



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB



St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB

February 5, 2023

5th 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



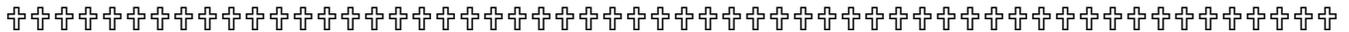
Parish Registration

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

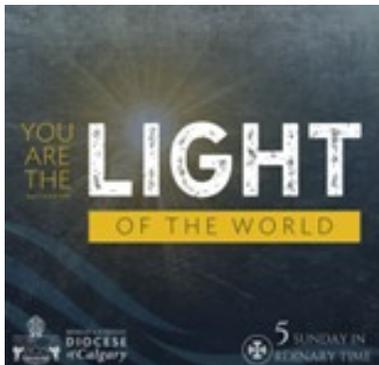
Jesus employs the images of salt and light to make a crucial point also made in the two previous readings for today: the way you live expresses or obscures the truth of God's love and mercy. In the words of the Redemptorist Priest Fr. Leo English, "you may be the only Bible someone reads today, so act it." God is to be manifest in all we do, think, and feel, as well as in the attitudes and motives which govern our behaviour.

How do you try to be "salt of the earth"?

Is your light hiding under a bushel basket or sitting on a lamp stand for all to see?

Who do you look up to, who lives a good "salty" life? How do they shine forth with the light of God in our world?

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)



MASS INTENTIONS:		
Tuesday, Feb. 7	SA 7:00 pm	Sini Eringfeld RIP
Wednesday, Feb. 8	SC 9:00 am	Bryan Ellefson RIP
Thursday, Feb. 9 (SJS Grade 1)	SA 8:45 am	Charlotte Blust Int.
Piyami Lodge Friday, March 3 (masks req'd)	10:00 am	
*Sunny South Lodge Friday, <u>Feb. 10</u> (masks req'd)	2:30 pm	Leon Hartman Int.
Sunday, Feb. 12	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Feb. 12	SC 11:00am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Feb. 12	SA 4:00 pm	For the parishioners



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, Dave & Rita Gensorek, Kathy Majeau, Marlene Stroeve, Walter Coles, Gracie Jeppson, Gaby Broers, Pat Theroux, John Vogel, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic

And our beloved deceased.

Anniversaries of death: Andrea Habijanac.

(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.)



Donations to Our Parishes

Jan. 8, 2023

St. Ambrose—\$1,306 Hall \$60 TIA\$50 Fall Coll.: \$100
Init. Off. \$10

St. Catherine's—\$480.85 TIA \$201 O/M \$11

Our Collection Counting teams (the Countesses!) ask you to please do the following:

1. Do not FOLD bills or cheques before putting them in your envelope or the basket.
 2. Do not FOLD your envelope before putting it in the Basket.
 3. Please do not use old envelopes—recycle them.
- Please help out our Countesses! Thank you!

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!

		
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 1st Sunday of Lent, Feb. 26, 2023. All monies collected for TIA between now and Feb. 26 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, 2 1/2 weeks from today.

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. (Joel 2: 12-13)

Each year at the Mass for Ash Wednesday, which begins the Season of Lent, we hear this reading from the Prophet Joel. Despite not knowing many specific details about the life and preaching of this prophet, he does leave us with a challenging call each year to a spirit of repentance, conversion and hope during this time of Lent.

The Prophet Joel's proclamation initiates this call of repentance for each of us during Lent. It calls us to forty days of a faithful preparation for the joyous celebration of Easter – an Easter that will once again celebrate the hope of the Resurrection. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the pillars of Lent, we can experience this inner conversion of heart that will open our lives to receive the in-breaking reign of God's grace and the hope revealed through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This week, here are some ideas from Busted Halo (<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/busy-persons-guide-lent>) about Lenten prayer:

Begin your morning with a couple Our Fathers and Hail Marys and allow the words and their meaning to work on you and set the tone for the rest of your day.

Bring an intention to your morning while you're getting ready for the day and offer it up in prayer. Saying something simple like, "May this day bring me closer to you," or "May I serve you and others faithfully today" can transform into a more peaceful, positive embrace of the new day.

Standing in a line-up? Count your blessings. This can improve your mood and reframe the way you think about the annoyance of being stuck in a line in the first place.

Be honest with God and share your frustration. Sometimes, praying, "Ugh. I'm not in a good mood, Lord. Please teach me patience." can move you from frustration to an acceptance of the present moment just as it is.

Consciously use your cell phone for prayer. Whether you're looking for daily scripture readings, guided meditations, more traditional prayers, or contemplative music, there's an app for that!

Set an alarm on your phone to remind yourself to take time to pray.

Next week: Fasting during Lent.



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



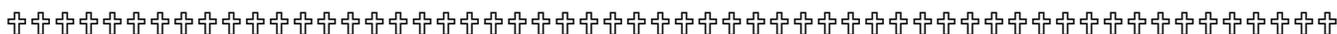
****Rosary:** Mondays 10 am with CWL
Tuesdays after Mass

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

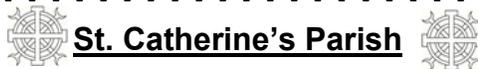
Pastoral Care Ministry If you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Mass on **Feb. 12**, please contact the team by Saturday Feb. 11. The teams ask that you please have another person present with you when they come to your home. Please call:
Bonnie Sturm 403-345-4596

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, or e-transfer to lisa_wolfe@shaw.ca Early bird prize draw Feb. 27.

Our caretaker, Brendan, will be leaving us as of Jan. 29. Please keep him in your prayers as he moves on to work with CP Rail. 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.



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



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Ministries Schedule

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	COMM./LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	OFFERTORY FAMILY	COFFEE MINISTRY
Feb. 12	Elizabeth	AJ		Not yet	Nicki
Feb. 19	Susan	Linda E.		Not yet	Vanessa

Confirmation **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.

 A heartfelt THANKYOU to our 6 sugar beet growers who so generously donate beet revenue to St. Catherine's Parish, as well as their time, land and expertise! Your donations are much appreciated. This year **\$7, 185.31** was donated.

From Elizabeth Stroeve—If you have borrowed Christmas banners from the church, please return them. Thank you!



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 for can be found here:** <https://thepopevideo.org/>



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.

 **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.

Our Lady of the Assumption Prayer Community offers two weekly Virtual Zoom sessions. Wed.: Charismatic Prayer Group, Thurs.: DIALOGUE program offers sharing/teaching experiences to charge & strengthen the Christian Community. For more info call Ken Fabbi at 403-331-8923 or email healing-workshops-subscribe@googlegroups.com



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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