



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB



St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB

February 12, 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff

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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**

St. Catherine's Office

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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



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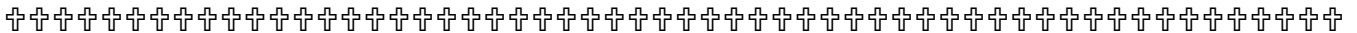
Parish Registration

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



As a devout Jew, Jesus adhered to the Torah – the Jewish “Law of Moses” – and he was zealous about God’s commands. At the same time, he goes deeper than merely keeping the law, he also stresses love, justice, mercy and faith. In this passage from Matthew, Jesus reveals that God’s commandments are to govern our hearts, thoughts and intentions, and not only our actions. “Tearing out one’s eye” or “cutting off one’s hand or foot” are examples of hyperbole – or exaggerated speech – which is used to make a strong point about the call to conversion. The message is that sight and limbs are to be used for God’s glory, and never to abuse others or treat them as objects. Jesus stresses the dignity of the human person, and proclaims God’s design for our lives and our interactions with others.

Is “following the commandments” different than living as a transformed follower of Jesus?

What part of Jesus’ teaching challenges you the most? What comforts you?

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)

MASS INTENTIONS:		
Tuesday, Feb. 14	SA 7:00 pm	Paul & Lydia Jones Int.
Wednesday, Feb. 15	SC 9:00 am	Marianne Hirose RIP
Thursday, Feb. 16 (SJS Kinder.)	SA 8:45 am	Lita Horvath RIP
Piyami Lodge Friday, March 3 (masks req'd)	10:00 am	
Sunny South Lodge Friday, (masks req'd)	2:30 pm	
Sunday, Feb. 19	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Feb. 19	SC 11:00am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Feb. 19	SA 4:00 pm	For the parishioners



PLEASE NOTE: The office will be closed Monday Feb. 20 for Family Day stat.

Please pray for the sick of our parishes – David Beler, Ron Favreau, Fr. John Schuster, Maria Panic, Diann Knight, Deirdre Doyle, Tony Campmans, Ineke Broers, Walter Coles, Kathy & Yvon Majeau, Marlene Stroeve, Gracie Jeppson, Gaby Broers, Pat Theroux, John Vogel, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic

And our beloved deceased, especially Jake Braat.

(Notices for Prayers for the Sick going in the bulletin can only be accepted when made by the ill person or their family due to FOIP regulations. Thank you for understanding.)

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Donations to Our Parishes
Feb. 12, 2023

St. Ambrose—\$2,065.75 Hall \$20 TIA\$1200
Pre-Auth.Debits \$945 Hall \$305 TIA \$265

St. Catherine's —\$1,497.35 TIA \$151 O/M \$190
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**** 2022 tax receipts are available in the foyers. ****

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!

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Our 2022 TIA goals:	To :	Bal. owed:
St. Ambrose - \$	\$00	\$00
St. Catherine - \$	\$00	\$00

Our TIA campaign for 2022 is now closed. The campaign for 2023 will begin on the Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023. All monies collected for TIA between now and Feb. 22 will go towards the 2023 goals. Watch here for more information.

Countdown to Lent

Ash Wednesday is approaching! Lent begins on February 22 this year, 1 1/2 weeks from today.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
St. Catherine's 9:00 AM
St. Ambrose 7:00 PM

Fasting—I have to give up what?!

The tradition of fasting has existed for a very long time. In the Old Testament, prophets like Moses and Elijah fasted for 40 days before going into God's presence (Exodus 34:28, 1 Kings 19:8), and in the New Testament we see the Prophetess Anna fasting to prepare for the Messiah's coming (Luke 2:37). They fasted to purify themselves before entering the presence of God. Jesus himself fasted (Matthew 4:2), not to purify himself (he didn't need to do that), but to set an example for all of us to follow. He said "WHEN you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites." (Matthew 6:16)

The norms for fasting today are not as stringent as of old. Instead of bread and water, we are allowed to have one full meal plus two smaller ones which don't equal the full meal. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are the only ones obligated to fast, and we are called to fast only twice during the year—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But....

Fasting teaches us to detach ourselves from the things of this world and put our focus on God, who gives us these things. It teaches us humility, it is a powerful method of prayer. It is good for our spiritual growth and brings us closer to God.

