



# ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB



# St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB

March 26, 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Ian Gagne

Parish Secretary: Roisin Spitzig (office@stambroseparish.ca)

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#### Central Office at St. Ambrose

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Website: [stambroseparish.ca](http://stambroseparish.ca)

**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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Office Hours: 9:00 – noon Wednesday

Email: [office@stambroseparish.ca](mailto:office@stambroseparish.ca)

Website: [stcatherineparish.ca](http://stcatherineparish.ca)

**Sunday Mass:** 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass:** Wednesday 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:00—8:00 pm



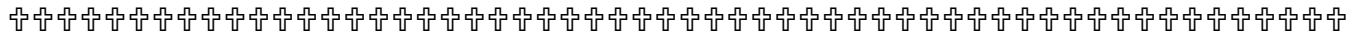
#### Parish Registration

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

Approaching the end of his own journey, Jesus, in raising Lazarus, dramatically establishes his power over death, leading to a radical reinterpretation of what life and death are really about. As on the previous two Sundays, this Gospel accompanies a "Scrutiny" for the candidates for baptism, the last of three. Each Gospel connected to the three RCIA Scrutinies (The Woman at the Well, The Man Born Blind, and this week The Raising of Lazarus) is full of paradox and drama. The characters in each of these Gospel stories undergoes significant changes. These are not simply changes that have happened to people in the past – the stories also capture the changes that are happening in those being prepared to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

**What part of the story of Lazarus speaks to you most strongly today?**

**Have you ever experienced dramatic changes in your faith, as if moving from death to life?**

**What part of our own vision for life or for the Church needs to be revived?**

**Who do you identify with in this story at this moment in your life: the disciples, Mary, Martha, Jesus, Lazarus, the crowd?**

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)



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

Tuesday, March 28	SA 7:00 pm	Elizabeth Braat RIP
Wednesday, March 29	SC 9:00 am	Jenny, Sydney & Caitlin Int.
Thursday, March 30 (SJS grade 5)	SA 8:45 am	Dcn. Raymond Wagner RIP
<b>Sunday, April 2</b>	<b>SA 9:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, April 2</b>	<b>SC 11:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, April 2</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, Kathy Majeau, Marlene Stroeve, Gracie Jeppson, Gaby Broers, Pat Theroux, John Vogel, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic

**And our beloved deceased, especially Sr. Maria Nakagawa FMM, past Chancellor of the Diocese**



**Donations to Our Parishes**  
**Feb. 26, 2023**

**St. Ambrose**—\$2596.25 TIA \$170

**St. Catherine's**—\$1748.95 TIA \$650 O/M \$125  
Soup Sunday March 5 \$414

**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 20.3.2023:	Bal. owed:
<b>St. Ambrose - \$10,531</b>	<b>\$2,490</b>	<b>\$8,041</b>
<b>St. Catherine's - \$10,703</b>	<b>\$3,328</b>	<b>\$7,375</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.



- 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—recycle them.
- Thank you!



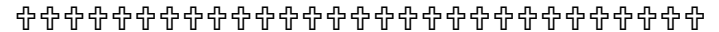
**LENT in our Parishes**

**St. Ambrose Parish**

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

**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**

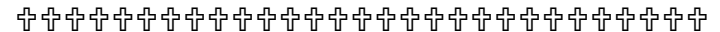
**Stations of the Cross will be on Thursdays at 7:00 pm**

March 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.

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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

**When God seems to be doing nothing, He may be doing more than you could ever imagine.**

David Yarborough

**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.

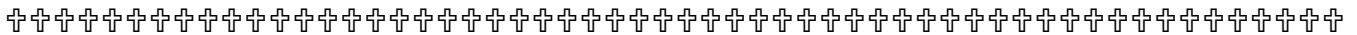
St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus Meets 1st Wed. each month at 7 pm at the church.

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 **April 2**, please contact the team by Saturday April 1. The teams ask that you please have another person present with you when they come to your home. Please call: Bonnie Sturm 403-345-4596 or Diann Knight 403-345-4945

**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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM**



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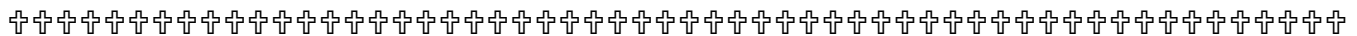
**Ministries Schedule**

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	COMM./LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	OFFERTORY FAMILY	COFFEE MINISTRY
April 2 Palm Sunday	Lew	AJ, Linda E., Lynda		Not yet	
April 6 Holy Thursday	Elaine	Tanya		Not yet	
April 7 Good Friday	Diane	Lynda, Phil, Austen		Not yet	
April 8 Easter Vigil	Liz	Jackie, Linda E.		Not yet	
April 9 Easter Sunday	Susan	AJ		Not yet	

**Our next Soup Sunday has been moved to April 16 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!



**Easter Flower Donations**—anyone wanting to donate flowers for Easter please bring them to the church. If you wish you can contact Elizabeth Stroeve (403-738-4417 or 403-382-7320) and she can purchase some for you. Please remember to donate bottles at the bottle depot for the St. Catherine's flower fund.



**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/>



**Attention Young Adults** - The St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy, Lethbridge, seeks to provide faith, formation, and fellowship for all young adults in Lethbridge and surrounding area. For more information, please contact Fr. Derek Remus at [derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca) or (403) 327-8931.

Upcoming: Faith and Reason Seminar. Thursday March 30, 7:30 pm at St. Basils Church Lethbridge. Topic: "Intro. to Philosophy (con't.)"

The word "philosophy" means "love of wisdom". In the words of St. John Paul II, "(The Church) sees in philosophy the way to come to know fundamental truths about human life. At the same time, the Church considers philosophy and indispensable help for a deeper understanding of faith and for communicating the truth of the Gospel to those who do not yet know it."

**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](http://fcjcentre.ca)

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

<https://mountstfrancis.ca/>

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**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](http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca) or visit



**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



**Invitation to an Easter Drama and Dessert night** on Monday April 10 at 7 PM at Iron Springs Christian Reformed Church, Lord willing. The drama He's Alive! will be performed by Deanna Storphie of Acting Up! Drama. The duration of this powerful drama will be approximately 50 minutes followed by an opportunity to socialize and enjoy homemade desserts and refreshments. A freewill offering will be taken for Streets Alive. No tickets necessary. We would love to see you there!



**Palm Sunday**

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Next Sunday, April 2, is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of preparation before the feast of Easter. In the Roman Rite, the celebration of Mass has particular traditions that make it look much different than a typical Sunday Mass. Many of these traditions are centuries old, having roots in the early Church, based on the events that occur in the Gospel passages. The differences are meant to enrich our celebration of Jesus' Passion, immersing us into the events in a unique way to help our souls ponder the beauty and riches of the Paschal mystery.

The liturgical colour for Palm Sunday is red. Red is the colour of blood and symbolizes love, fire, passion, and the blood of sacrifice. Red is worn on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, any day related to Jesus' Passion, on Pentecost and on the feast days of those who died for the faith (martyrs).

It may seem strange that during the most sacred time of year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday? While it may appear counter-intuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. (Source: Diocese of Calgary)

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