenten journey begins early this year, with Ash Wednesday falling on Feb. 14. That is only 10 days away!

**Ash Wednesday Masses:** St. Catherine's 9:00 am with St. Catherine's School  
St. Ambrose 7:00 pm

Watch for the Lenten insert in next week's bulletin.



# OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

## Our Support For Our Parishes

### Weekly Donations to Our Parishes from Jan. 28 , 2024

**St. Ambrose**—\$1,797.55 Init. Off. \$20

Well done, good and faithful servants!

**St. Catherine's**—\$2,659.55 TIA \$25 O&M \$10  
Jan. 1 \$5 Annual Coll. \$175 Init. Off. \$260

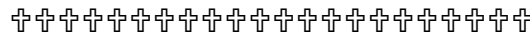
Well done, good and faithful servants!



**World Day for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated in parishes today, Feb. 4, 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

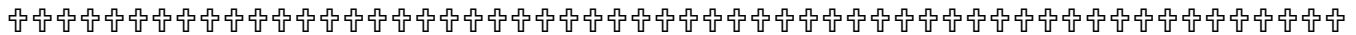
The Diocese has prepared a video called **Consecrated Life** which you can access here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URWr2KI3yK8>

There are Prayer Cards in the lobby to take home so that you can pray for those living Consecrated Lives. Please pick one up.

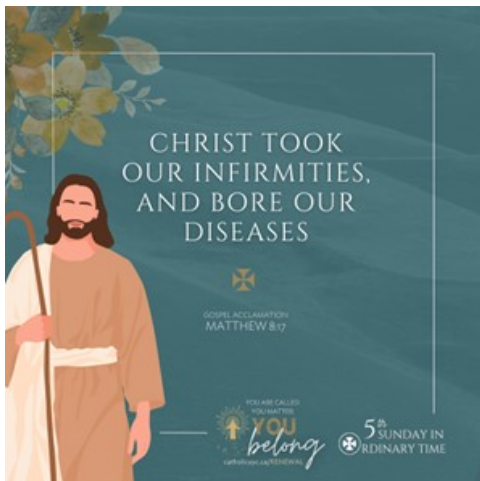


### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK February 11, 2024

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.



## OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK



### Gospel of Mark 1.29-39

Numerous demands for healing create a problem for Jesus. He does not want people to be attracted to the miracles and worship him as a miracle worker, but rather he desires them to open their hearts to God's transforming love.

**What in this passage attracts you to Jesus?**

**What is the difference between treating Jesus as a miracle worker and being open to God's transforming love?**

**How can we become a sign of God's transforming love in the world?**

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

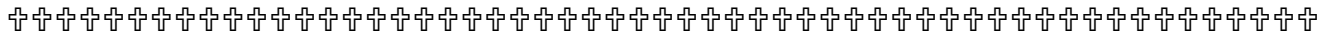
## OUR EVENTS



**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: [catholicyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer](http://catholicyc.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.

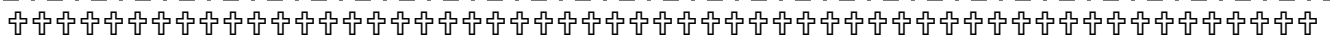
**The Role of the Council:** The Parish Pastoral Council serves as a key advisory body to our Pastor, focusing on the vital matters of our parish. As a council member, you will have the opportunity to contribute to discussions that shape our parish's future, help identify and respond to the needs of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

**Lethbridge Pro-Life AGM, Dinner & Speaker** at Trinity Reformed Church, 1100 40th Ave. N., Lethbridge, Thurs., Feb. 8 at 6 pm. Cost of dinner is by donation. The speaker is Blaise Alleyne of CCB, speaking about "Changing Hearts and Minds on Assisted Suicide."

**To reserve seats:** email [lprolife@shaw.ca](mailto:lprolife@shaw.ca) **OR** text 403-892-1925  
For more information, see the website [www.lifelethbridge.org](http://www.lifelethbridge.org)



**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](http://www.lethbridgelivein.ca)  
For more information contact: [katie.lindsay51@gmail.com](mailto:katie.lindsay51@gmail.com) **OR** [petervanu@outlook.com](mailto:petervanu@outlook.com)

## OUR LARGER COMMUNITY



**The Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2024: For the terminally ill**—We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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](http://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:**

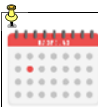
Wednesday/ Miércoles 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Thursday/Jueves 6:00—7:30 pm

**Sacrament Prep. Inquiries**—First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation questions? Please contact our Sacramental Prep Coordinator, Susan, at 403-732-4685 or 403-315-3217.

