

MASS INTENTIONS:			
SA intention	Tuesday, December 29	NO Mass	
SC intention	Wednesday, December 30	NO Mass	
SA intention	January 1, 2021	For the parishioners	SA 9:00 am
SC Intention	January 1, 2021	For the Parishioners	SC 11:00 am
	Sunday, January 3	For the Parishioners	SA 9:00 am
		For the Parishioners	SC 11:00 am



**“Thank You” to everyone who continues to donate during this pandemic. Donations for both parishes are accepted:**

**1) Online** by using the giving page on the

Diocese website to set up a one-time or recurring donation to your parish via credit-card. Funds donated will be transferred quarterly to the parish you choose. Give at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish.html>

**2) Pre-Authorized Donation** from your bank account (PAD) please request the forms from the parish office by email [stambros@shaw.ca](mailto:stambros@shaw.ca) or phone 403-345-3400.

**3) Donation envelope** dropped in the collection basket at mass or sent by mail to St. Ambrose or St. Catherine’s Church, 1513 - 23 Avenue, Coaldale, AB T1M 1E2

**December 21, 2020**

**St. Ambrose** - \$1415 Hall \$310 TIA \$300  
Fall Coll \$1800 Mission Mexico \$5

**St. Catherine** - \$2045 TIA \$150 Oper/maint \$750  
Fall fund-raiser. \$3200

**St. Ambrose TIA to date - \$ 10,053.95**

**St. Catherine TIA to date - \$ 8324.70**

**Please pray for the sick** - Mary Kubik, Diane Miedema, Pat Theroux, Gaby Broers, Bryce Deys, Craig Parkinson, Joanne Kubik, Marianne Hirose, Gordon Briggs, Julius Urban, John Vogel



**Food Banks** - Please consider making a donation to our local Food Banks, **North County Interfaith Food Bank** open Tues and Thurs morning from 10 am to Noon at 326 Highway Ave. (Box 326 Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0). **Coaldale Food Bank** - open Mon thru Fri from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm at

1716 20th Ave, Coaldale, AB T1M 1K6 **We are now accepting** non-perishable and cash donations in the church foyers.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2020** - We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

**Watch Livestream Mass** - We are promoting live stream Masses at the parishes on our social media.

[Current Parish Mass livestream schedule & link](#)

**Dear Parishioners,**

St. Ambrose/St. Catherine Twinned Parishes are currently recruiting for the following positions:

**Administrative Assistant** (Part-time: 25 hours/week - Monday-Friday (5 hours/day)

**Bookkeeper** (Part-time; 10 hours/week)

Visit [Careers - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY \(catholicyc.ca\)](http://www.catholicyc.ca) to view the position descriptions for these roles including responsibilities, qualifications and requirements.

No Weekday masses this week

Sunday Mass - St. Ambrose Parish - Sunday 9:00 am.

St. Catherine Parish - Sunday 11:00 am.

New stricter restrictions have been introduced by the government of Alberta in the effort to bend the curve on the number of confirmed cases. These restrictions will take effect on Sunday December 13, 2020. All parishes under the Diocese of Calgary are expected to comply with these restrictions.

Faith services are limited to 15% of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance. For us that means a limit of 40 people. The Christmas Eve masses may be filled as of this printing. For St. Ambrose 345-3400 for St. Catherine 792-2353 or 381-4302

As open masses still depend on volunteers, if you are able to help, please contact Katie Lindsay 382-1235 or sign up for a time that works for you. Note: those 65 years and older are considered highly vulnerable and are not encouraged to volunteer. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our willingness to serve Christ as his body, we can make this happen. Be safe and may God’s grace and blessing be with you all.

The Diocese of Calgary strongly recommends to the faithful to, as much as possible, continue to wear the mask while seated in the pews during the Mass. This will help better protect one another in preventing the transmission of the flu and COVID-19. However, exemptions under the municipal bylaws will continue to be respected without requiring proof of eligibility. This gesture of wearing the mask is a sign of charity and concern for each other’s health. Please see the new poster in the church which highlights a number of health and safety measures to help prevent the spread of the flu and COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation. Yours in Christ, Fr. Ian Gagne

**The office will be closed on January 1, 2021**

## ✚ St. Ambrose Parish ✚

**St. Ambrose TIA update** - Thank You for your continued support through this pandemic. We have \$ 334.05 to reach our goal! God Bless you & your family, .Rita Gensorek , campaign manager.

