



# ST. AMBROSE PARISH

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# St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

### Parish Staff

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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



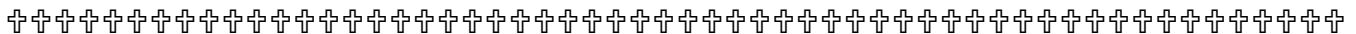
#### Parish Registration

If you are new to one of our parishes: A warm WELCOME is extended to new parishioners. Please 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

This long dialogue around thirst and water has long been one of the Church's prime Scriptures to illustrate the journey from unbelief to faith. Therefore, it is aptly connected to the baptismal journey of the catechumens during Lent. The awakening of faith in the newly baptized re-ignites the fervor of the Church's faith. The powerful Gospel account speaks for itself!

**From this reading, what do you observe about the stages of faith development?**

**Are there elements in the story that suggest that the Samaritan woman is marginalized or considered undesirable in her community?**

**Who is it in your neighbourhood/town who is considered less desirable?**


**Why do you think Jesus chooses to reveal himself to a woman, to a Samaritan/outsider?**

**For what do you thirst – in your families, your workplace, your parish?**

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)



**MASS INTENTIONS: Intentions for March 2023 posted in foyers of churches**

Tuesday, March 14	SA 7:00 pm	Jake Braat RIP	
Wednesday, March 15	SC 9:00 am	Hennie Oosterbroek Memorial Mass	
Thursday, March 16 (SJS grade 7)	SA 8:45 am	Yvon Majeau RIP	
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	<b>SA 9:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	<b>SC 11:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	<b>SA 4:00 pm</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>	

**Please pray for the sick of our parishes** –Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Maria Panic, Diann Knight, Deirdre Doyle, Tony Campmans, Ineke Broers, Walter Coles, Kathy Majeau, Marlene Stroeve, Gracie Jeppson, Gaby Broers, Pat Theroux, John Vogel, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic

**And our beloved deceased.**



**Donations to Our Parishes**


**Feb. 26, 2023**

**St. Ambrose**—\$2,242 TIA \$380 Benev. Fund \$100 Solemnity of Mary \$20  
PADs: \$945 Hall \$305 TIA \$265

**St. Catherine's**—\$2,119.45 TIA \$756 Benev. Fund \$1 O/M \$220 Christmas Offer. \$50  
PADs: \$955 TIA \$310 O/M \$400

**Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!**

**Turkey/Syria Earthquake Emergency Relief donations**  
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Let us love.  
not in word or speech,  
but in truth and action.  
1 John 3.18

<b>Our 2023 TIA goals:</b>	<b>Given to 6.3.2023:</b>	<b>Bal. owed:</b>
<b>St. Ambrose - \$10,531</b>	<b>\$1,920</b>	<b>\$8,611</b>
<b>St. Catherine's - \$10,703</b>	<b>\$2,558</b>	<b>\$8,145</b>

The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal was launched on Ash Wednesday as a way for us to enter into a renewed penitential path which can lead us to conversion and new life in Christ. May the efforts of raising funds to support the various needs reminds us the we love not in speech but in truth and action.  
Thank you for blessing others with your support.



**LENT in our Parishes**

**St. Ambrose Parish**

Soup and Bun/Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:00 pm  
 March 17 Leaders: CWL  
 March 24 Parish Reconciliation Service 7 pm (**no meal**)  
 March 31 Leaders: 24-Hour Famine Students (**no meal**)

**Our Parish Reconciliation Service will be on Friday, March 24 at 7:00 pm.** There will be several priests here to hear Confessions.

**Triduum and Easter:**

Holy Thursday Mass: 8:00 pm followed by Adoration until midnight.  
 Good Friday Service: 3:00 pm  
 Holy Saturday: 10:00 am Blessing of the Easter Foods. Decorating the church to follow.  
 Easter Sunday Masses: 9:00 am and 4:00 pm

**St. Catherine's Parish**

**Stations of the Cross will be on Thursdays at 7:00 pm**  
 March 16: Stations of the Cross & Confessions  
 March 23: Stations of the Cross & Confessions  
 March 30: Stations of the Cross & Confessions

**Our parish Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday March 29 at 7:00 pm.** There will be several priests here to hear Confessions.

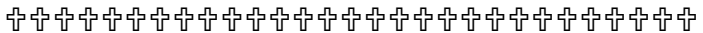
**Triduum and Easter:**

Holy Thursday: Mass at 6:00 pm followed by Adoration until midnight. Sign up March 12.  
 Good Friday Service: 6:00 pm  
 Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm. Wine and Cheese to follow.  
 Easter Sunday: Mass at 11:00 am


**Other Penitential Services:**

All Saints, Lethbridge—March 18 at 10 am  
**Stations of the Cross at Henderson Lake** on Good Friday at 1:00 pm. with the Net Ministry Team. Good Friday Service at CCH East at 3:00 pm.

All are welcome! Bishop McGrattan will celebrate the following liturgies at St. Mary's Cathedral:  
 Chrism Mass, Monday, April 3 at 7 pm  
 Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm  
 Good Friday, April 7 at Noon and 3 pm  
 Easter Vigil, April 8 at 8pm  
 Easter Sunday, April 9 at Noon



We can cure physical diseases with medicine but the only cure for loneliness, despair and hopelessness is LOVE.  
 - St. Teresa of Calcutta





**Looking for information from our Retreat Centers? Need a spiritual refresh during Lent?**

Here are the links to their websites:

**The Martha Center, Lethbridge**

<https://www.martharetreatcentre.ca/>

**FCJ Centre, Calgary** <https://www.fcjcentre.ca/retreats>

**Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, Cochrane**

<https://mountstfrancis.ca/>



**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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**I Want to Hear God's Voice**



*"I want to hear God's voice."* Doesn't that capture the longing present in each one of our hearts? The reality is that God *does* speak, but that *we* have a hard time hearing.

Through the Gospels offered to us during Lent, we learn with Jesus that to endure the successive deserts of life, we must make our sustenance that which we hear "coming forth from the mouth of God." We have fallen with the apostles, faces to the ground, upon hearing God's command to listen to his beloved son. The Samaritan woman stands in for each of us as we struggle to understand who Jesus is. Only after hearing his word can we too make our own profession of faith. We heard that God's word heals. Were we left astounded by Jesus' cure of

the blind man? Can I repeat with him that I have heard God's voice through someone whose prayers of intercession have been heard by God? Or do I choose to remain deaf and untouched? With Martha and Mary we have interrupted the task at hand on hearing of Jesus' arrival, crying out our sorrows and our experience of death. And in return we hear Jesus' dialogue with his Father, which restores us to life.

Lent is a time in which the Church reminds us of the importance of listening. All of the Lenten practices — almsgiving, fasting and prayer — include or aid us in listening. If we want to hear God's voice, it starts with learning how to listen profoundly to the realities that are all around us that we often discount as insignificant. It means turning off, at times, whatever noise inhibits us from hearing life happening around us — television, radio, my own inner chatter, pleasures. I am left vulnerable because I am no longer controlling what I am feeding myself. This privation provokes anxiety, and if sustained, fatigue. But if we persevere in listening for God's voice, we begin to hear him in the "sheer silence" of our hearts, in the birth of a baby in Bethlehem, in the meeting of two strangers meeting anywhere.

Excerpt from Sr. Bernadette Reis, fsp <https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/i-want-to-hear-gods-voice>

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