November 19, 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. AMBROSE PARISH COALDALE, AB

St. Catherine's Parish

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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.

<u>Receiving the Sacraments in our parishes</u>: 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 <u>at least six 6</u>) <u>months prior to the date chosen</u>. 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.

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OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of November 19.	Mass Intentions for November 2023 posted in foyers of churches.
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Tuesday, Nov. 21	SA 7:00 pm	7:00 pm Filomena Laporte-Packer Int.		
Wednesday, Nov. 22	SC 9:00 am Robert Briggs Int.			
Thursday Nov. 23 (SJS gr. 4, 5)	SA 8:45 am	David Beler Int.		
Friday				
Sunday, Oct. 29	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners		
Sunday, Oct. 29	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners		
Sunday, Oct. 29	SA 4:00 pm	For the parishioners		



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

And for the Repose of the Souls of all the deceased, especially Deacon Bill Young from All Saints Parish. One Year Anniversary of Death—November: Elizabeth Braat, June Tymensen.

St. Ambrose Parish is planning to have an **Advent Mission on Dec. 10, 11 and 12**, with the Seeds of the Word Community to lead us. While it is still being planned, you can mark the dates on the calendar and make plans to attend. Everyone is welcome! More details to come.

Here are the dates for the upcoming Advent Penitential Services in our area.

Wed. Dec. 6: St. Augustine's, Taber at 7 pm

Thurs. Dec. 7: St. Ambrose at 7 pm

Wed. Dec. 13: St. Peter's, Milk River at 7 pm Thurs. Dec. 14: St. Martha's, Lethbridge at 7 pm

Sat. Dec. 16: All Saints (Assumption), Lethbridge at 10 am—noon

Wed. Dec. 20: St. Joseph's, Vauxhall at 7 pm

Thurs. Dec. 21: St. Catherine's, Picture Butte at 7 pm

OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

Support For Our Parishes

Weekly Donations to Our Parishes from Nov. 12, 2023

St. Ambrose—\$2,011.40 Hall Fund \$195

Catholic Ed.\$150

St. Catherine's—\$1072.40 TIA \$1112 O/M \$105

"It's not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." St. Teresa of Calcutta



Let us love. not in word or speech. but in truth and action.

Our 2023 TIA goals:

Donated to 12.11.2023:

St. Ambrose - \$10,531 corrected

\$9,835.15

Bal. owed: \$695.55

St. Catherine's - \$10,703

\$9,237.00

\$1.466.00

2023 TIA Campaign ends soon. We have done well to this point, but our parishes need to really push to be able to reach our goals by **December**. Let's work together and, with the Diocese, help our sisters and brothers in need.



ANNUAL PARISHES FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN (formerly the Fall Collection) will be starting the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3 This fund-raising campaign is primarily to help our parishes with the day-to-day costs of running the parish. Did you know, for instance, that the cost of the paper that is used for the bulletin has risen by 64% in the past 3 years, as well as substantial increases in our insurances, energy costs—much like your own homes. Your generosity during this campaign will help our parishes for the next year. This money also goes toward helping the parishes in case of emergency repairs, etc.

This year, in an effort to help cut some costs, the Annual Fund-raising letters will be placed in the lobbies of the churches and listed alphabetically. Please look for your family's letter starting on the First Sunday of Advent and please contribute what you can to your parish. Your generosity is much appreciated!





This gospel blends well not only with the texture of faith and good work in the larger section of Matthew's gospel but also with one of Matthew's minor themes, the paralyzing effect of cowardice. Rather than being "next world" preoccupied, our faith should help us fulfill our earthly responsibilities and make the world a better reflection of the kingdom of God. We, perhaps, think of the master as being unjust in his distribution but even the one talent was an enormous wealth and talents were distributed according to each one's ability. The intention was to draw upon the abilities of each and for them to make the best use of the talents.

God has gifted each of us in so many ways. Name a gift that you have received and how you feel called to use it to serve your family or others?

Name some accomplishment that has helped to define your life. What does it say to you, to others, about who you are?

What talent that you have been given, have you buried or left undeveloped? Is there some long put-off or half-finished task around the home that needs your attention this week? (Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

OUR EVENTS



The Pope's Prayer Intention for November 2023: For the Pope—We pray for the Holy Father: as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHAPLAINCY—Fostering Faith, Formation and Fellowship for Young Adults in Lethbridge and the Area. **November Events:**

Nov. 23: Women's Night Nov, 24: Board Games Night at 6:30 pm at Assumption Church Hall Dec. 1: "Saints and Scoundrels" at 7 pm at St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge

For more information, please call Fr. Santiago at Assumption Church 403-327-8931.

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ENLARGE THE TENT—"Removing our sandals before the Sacred Ground of the Other". Join Fr. Time Boyle for this series of talks on The Art Accompaniment, picking up the theme from the Synod preparation document Enlarge the Tent. The first talk in the series is Mon. Nov. 20 at 10:15 am at St. Martha's Parish in Lethbridge. For more information, visit St. Martha's website at: https://www.stmarthasparish.ca/the-art-of-accompaniment---part-ii.html or see the poster in the lobby.