**CWL** - are praying the rosary on Monday mornings in the foyer at 10 am.

**First Sacrament Registration** - Please Contact Sylvia Zalik with any questions 403-345-6772 cell: 403-394-6234

## ✿ St. Catherine's Parish ✿

**St. Catherine TIA Update** - Thank you for supporting the TIA campaign during this pandemic. Our parish needs \$2416.30 to reach our goal. Blessings for you all. Fr. Ian

**First Sacrament Registration** - Please Contact Susan Trechka with questions 403-732-4685, cell: 403-315-3217

## ☞ COMMUNITY NEWS ☞

**Martha Retreat Centre** - December a time to celebrate. God has invited us to love others as He has loved us. He has blessed us with many gifts that we can share with others. Together, we celebrate with hearts of gratitude all the gifts that have been shared with the Centre. Mass weekly on Tues. 4-4:30 pm For quiet time – Advent Retreat, Personal Prayer, Centering Prayer, Mindful Moments and Upcoming events, Advent Twilight Retreat. [click here](#).

**Rehoboth & Community** - in response to cancelled fund raisers and COVID19 restrictions, Rehoboth Christian Ministries Garden Center has called out to the community of home crafters and artists to enter into partnership with Rehoboth and sell their product. Along with what we are creating in our woodshop and greenhouse we are now carrying products from 11 different community vendors! Interested in partnering, call Denise 587-800-9410. Our retail hours are: 10 am to 6 pm on Wed. Thurs. Fri. and 10 am – 4pm on Saturday. Our focus is *KEEP IT LOCAL and SUPPORT A CAUSE*. Thank You for your support



“ I a m Blessed” Campaign has started and will conclude on Sunday, January 6, at the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This year’s campaign highlights our

hope that is grounded in Christ – He is the great light that shines in the darkness. We hope that people will be encouraged to visit [www.iamblessed.ca](http://www.iamblessed.ca) and be inspired to give, act, and pray.

**Year of St. Joseph** - With the Apostolic Letter Patris corde (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from Dec. 8, 2020, to Dec.

8, 2021. Read more [Read Patris corde \(With a Father's heart\) here](#)

**Virtual Living Nativity in 2020** - Come one! Come all! To a virtual Living Nativity in 2020! In an effort to keep everyone safe this year, St James Parish in Okotoks will be offering an opportunity to prepare for Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus accessible online during Advent. We will be presenting “The Shepherd’s Tale” (with permission from Mother of God Music), sung and narrated by the Pollock family and Keith Hartman of Black Diamond.



You can access this [video here](#).

We also invite you to come to St James Church and spend a few minutes at the stable erected outside the church. On Christmas Eve, the Holy Family (actors) will be in the Stable between Masses. We look forward to welcoming you back to the replica of the Town of Bethlehem in 2021!

**Video Message from the Bishop** -Here is the heartwarming Christmas Message video from the Bishop, featuring our priests, deacons, seminarians and religious sisters! And watch for the bonus feature at the end! :) Read the Christmas Message letter from the Bishop on [website](#) Also read the [Christmas Message from CCCB president](#), Most. Rev. Richard Gagnon

Bishop McGrattan speaks on Bill C-6 & C-7 currently in the parliamentary process Watch in Facebook | [Grandin Media](#)

**CDF gives green light on vaccines** - Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith reiterates that due to the situation of the ongoing pandemic, “all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive.”

Read ["Note on the morality of using anti-Covid-19 vaccines"](#) released by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith dated Dec. 21, 2020.

Other related articles:

Vatican [News: Vatican CDF says use of anti-Covid vaccines “morally acceptable”](#)

Dignitas Personae: [Instruction Dignitas personae on certain bioethical questions](#)



**Year-End Giving** - In order to receive 2020 tax receipts for donations for all parishes, Catholic Pastoral Centre or its ministries, they must be received in the Parishes or the Diocese by Dec. 31, 2020 at midnight (cash, credit card or online) OR post marked by December 31 (cheques). For more information about the

guidelines for year-end giving, visit <https://www.catholicyc.ca/yearendgiving.html>

