

January 7, 2024

Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord



ST. AMBROSE PARISH  
COALDALE, AB

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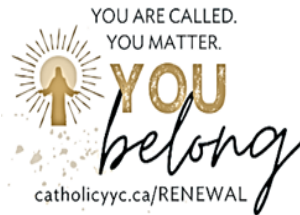
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St. Catherine's Parish  
Picture Butte, AB



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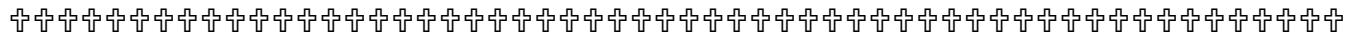
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**Parish Registration**

If you are new to one of our parishes: A warm WELCOME is extended to new parishioners. Please introduce yourselves to Fr. Ian after Mass, 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.



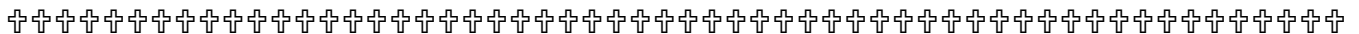
**OUR PRAYERS**

**MASS INTENTIONS: Week of January 7. Mass Intentions for January 2024 posted in foyers of churches.**

Tuesday, Jan. 9	<b>SA 7:00 pm</b>	Georgina Giacchetta RIP	
Wednesday, Jan. 10	<b>SC 9:00 am</b>	Louisa Gagné Int.	
Thursday Jan. 11 (SJS)	<b>SA 8:45 am</b>	Young Family Int.	
Friday Jan. 12 Sunny South Lodge	<b>2:30 pm</b>	Bonnie Sturm & family Int.	
<b>Sunday, Dec. 31</b>	<b>SA 9:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>	
<b>Sunday, Dec. 31</b>	<b>SC 11:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>	
<b>Sunday, Dec. 31</b>	<b>SA 4:00 pm</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>	

**Please pray for the sick of our parishes** – Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Fr. Andrew Pion, Darlene Beler, Megan Van Diemen, Katie Lindsay, Robert Briggs, Carol Michanuik, Robert Murray, Stan Rach, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Diann Knight, Deirdre Doyle, Gracie Jeppson, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic.

**And for the Repose of the Souls** of all the deceased.  
One Year Anniversary of Death—January 2023: Lita Horvath and Marianne Hirose.



**Wednesday Jan. 10, is Fr. Ian's 27th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.** There will be a small celebration after the 9 am Mass at St. Catherine's that morning. All are welcome!

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of our priest, Fr. Ian. We thank You for the grace You have bestowed upon him and for the gift of his ministry. May he be blessed with strength and courage for the years ahead. May Your presence be with him, comforting and inspiring him as he continues his ministry. May we continue to pray for him and support him on his path of service and faithfulness to God. We ask these things in your Holy Name. Amen.

# OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

## Our Support For Our Parishes

### Weekly Donations to Our Parishes from Dec. 31 , 2023

**St. Ambrose**—\$2,768.50 Hall \$450  
Christmas \$520 New Year's \$65 Init. Off. \$20  
Annual Parishes Collection \$650 Bulletin Ads \$335

**St. Catherine's**—\$693.40 O&M \$20  
Christmas \$15 New Year's \$20  
Annual Parishes Collection \$650

### Weekly Donations to Our Parishes from Jan. 1 , 2024

**St. Ambrose**—\$645 Init. Offers. \$200

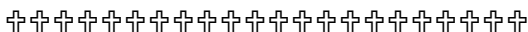
**St. Catherine's**—\$605 Init. Offers. \$45

### Our Collection Counting teams ask that you please:

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** or other parishioner's envelopes as this makes it hard to record your donations and leads to errors on your tax receipt. Please recycle all old envelopes and boxes.



**Reminder—In order to receive a tax receipt for the 2023 calendar year: All donations to our parishes must have been either received in the office or post-marked by Dec. 31/2023. No exceptions as this is Revenue Canada Policy. Online donation to parishes or Diocesan ministries for 2023 must have been received by Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023.**



**A heartfelt THANKYOU to the St. Ambrose CWL and Knights of Columbus councils who generously contributed towards the Christmas book, The Beautiful Eucharist, for St. Ambrose parishioners! Please take the time to thank these groups for their gift, and we hope that you find The Beautiful Eucharist leads you to a deeper understanding of, and love for, our celebration of God's great gift to us.**



## OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

### Gospel -- Matthew 2:1-12



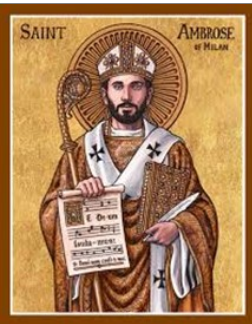
This well-known passage from Matthew's infancy narrative compares and contrasts the openness of the wise men, the "outsiders," with the power-hungry and suspicious King Herod, a Jewish leader, and therefore, an "insider." The powers of light and of darkness, the energy for good found in dreams and the brute power of oppression and force, an open universal perspective and a closed defensive and self-serving isolation -- all these are clearly contrasted here.

