


MASS INTENTIONS: December 31 through January 6, 2019					
Mon Tue	Dec. 31 Jan. 1	No Mass St. Ambrose	9:00 am	For the Parishioners	
		St. Catherine	11:00 am	For the Parishioners	
Wed Thur	Jan. 2 Jan. 3	St. Catherine	9:00 am	Elaine & Bill Jones Int.	
Fri	Jan. 4	St. Ambrose	8:45 am	Paul & Lydia Jones Int.	
Sat	Jan. 5	St. Ambrose	9:00 am	Eileen Deroche RIP	
Sun	Jan. 6	St. Catherine	5:00 pm	Marge Garner RIP	
			9:00 am	For the Parishioners	
			11:00 am	For the Parishioners	

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find a replacement. Thank you and God Bless

	Off. Family	Ushers & Coffee	Com./Lector	Euch. Min.	Altar Servers
Sat., Jan. 5 SA 5 pm	Mark & Trish Lohues	David Beler Rhys Beler	Darlene Beler Linda Gorzitz	Louise Bridgeman Marcelle Cale Laura Elliott	Barrett Boissoneault Cohen Boissoneault Isabelle Lohues
Sun., Jan. 6 SA 9 am	George & Angela Lohues	Katlin Boehmer David Harris Donna & Kelly Odland	Raylene Boehmer Jovette Butkiewicz	Tom Miklos Mary Ann Vervoort Matilda Weersink	Dorothy Harris Anna Stanford Grace Wilson
Sun, Jan. 6 SC 11 am	Cam & Tanya Reiter		Phil Mack Tanya Reiter	Tony Campmans Diane Murray Elaine Jones	Vanessa, Joel & Albeto

December 23, 2018

St. Ambrose - \$ 2,606.50 Fall Col. \$ 1,430.00 Bnvt. \$ 500.00
Hall \$ 470.00 To date: \$ 175,595.33

St. Catherine - \$2,281.95

Christmas 2018

St. Ambrose - \$ 5,231.20 Hall \$ 20.00 Fall Coll. \$ 1,030.00

St. Catherine - \$ 2,360.00

Readings for next Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2.1-12

The Sick - Terry Bugg, Joanne Brecka, Jean Armstrong, Mercedes Halluk, June Tymensen, Marianne Hirose, Tania Holzli, Al Theroux, Gaby Broers, Wilma Vervoort, Inge Tope, Diane Sincennes, Marina Walls, Maria Tersteeg, Ted Campmans, Brenden DeBoer, Jim Breckie, Pauline Muller, Albert Bleile, Fr. Clair Watrin, Maryanna Litke, Carmen Thom, Bep Braat, Perry Layton, Joanne Kubik, Mona Millward

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 31 - SC Soup Kitchen
- Jan. 02 - SA Knights of Columbus, 7 pm
- Jan. 08 - SC Knights of Columbus, 7 pm
- Jan. 09 - SA CWL, 7 pm
- Jan. 11 - SA Soup Kitchen

Bulletin Ads - As a new liturgical year begins and we look forward to another year of active parish life, we also are looking for new advertisers for our parish bulletin. The parish extends a great big "THANK YOU" to all those who have advertised this past year. You make it possible to have this bulletin/newsletter available to our parishioners.

2019 Donation Envelopes are ready to be picked up from the foyers. If your name isn't on a box and you would like to have envelopes, please call the parish office and a numbered box will be assigned to you.

✙ St. Ambrose Church This Week ✙

Sick & Shut In Visiting - will be done by Sheila & Terry Roth (345-4543). Next week will be done by Bonnie Sturm (345-4596) and Sharon Robert (345-6565) We encourage a family member or friend to be present for our visit.

A huge thank you to Ray & Helen Sander for their many years of dedicated service to Pastoral Care and to Mary and Walter Coles for their service. Welcome to Mary Ann Vervoort and Rita Gensorek to our team.

