

MASS INTENTIONS:

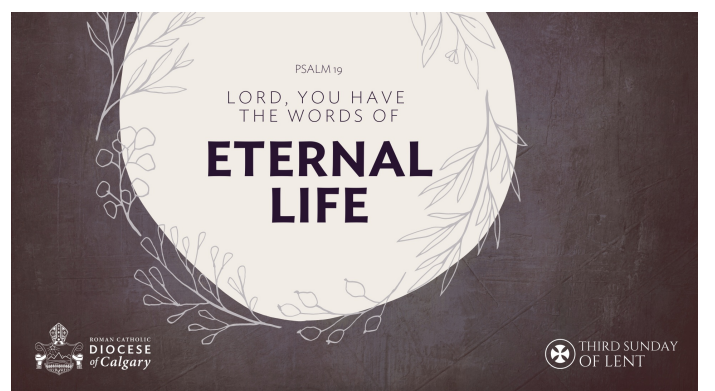
SA intention	Tuesday, March 9	Mile Panic RIP	SA 7:00 pm
SC intention	Wednesday, March 10	Ben Loman RIP	SC 9:00 am
SA intention	Thursday, March 11	Colten Wickenheiser Int.	SA 8:45 am
SC intention	Saturday, March 13	Trechka Family Members RIP	SC 5:00 pm
SA intention	Sunday, March 14	For the Parishioners	SA 9:00 am
SC intention		For the Parishioners	SC 11:00 am
SA intention		Mr. Cripps RIP	SA 4:00 pm

Office Hours:

St. Ambrose office - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 10 AM until 3:30 PM

St. Catherine's office - Wednesday from 9:30 AM until noon

Please remember to wear a mask and maintain social distancing when visiting the offices. Thanks!



“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.catholicyyc.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 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

Donations for February 28, 2021

St. Ambrose - \$1547.25 Hall \$10 TIA \$20 Rel. Ed. \$100 Benevolent Fund \$10

St. Catherine's - \$719 Benevolent Fund \$1 Init. Off. \$5 TIA \$100 O/M \$120

Please pray for the sick - Carmen Thom, Darlene Beler, Fausto Roma Vela, Mary Kubik, Pat Theroux, Gaby Broers, Craig Parkinson, Joanne Kubik, Marianne Hirose, Gordon Briggs, Julius Urban, John Vogel

Pope's Prayer Intention for March 2021 - The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Our Lenten program for both parishes - Mary's Mantle Consecration Program for Lent

The K of C of St. Ambrose invite you to participate in a wonderful 46-day opportunity for Spiritual Growth in our Parishes. Each day do a 2-minute reading/reflection and a rosary, simple fasting a least one day, and join us online or in person for a weekly video, discussion and prayer for each other and intentions. This was done in the fall and was a great spiritual awakening and uplifting for many. What a great way to spend your Lent. Starts the day after Ash Wednesday, February 18, and goes to Easter Sunday. Mondays at 7:00 will be the online sessions, through Zoom and in church session will be at St. Ambrose at the same time. A book and Journal will be available for purchase. To register at any point during Lent, please email Greg Schmidt at kofc7082@gmail.com or call the church office during office hours. For more information on the program, go to **MARY'S MANTLE CONSECRATION | Queen of Peace Media**

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

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

Dear Parishioners,

The government restrictions that went into effect on Sunday December 13, 2020 regarding church capacities are still in place. 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.

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

✠ St. Ambrose Parish ✠

Every Friday during Lent from 8:00 - 9:00 pm there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. As well, Fr. Ian will hear Confessions and we will be praying the Stations of the Cross.

Projector Operator Volunteers - are needed immediately! If you can help with this ministry please phone the office.

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

Mary's Mantle group will pray rosary after the 7 pm Mass at the church. Everyone is welcome to join from home at 7:30pm so we are in harmony.

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

- we will be hosting the Stations of the Cross of Friday March 12. Volunteers are needed - 1 for registration and 1 to help with reading. Please call Lynne if you can help.

- the Regional Meeting is on March 18 via Zoom. If you wish to join, contact Lynne for the link.

-we are still taking membership fees you may drop your \$25 off at the office or in the collection basket. If you are sending cash, please make sure you put your name on the envelope so we know whose it is. If you are sending a cheque, make a note on the notation line on your cheque.

Thanks, Lynne

✠ St. Catherine's Parish ✠

Every Thursday during Lent from 8:00 - 9:00 pm there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. As well, Fr. Ian will hear Confessions and we will be praying the Stations of the Cross.

First Sacrament Registration - Questions on First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, please contact Susan Trechka 403-732-4685, cell: 403-315-3217

☞ COMMUNITY NEWS ☞

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? The RCIA program might be a place to start. Participants are accepted any time of the year. As Jesus has told us, "Come and see." Call the office at 403-345-3400 for more information.

We are serving at the Soup Kitchen - Friday March 12 from 9 am to about 1 pm. If you can help out, please contact Bonnie Sturm at 403-345-4596. Many hands make light work (and hearts!).

World Day of Prayer - was celebrated at St. Ambrose on March 3. If you were unable to attend this special event you can still view the prayer program at www.wwdp.org.uk The site also contains donation information if you are interested in helping with this project. There are also some sheets at the church exits which have this info.

Martha Retreat Centre - Please check our website at www.martharetreatcentre.ca or call 403-328-3422 for current updates related to programs which may be offered in person or virtually via Zoom at this time. Programs such as Centering Prayer and walking the Labyrinth are available.

New Student Registration for Holy Spirit Catholic Schools begins February 22, 2021 - Holy Spirit Catholic Schools are taking registrations for new students and continuing Early Learning/Kindergarten students beginning Feb. 22, 2021. The 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, Dec. 31, 2021. Registration for the 2021/2022 school year will be done ONLINE this year. If you need assistance or have questions, see www.holyspirit.ab.ca or visit your neighbourhood school.

Return To Me With All Your Heart

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.

It may seem to many that we have been living an extended period of Lent since the onset of this pandemic and its health precautions and restrictions. Perhaps the Lord is inviting us to truly know the enduring truth of the Prophet Joel's words this Lent "return to me with all your heart". This Lent, is an opportunity to receive God's grace without any reserve or restriction, and a time of great hope that inspires us in humility to seek reparation, forgiveness - and in the words of the psalmist, to experience a clean heart. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)

From the Lenten message by Most Rev. William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary February 10, 2021



Novena to Saint Joseph - begins on Thursday March 11, 2021. Bishop McGrattan encourages parishes, families, and the faithful to pray this Novena in this year dedicated to St. Joseph. To find the Novena, please visit: catholicyc.ca/stjoseph.html



Cleansing Temples - After turning water to wine at Cana, Jesus goes to Jerusalem today and cleans out the Temple. This can be a helpful metaphor for our Lenten retreat. We say that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. How, then, are we to act? The Book of Exodus is clear. It speaks of right conduct in all areas of common life: thinking, speech, actions and supporting others who are cleaning up in their lives.

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