Fasting does not always have to be about food. There are many ways to fast. Consider these:

1. Make a commitment to fast from insensitive, cruel comments about others. So, no gossiping or going down the Twitter rabbit hole. Fast from arguing with others.
2. Fast from your own agenda and spend at least one weekend or evening volunteering during Lent.
3. Instead of binge-watching that TV series, read from a book of daily reflections, read one of the Gospels, read the upcoming Sunday's readings, pray for a while.
4. Fast from your daily Tim's or Starbucks and help out someone who needs your love.
5. Fast from Friday night with friends and go to Stations of the Cross.

Don't look at fasting as nasty or a downer. Look at it as a chance to grow stronger in relationship with Jesus and renew your commitment to him.





Adoration Fridays 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Confessions Tuesdays 6—6:45 pm



****Rosary:** Mondays 10 am with CWL
Tuesdays after Mass

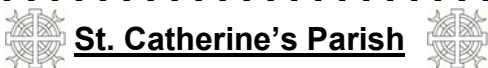
First Sacrament inquiries - If you have any questions regarding First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation please contact Sylvia Zalik at 403-394-6234.

Pastoral Care Ministry If you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Mass on **Feb. 19**, please contact the team by Saturday Feb. 18. 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

SA CWL: Membership campaign now on. New fee \$35 (cheque or cash please). Memberships can be put in the collection basket (marked CWL), be dropped off or sent to the parish office, or e-transfer to lisa_wolfe@shaw.ca Early bird prize draw Feb. 27.

If you would be interested in the part-time Caretaker position, please go to <https://www.catholicyc.ca/careers.html> and watch for the job posting (not posted yet). All hiring is now done through the Diocese of Calgary office.

CWL Sunday Hospitality & Clergy Appreciation - February 19th. Come and enjoy the fellowship and refreshments after both Masses as we celebrate Fr. Ian's seven years as pastor of our parish. Free-will donations will be accepted to support retired clergy in the diocese.



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

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
Feb. 19	Susan	Linda E.		Not yet	Vanessa
Feb. 19	Lew	Phil		Not yet	Linda & Cheralan

Confirmation preparation classes will take place on Sunday, Feb. 12 and 26, after the 11 am Mass. This is for students in Grade 6 and up. Meet at the front of the church. Please bring your registration form and a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (if not Baptized at St. Catherine's or St. Ambrose). The cost of the book is \$ 35. For more information, please contact Susan at 403-732-4685.



COMMUNITY ITEMS

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2023: Let us pray that parishes, placing communion –communion of people, ecclesial communion– at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, of fraternity and of welcoming the most in need. **The Pope video can be found here:** <https://thepopevideo.org/>



Lethbridge People of Praise Society Live-In Feb. 24—26, 2023 at St. Joseph's School. Contact: katie.lindsay51@gmail.com OR petervanu@outlook.com for more information.

Coaldale Community Fest—Faith, Family, Fellowship Sunday Feb. 19 at 2 PM in the Civic Square Atrium. Guest speaker is Hon. Rachel Thomas, M.P. Music, children's feature, Gospel Hymn Sing, refreshments. It's FREE! For info: 403-315-3663 or <https://www.coaldale.ca/>



New Student Registrations for Holy Spirit Roman Catholic School Division for new students and continuing Early Learning/ Kindergarten students begins **Feb. 1, 2023.** 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. For more info see www.holyspirit.ab.ca or visit your neighborhood school.

RCIA—Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or in becoming a Catholic? This is an invitation for anyone who would like to join the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), a program designed to explore the theology of the Catholic faith. It is a time for discerning whether the Lord is calling you or a friend to find out more about this journey. For more information, please call the office at 403-345-3400.

Looking for information from our Retreat Centers? Need a spiritual refresh during Lent? Here are the links to their websites:
The Martha Center, Lethbridge <https://www.martharetreatcentre.ca/>
FCJ Centre, Calgary <https://www.fcjcentre.ca/retreats>
Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, Cochrane <https://mountstfrancis.ca/>

The parish office strives to keep our parish records as up-to-date as possible. If you have had a change of address, phone number, email address, status, etc., please give us a call at 403-345-3400

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
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