**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. 4—Feb. 10

#### Esta semana en nuestra parroquia del 4 de febrero - 10 de febrero

Sunday, Feb. 4

**Sunday Mass/Misa Dominical 11 am**

Domingo 4 de febrero

Soup Sunday after Mass.

Domingo de sopa después de misa.

Wednesday Feb. 7

**Mass/ Masa 9 am**

Miércoles 7 de febrero

Coffee to follow.

Café a seguir.

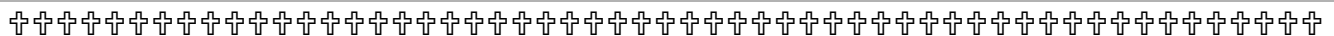
Thurs. Feb. 8

Reconciliation/Reconciliación 6—7:30 pm

Jueves 8 de febrero

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

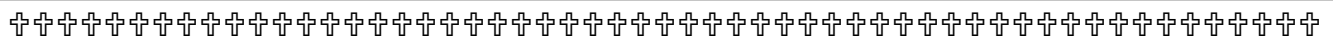
**\*\* Tenga en cuenta que el diácono Isaac estará ausente hasta mediados de febrero.**



### Ministries Schedule

DATE	EMHC	COMMENTATOR/LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	PASTORAL CARE	COFFEE MINISTRY
Feb. 11	Elaine	Linda E.		Susan Trechka	Mexican ladies
Feb. 18	Liz	AJ		Susan Trechka	Martha & Fanny

If you need to receive Holy Communion at home or at Piyami, please call Wil Dooper 403-732-4962.



**CWL News: Our membership drive is starting.** The fees are \$35.

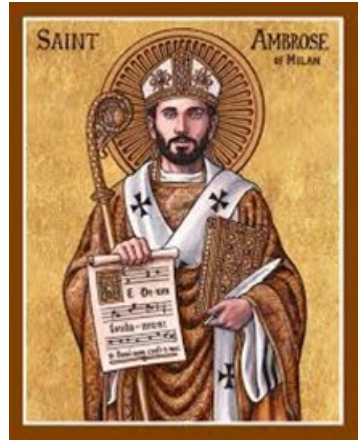


**The next Soup Sunday will be today, Feb. 4,** right after Mass. Come and enjoy lunch and visiting with your parish family. All donations will be gratefully accepted and are used for the upkeep of St. Catherine's.



# 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. 4—Feb. 10

**Sunday, Feb. 4: Sunday Mass 9 am & 4 pm**

**Mon. Feb. 5:** CWL Rosary 10 am

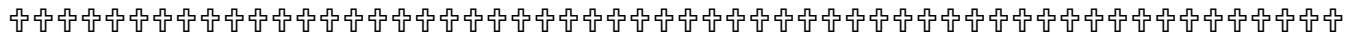
**Tues. Feb. 6:** Reconciliation 6—6:45 pm,  
**Mass 7pm**



**Wed. Feb. 7:** SJS Choir practice 9:15 am

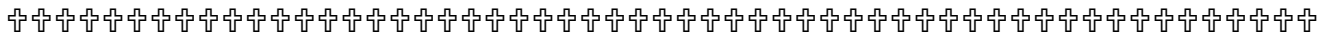
**Thurs. Feb. 15: Mass 8:45 am** with SJS gr. 6-9

**Fri. Feb. 16:** Adoration and Reconciliation 7—8 pm



**Pastoral Care Ministry:** Please phone the team listed below on Saturday Feb. 10 if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on Feb. 11, and please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

**Feb. 11 Team:** Mary-Ann 403-345-5457 and Lauraine 403-345-4184



**St. Ambrose CWL NEWS:** CWL Membership Drive is now on until Feb. 28. Please see our Executive to renew/join. The winner of the Early Bird Draw prize is Lydia Jones.

**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**. Cards will be handed out by St. Ambrose CWL Executive after the 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. masses this weekend.

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 for your kind help and support.

**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-to-date copy of the Catechism and access to You Tube or Hallow. Please contact Shelley with any questions by phoning or texting 403-331-7618.