First Friday Adoration - What a great way to regroup and prepare yourself for the month ahead. **Friday, January 4**, beginning with mass at **9:00 am** until **1:00 pm**. *Everyone is welcome to stop at any time.*

Attention Grade 6-9 students/families: Registrations for the sacrament of Confirmation are now being collected. Forms can be picked up at the school or parish office. A copy of your Baptism Certificate **must** be included. Please register by January 10th by handing the registration form into either office. Please contact Sylvia Zalik (345-6772) for more information, and/or if you are available to help with instructing the classes.

✿ St. Catherine's Church This Week ✿

Soup Kitchen - Our parish will be serving at the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen tomorrow, Monday, December 31st, please contact Susan O'Donnell if you are available to help.

Flower Fund - did you know that when you drop your bottles off at the Picture Butte Bottle Depot you can let them know you would like the money to go to St. Catherine's Church and that money is used for flowers to keep our church looking great throughout the year.

Thank You - to the following Sugar Beet Growers who so generously donated a portion of their crop to our annual Beet Growers Fundraiser: Loman Farms (Ben Loman), John Loman, Ed Loman, Paul Loman, B.H. Farms (Arnie Bergen Henengouwen), Bergen Farms (Hank Bergen Henengouwen). This year our parish realized \$ 8,288.59. Your support for our parish is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SEARCH Retreat Weekend - Join us in the next Search Retreat weekend January 11th to 13th. The Search weekend is open to all youth Grade 9-12. All denominations are welcome and warmly received. Search is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself and Christian community. This is a time to experience a supportive gathering of young people who want to learn and experience a closer relationship with God and others. This retreat begins on January 11th at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph School, 1413 - 23rd Ave., Coaldale. For questions contact Christine Kinahan 403-345-2236 or email: c3kinahan@gmail.com

Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Registration - Holy Spirit Catholic Schools are taking registrations for new students beginning on January 7, 2019. Early Learning programming is available for children three (3) and four (4) years of age and Kindergarten is available for children five (5) years of age on, or before, December 31, 2019. To register for the 2019/2020 year, contact your neighborhood school. Please remember to bring your child's birth certificate. For information about school programs, visit the division website at www.holyspirit.ab.ca.

Events at the Martha Retreat Centre -Phone 403-328-3422 or email: marthare@telusplanet.net

~ **Dreams On Our Faith Journey** is a workshop designed to present a method to help one work on dreams, inviting you to explore your personal symbolism to arrive at a deeper understanding of your dream messages and their application to your daily life. This opportunity to deepen our relationship to God and to our inner selves is offered on **Mon, Jan 14**, 7 - 8:30 pm and **Mon, Jan 21**, 7-9 pm. Facilitator: Deacon Michael Pollard Cost: \$ 40

~ **Praying to Heal Life's Hurts** will provide through Inner Healing Prayer, a vehicle for the Lord Jesus to go back in time to heal life's hurts and renews us with His grace and blessings - making us whole. This is offered on Thursday, **Jan 17 & 24**, 7 - 9:30 pm. Facilitator: Ken Fabbi Cost: \$100

St. Joseph's Family Conference with Face II Face Ministries
- The community of St. Joseph's Parish, in Vauxhall is proud to announce that their Catholic Family Conference is back, **Saturday, January 26!** They have teamed up with FACE II FACE ministries to ensure the 11th Conference will set your hearts ablaze! Mark your calendars and get your registration in as soon as possible. Cost: \$150/Family, \$110/Couple, \$60/Single. Sponsorship available. To register or for questions please contact Tara at familyconference@catholicparish.ca

Deeper Inner Healing (Deliverance) Workshop -Saturday, January 26th (9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) Our Lady of Assumption Church Hall, 2405 - 12 Avenue South, Lethbridge. Workshops included: Basics of Deliverance, Protocols and Discussion. Registration: E-mail: rsjfabbi@gmail.com or call Ken 403-331-8923

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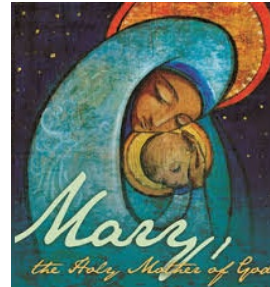
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Holiday Hours

*The parish offices will be closed
December 21st through January 2nd.*

A Joyous and Peaceful Season



The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all

women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace.

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes
need you most, and by making you anxious to be
there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
for the year ahead.

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR