



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB



St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB

March 19, 2023

Laetare Sunday

4th Sunday of Lent

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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**

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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



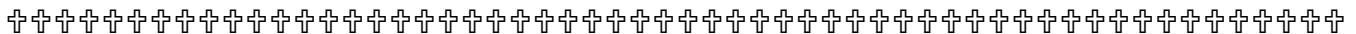
Parish Registration

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

The story of the man born blind is artfully told in an imaginative way, exploring the relationship between faith, knowledge, sin and vision. Even though the healing of the blind man is the central physical change, the moral and theological reality of sin is equally important in this gospel account. The disciples' first question, "Who sinned?" and Christ's answer are provocative still today. The Pharisees are so threatened by Jesus' action – an action that explodes their neat traditional categories – that they resort to meaningless nit-picking.

What sentence or phrase in the gospel speaks to you?

Has there been a time when you "saw" Jesus clearly, perhaps in a person, a news story or an ordinary event in your life? Explain.

Has your own stubbornness or unwillingness to see another's point of view ever caused hurt or division?

We all have blind spots in matters of justice and charity. They affect the way we see things in family life, work, etc. What will help us to improve our vision, to "truly see"?

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)



MASS INTENTIONS: Intentions for March 2023 posted in foyers of churches		
Tuesday, March 21	SA 7:00 pm	Ron Fabbi RIP
Wednesday, March 22	SC 9:00 am	Marianne Hirose RIP
Thursday, March 23 (SJS grade 6)	SA 8:45 am	Johanna Fodness Int.
Sunday, March 26	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, March 26	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, March 26	SA 4:00 pm	For the parishioners



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, especially Deacon David Bentham.



Donations to Our Parishes

Feb. 26, 2023

St. Ambrose—\$967 Hall \$230 TIA \$400

St. Catherine’s—\$575.55 TIA \$120 O/M \$66
GST Rebate \$228.05

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!

	Let us love. not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 1 John 3.18	
	Our 2023 TIA goals:	Given to 13.3.2023:
St. Ambrose - \$10,531	\$2,320	\$8,211
St. Catherine’s - \$10,703	\$2,678	\$8,025

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.



The parish office strives to keep our parish records as up-to-date as possible. An incorrect address could affect getting your tax receipt or other important information from the parish. If you have had a change of address, phone number, email address, status, etc., please give us a call at 403-345-3400 or email office@stambroseparish.ca and update us. Your help is much appreciated!



LENT in our Parishes

St. Ambrose Parish

Soup and Bun/Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:00 pm
 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 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



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.

St. Ambrose CWL meets 2nd Wed. each month at 7 pm at the church.

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

**You can’t go back and change the beginning
 but you can start where you are
 and change the ending.**

C. S. Lewis (1898-1963)

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



****Rosary:** Mondays 10 am with CWL

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

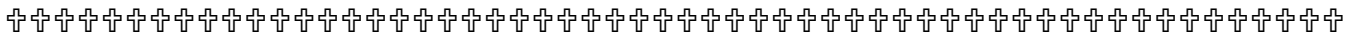
St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus Meets 1st Wed. each month at 7 pm at the church.

St. Ambrose CWL Meets 2nd Wed. each month at 7 pm at the church.

Pastoral Care Ministry If you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Mass on **March 19**, please contact the team by Saturday March 18. 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

Our Pastoral Care Ministry will be praying the Rosary with the residents of Sunny South Lodge on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm. Parishioners are welcome to come and join us on March 28 praying with our elders! Please remember that masks MUST be worn.

Please welcome and congratulate Christine Kinahan who has been hired as our new Caretaker!



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

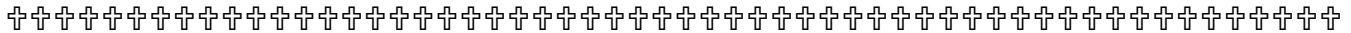


First Sacrament inquiries - Questions about First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation? Please contact Susan Trechka 403-732-4685, cell: 403-315-3217.

Ministries Schedule

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	COMM./LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	OFFERTORY FAMILY	COFFEE MINISTRY
March 26	Susan	Tanya		Not yet	Lynda & Jackie
April 2 Palm Sunday	Lew	AJ, Linda E., Lynda		Not yet	Soup Sunday

Our next Soup Sunday will be April 2 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 March 2023: For victims of abuse—We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering. **The Pope video can be found here:** <https://thepopevideo.org/>



Our Lady of the Assumption Prayer Community invites you to a potluck on Mon. March 20 at 5:45 pm. No cost, bring food to share. Coffee/tea provided. Live Charismatic Prayer Group meeting following dinner at 7 pm. All welcome!



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

Here are the links to their websites:
The Martha Center, Lethbridge
<https://www.martharetreatcentre.ca/>



FCJ Centre, Calgary | fcjcentre.ca

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, Cochrane



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.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph is Monday March 20, 2023. St. Joseph, is the Patron of the Church in Canada and Patron of the universal Church.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father and
guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, a
and defend us from every evil. Amen.
- Pope Francis, Patris Corde, 2020

What is *Laetare Sunday?*

When?
On the fourth
Sunday of Lent

ALSO KNOWN AS:

- Mothering Sunday
- Refreshment Sunday
- Mid-Lent Sunday
- *Mi-Carême*
- *Mediana*
- Rose Sunday

The day takes its name from the opening words of today's Mass:
"Laetare, Jerusalem"
"Rejoice, O Jerusalem"

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: ISAIAH 66:10-11

Laetare
MEANS
"to rejoice"

What's different?

- Priests may wear rose or violet vestments at Mass
- Flowers may adorn the altar
- The organ may be played

Why celebrate?

It provides us **encouragement** as we progress toward the end of Lent. This day reminds us of the **joy** and **hope** ahead at Easter.



It's the 4th Sunday of Lent, Laetare or Rejoice Sunday! Like Gaudete Sunday on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Laetare Sunday begins with "Rejoice!" in the Entrance Antiphon. Also, like Gaudete Sunday, priests may choose to wear rose-coloured vestments for Mass today and flowers are allowed to be placed in the church for this day. In the times where there were no instruments allowed during Lent and the only music was plainchant, this Sunday did allow for restrained use of instruments along with the voices. But why does the Church include this Sunday of rejoicing during our penitential time before Easter?

The Thursday before Laetare Sunday, this year March 16, is the official "middle" of Lent. At one point, this was the day for rejoicing and a small relaxation of the fasting and somberness of Lent. This small easing was meant to help to encourage the faithful to continue their Lenten practices through to Easter. Eventually, the joyful day was moved to the 4th Sunday of Lent, but the reason for it remains the same: a bit of encouragement to help us look forward to Easter in all its glory!

Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
Wear pink!

Listen to joyful music.

Take a walk outside and look for signs of spring.
Think of at least 10 things you are thankful for.

Happy Laetare Sunday!



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