**What, in the wise men's experience, communicated there was something special about this birth?**

**How did God's revelation to the wise men challenge the assumptions of Jewish beliefs?**

**In your experience, how do "insiders" (i.e. those inside the church) display Herod-like characteristics and how do "outsiders" display openness and faith in God?**

# OUR PARISHES



**St. Ambrose, Pray for us.**  
**Feast Day: December 7**

## St. Ambrose Parish

**Sacrament Prep. Inquiries:** First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation questions? Please contact our Sacramental Prep Coordinator, Sylvia, at 403-394-6234.

### This week in our parish Jan. 7—13

Sunday, Jan. 7: **Sunday Mass 9 am & 4 pm**  
 11 am—3:30 pm: CWL New Year's Party  
 Mon. Jan. 8: CWL Rosary 10 am  
 Tues. Jan. 9: Reconciliation 6—6:45 pm,  
**Mass 7pm**  
 Wed. Jan. 10: SJS practice 9:15 am  
 Thurs. Jan. 11: **Mass 8:45 am** with SJS gr. 6-9  
 Fri. Jan. 12: **Mass** at Sunny South Lodge 2:30 pm



**Pastoral Care Ministry:** Please phone the team listed below on Saturday Jan. 13 if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on Jan. 14, and please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

**Jan. 14 Team:**

Bonnie 403-345-4596 and Diann 403-345-4945

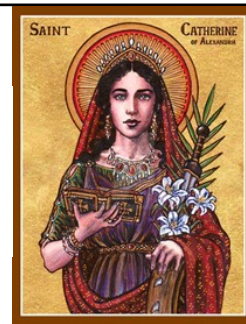
**St. Ambrose CWL News: New Year's Party today, Jan. 7** from 11 am—3:30 pm in the foyer. Join us for fun and food! All ladies welcome.

**Future Hall—the Fund Raising Committee** is looking for Volunteers and support for the new hall. Contact Blaise MacNeil at 587-320-9958 or blaisemn@hotmail.com

Our next meeting is Tuesday Jan. 16/24 after Mass at 7:30 pm.

**The Hall Building Committee will meet on Tuesday Jan. 23/24 after Mass at 7:30 pm. Please join us.**

**\*\* Note date change—Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz** is a powerful way to learn about our faith. Using You Tube and the Hallow app, we will meet each Wed. morning at 10 am, starting **Jan. 10, 2024**. You will need an up-to-date copy of the Catechism and access to You Tube or Hallow. Please contact Shelley with any questions, or to confirm attendance, by phoning or texting 403-331-7618.



**St. Catherine, Pray for us.**  
**Feast Day: November 25**

## St. Catherine's Parish

**Sacrament Prep. Inquiries—**First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation questions? Please contact our Sacramental Prep Coordinator, Susan, at 403-732-4685 or 403-315-3217.

**Preparación sacramental.** Consultas: ¿Preguntas sobre Primera Reconciliación, Primera Comunión y Confirmación? Comuníquese con nuestra coordinadora de preparación sacramental, Susan, al 403-732-4685 o al 403-315-3217.

### This week in our parish Jan. 7—13

Sunday, Jan. 7: **Sunday Mass 11 am**  
 Wed. Jan. 10: **Mass 9 am** - Celebration of Fr. Ian's 27th Anniversary of Ordination after Mass!  
 Thurs. Jan. 11: Reconciliation 7—8 pm

### Ministries Schedule

DATE	EMHC	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR
<b>Jan. 14</b>	Elaine	Linda E.
<b>Jan. 21</b>	Liz	Austen

**CWL News: Our membership drive is starting.** The fees are \$35. The next meeting is Wed. Jan. 17.

## OUR EVENTS

From St. Ambrose Hall Building Fund Raising Committee:

Our Gift Basket Raffle brought in \$935.00 for the Hall Fund. The winners of the baskets were:

Cornerstone Basket—Angela Lohues

Donation Basket—Sharon Davies

Thank you to all who bought tickets and supported our fund raiser!

## OUR LARGER COMMUNITY



**The Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2024: For the gift of diversity in the Church**—We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

The Pope video can be found here: <https://thepopevideo.org/>

**Just a reminder:** If you are planning an event, meeting or practice in St. Ambrose or St. Catherine's church, Lobby, SA Olde Rectory, or SC Hall, please book with the office. Things are getting busier and not booking a space could mean you don't have one when you arrive. Call 403-345-3400 to book for weekdays and weekends. Thanks!

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