



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB

St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB



February 19, 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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



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

The beautiful and challenging "Sermon on the Mount" continues with words from Jesus that present a radical call to love, forgiveness and non-violence. His words echo the first reading's call to "love your neighbour," with Jesus offering powerful, counter-cultural examples. While legalistic eye-for-eye justice seems fair to us, Jesus calls for a new way of responding, a new way of living, a much more radical and loving response. Turning the other cheek, giving more than we are sued for, lending to all who ask, and loving our enemies – this is how we are called to imitate our perfect, loving God.

Is it possible to respond in the loving way that Jesus is demanding? Can you recall examples of those who have lived this call?

Judgment and revenge seem natural responses to being hurt. What can help us to instead offer peace and goodness?

Has a loving response in the face of difficulty ever made a difference in your own life? Has God's generous love ever moved you to love an enemy?

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)



MASS INTENTIONS:		
Tuesday, Feb. 21	SA 7:00 pm	Eugene Wehlage Int.
Wednesday, Feb. 22 ASH WEDNESDAY	SC 9:00 am	For the parishioners
“	SA 7:00 pm	For the parishioners
Thursday, Feb. 23	SA 8:45 am	All Souls
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 Majeau, Marlene Stroeve, Gracie Jeppson, Gaby Broers, Pat Theroux, John Vogel, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic

And our beloved deceased, especially Yvon Majeau and Ron Fabbri.

(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—\$1,375.40 TIA\$20 (last week should be \$120) Benev. Fund \$110

St. Catherine's —\$1,508 TIA \$5 O/M \$190 Benev. Fund \$40

**** 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

Coming soon! The campaign for 2023 will begin on the Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023. All monies collected for TIA between Jan. 1 and Feb. 22 will go towards the 2023 goals. Watch here for more information.

Thank you to the anonymous donor of a fire department key box for the outside of St. Ambrose! This will allow us to have a key safely outside so the Fire Dept. can get in if needed. The Lord does provide!

Countdown to Lent

Ash Wednesday is approaching! Lent begins on February 22 this year, this Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat.

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

What is almsgiving? Is it just money?

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

Whew! So, what does this mean? Essentially, it means that, while we are always called, as Christians, to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, during the season of Lent we focus especially on these areas as part of our Lenten Practices, along with fasting and prayer.

The teachings of Jesus call us to reach out to those in need, not just with money but also with our time and talents. By giving in these ways, being present to others, we can more closely be in communion with others, to remember that we are all part of the Body of Christ. Jesus spoke about being asked: "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?" and his response was if they did this for "the least of these" they also did it for him. Ultimately, that is how we try to live our lives as Christians—for Jesus.

There are always so many needs in our world and often it is difficult to decide how we should help. It can quickly become overwhelming. Maybe we are looking at too big a picture. If we ask our Lord to show us one area where he feels we can help, he will answer. Helping in one area, helping one person, touches someone and is better than doing nothing.

Need some ideas? TIA, originally called the Bishop's Appeal, is the program with the Diocese of Calgary that is supported through parishioner donations and provides funds to many charitable agencies in the Diocese (not just in Calgary). All donations to TIA are much needed and welcome. Here are a few more ideas:

- Visit someone who is lonely or shut-in.
- Donate clothing, new or gently used, to agencies that provide it to those in need for free.
- Become an active Liturgical Minister in your parish—you are needed!
- Donate blood, if you are able, or offer to drive someone else to their appointment..
- When you go to Mass, remember to offer the Mass for someone in need of prayer.
- Pray the Rosary for the souls in Purgatory.
- Volunteer—anywhere where there is need.

There are loads more ideas on the internet!

<https://www.catholiccyc.ca/lent.html>



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



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

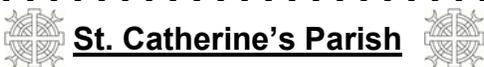
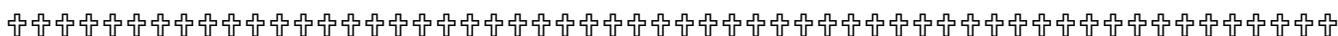
First Sacrament inquiries - If you have any questions regarding First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation please contact Sylvia Zalik at 403-394-6234.

Pastoral Care Ministry If you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Mass on **Feb. 26**, please contact the team by Saturday Feb. 25. The teams ask that you please have another person present with you when they come to your home. Please call:
Bonnie Sturm 403-345-4596

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. This is the LAST CALL to win 1 of 4 Early Bird prizes. 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> to see the job posting. Also posted on bulletin board in foyer. 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. 26	Lew	Phil		Not yet	Linda & Cheralan
March 5	Elaine	Lynda		Not yet	?

Confirmation preparation classes will take place on Sunday, Feb. 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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