



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB

St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB



January 15, 2023

2nd 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

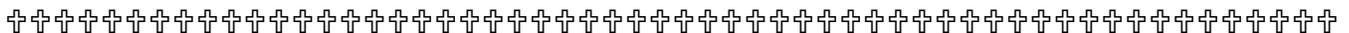
Parish Registration

If you are new to one of our parishes: A warm WELCOME is extended to new parishioners. Kindly 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 central thread in John's understanding of Jesus is that Jesus is the revelation of God's own divine self. Jesus' mission is to reveal the Father. This mission is passed on to each generation of followers. By taking within ourselves the revealed Word-made-flesh in Jesus, we become participants in the divine plan of being "a light to the nations." The suffering servant in Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus and continued in every Christian. John's line "here is the Lamb of God ..." is likely included because these words had already established themselves as an integral part of worship in the early church.

How do we live out our responsibility in the mission of Jesus?

How and where do we come to recognize Jesus?

Which part of John's testimony impacts you most strongly?

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)



MASS INTENTIONS:

Tuesday, Jan. 17	SA 7:00 pm	Ron Favreau Int.	
Wednesday, Jan. 18	SC 9:00 am	Ed Verhoeven RIP	
Thursday, Jan. 19	SA 8:45 am	Sini Eringfeld RIP	
Piyami Lodge Friday, Feb. 3	10:00 am		
Sunny South Lodge Friday, Feb. 10	2:30 pm		
Sunday, Jan. 22	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners	
Sunday, Jan. 22	SC 11:00am	For the parishioners	
Sunday, Jan. 22	SA 4:00 pm	For the parishioners	

**** Items to Note: Office closed Monday, Jan. 23.**

Ordinary Time – or is it?

So, the Christmas Season is over. Now what? It kind of feels like a letdown, right? You have all these powerful celebrations of the liturgical year in Advent and Christmas and Lent and Easter, and then it's just plain old 'Ordinary Time.' Ho-hum. Boring. Or is it?

Ordinary time is a Liturgical season just like these others. It has focus, themes, and celebrates the life of Christ. The season of Ordinary Time, which runs 33 or 34 weeks, is a celebration of the earthly ministry of Jesus and provides us with rich opportunities to get to know the Lord so that we can develop a closer and more personal relationship with him. Ordinary Time introduces us to the Gospels, to the miracles, the parables, the calling of the Disciples, the sermons. In short, we discover Jesus and who he really is! In our society, we often equate the word ordinary with words like 'plain', 'unremarkable' or even 'unimportant'. In the church, however, the term ordinary refers to a season that is ongoing and rhythmical. The holidays and special occasions are a chance to change the pace of the year, but we could not live at that pace all year long, and there is more to the whole picture of Christ's life.

Interestingly, the liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, the symbol of growth and new life, not only in the life of Jesus, but in our own lives as well. By actively participating in the season of Ordinary Time we are participating in the everyday life of Christ. It is easy to get caught up in everyday things like schedules, work, social media, worrying, and more. What if in Ordinary Time we could get caught up in learning and growing in Christ? What if we could replace everyday things with a growing and developing relationship with our Lord?

Here are a few ideas:

1. Look at your habits and decide to make changes day to day. Learn a new habit, starting with reading each day's Gospel.
2. Practice learning to live with gratitude. Start, or end, your day by thanking God for 5 ordinary things in your life. Maybe do this with your family around the dinner table, listing individual and family gratitude items.
3. Reflect on Jesus' life using your imagination. Imagine Jesus going through his day, doing the everyday things like eating, walking, being with friends and praying. You could use the day's Gospel as a starting point.

Ordinary Time might not seem so ordinary if we take the time to live it!

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.

(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.)



Donations to Our Parishes

Jan. 8, 2023

St. Ambrose—\$1,625 Hall \$160 TIA \$20 Init. Off. \$60 New Year's \$20

St. Catherine's —\$954.20 TIA \$70 O/M \$140 Init. Off. \$90 New Year's \$65

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!

		
Our 2022 TIA goals:	To :	Bal. owed:
St. Ambrose - \$10,531	\$00	\$00
St. Catherine - \$10,703	\$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.

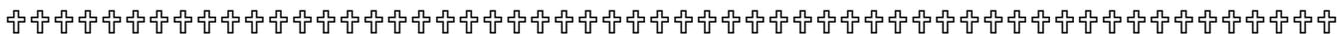


GrACE—Grateful Advocates of Catholic Education—

The mission: inspire, invigorate and embolden the spirit of Catholic education in order to unite, engage, educate and communicate with one voice on its behalf. The newsletter seeks to build a provincial Catholic community by celebrating Catholic education across Alberta. To find out more, access the GrACE December newsletter here:

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

 **St. Ambrose Parish** 

****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 **Jan. 22**, please contact the team by Saturday Jan. 21. 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

 **Good news!** In February Mass will once again be celebrated at **Sunny South Lodge!** Please join us on Friday, Feb. 10 at 2:30 pm for our first Mass, and then every **SECOND** Friday at 2:30 pm.

SA CWL: Membership campaign now on. New fee \$35 (cheque or cash please). Executive will be taking memberships starting Jan. 8, 2023 after the 9 am & 4 pm Masses. Early bird prize draw Feb. 27.

The next SJS coordinated Youth led Mass will be on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, 4:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pat Mastel, 403-892-4207 or by email mastelp5657@gmail.com



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

 **St. Catherine's Parish** 

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
Jan. 22	Susan	Jackie		Not yet	Susan O'D.
Jan. 29	Elaine	Austen		Not yet	Nicki Murray

Are you being called to serve as a Eucharistic Minister? Training and support are provided for you when you choose to serve in this rewarding Ministry. If you are interested, or have questions about the Eucharistic Ministers, please call the office at 403-345-3400.

Confirmation **Registration for Confirmation preparation classes** will take place on Sunday, Jan. 29, after the 11 am Mass. This is for students in Grade 6 and up. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate if not Baptized at St. Catherine's or St. Ambrose. The fee for the book fee is \$ 35, payable at registration please. For more information, please contact Susan at 403-732-4685.

 **CWL MEETING** will be on Wed. Jan. 18 at 7:00 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

Our next Soup Sunday will be Feb. 5 after Mass. Cost is by donation and all donations go towards helping with our parish finances. All are welcome and please donate to help our parish!



COMMUNITY ITEMS

Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2023: For Educators—We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.
The Pope video for Jan. 2023 can be found here:
<https://thepopevideo.org/>



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.

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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.

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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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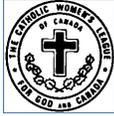
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