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Advent Twilight Retreat at the Martha Retreat Center—Monday, Dec. 4 from 4:45—9:00 pm, with Dr. Mark Nixon and Ellen Wagner. Be Still and Know That I Am God—Psalm 46:10 is the theme for the evening. Cost is \$67.00 and includes supper. Register at martharetreatcenter.ca or call 403-328-3422 to register or for more details.

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Renewal Gatherings: A New Beginning—Recently, there were 4 Renewal Gatherings that were held in Lethbridge, Calgary, High River and Medicine Hat, with Bishop McGrattan present to Celebrate Mass and then speak to those who could attend. These gatherings filled quickly and so registrations were closed early, leaving many unable to attend. The Diocese has, on it's website, put up a page of photos and comments from these gatherings. If you would like to see and read about what the evenings were about, go to:



https://www.catholicyyc.ca/blog/renewal-gathering-a-new-beginning

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OUR LARGER COMMUNITY

Rehoboth Christian Ministries and The Sunshine Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale & Poinsettia Sale at the Rehoboth Greenhouse in Coaldale on Saturday, November 25th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.; shopping will be until noon! Cost for Breakfast: Donation. For more information please call 403-345-5199. (Address: 1222 – 20 Street Coaldale. Look for the big green roof!)

KEYS, **KEYS**! – Do you have one or more keys belonging to St. Ambrose or St. Catherine's church or hall? WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR THEM BACK (unless you don't need them), just that we ensure they are registered with the office as per the policies of the Diocese of Calgary! If you have keys, and have not spoken with Roisin about them, please email at office@stambroseparish.ca OR phone the office at 403-345-3400 so we can make sure our records are up to date! Your cooperation is much appreciated in helping to keep our churches safe and secure, and in helping us avoid the expense of having to change all the locks! If you know someone who

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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OUR PARISHES

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

St. Ambrose Parish

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am and 4:00 pm

Weekday Masses: Tuesday 7:00 pm, Thursday 8:45 am

Adoration: Fridays 7:00—8:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesdays 6:00—6:45 pm

Fridays 7:00—8:00 pm

Rosary: Mondays at 10:00 am with CWL

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

St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus meets the 1st Wed. each month at 7 pm (except July/Aug.)

St. Ambrose CWL meets the 2nd Wed. each month at 7 pm (except July/Aug.).

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This week in our parish Nov. 19—25

Mon. Nov. 20—CWL Rosary at 10 am

Thurs. Nov. 23—Happy Gang practice 7 pm



<u>Pastoral Care Ministry</u>: Please phone the team listed below on <u>Saturday Nov.25</u> if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on Nov. 26, and please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Minister arrives.

November 26 Team: Mary-Ann 403-345-5457 and Lauraine 403-345-4184

St. Ambrose CWL News: "Leave your Christmas baking to us." St. Ambrose CWL is spearheading a Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday, November 19^{th} after the Sunday Masses. All ladies/parishioners who wish to participate are encouraged to bring their baked goods on Saturday, November 18^{th} from 1-3 p.m. in the church foyer for packaging. Come and check all the goodies that you would love to serve your guests this Christmas!"

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

BUILD A HALL FUNDRAISER 1st Annual Turkey Dinner!

Sunday, Nov. 26 from 3—6 pm at St. Joseph School gym. Cost is \$15/person or \$45/family. Eat in or Take Out! Tickets will be sold at the door. Mark your calendar!

The next Hall Building Committee meeting is Tuesday Nov. 28 after Mass.



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

OUR PARISHES

St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday/ Miércoles 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday/Jueves 6:00—7:30 pm

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.

Ministries Schedule

DATE	ЕМНС	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	OFFERTORY FAMILY	COFFEE MINISTRY
Nov. 26	Susan	Phil		Not yet.	?
Dec. 3	Lew	Lynda			?

St. Catherine's CWL meets the 3rd Wed. of the month at 7 pm (except July & Aug.)



First Reconciliation class # 4 Sunday, Nov. 19 at 12:05 pm after Mass. Come to the Library beside the office.

- Please read chapters 7 & 8 in the Reconciliation book and bring your book with you.
- Please remember to bring Baptism certificates and book fees if you have not done that.

Primera clase de Reconciliación # 4 Domingo 19 de noviembre a las 12:05 pm después de la Misa. Ven a la Biblioteca al lado de la oficina.

- Lea los capítulos 7 y 8 del libro Reconciliación y traiga su libro con usted.
- Recuerde traer certificados de bautismo y tarifas de libros si no lo ha hecho.

SOUP SUNDAY will be held on Dec. 3 after Mass. Come and join us for soup and conversation! Your donations are welcome and appreciated!

EL DOMINGO DE SOPA se llevará a cabo el 3 de diciembre después de la Misa. ¡Ven y únete a nosotros para tomar sopa y conversar! ¡Sus donaciones son bienvenidas y apreciadas!

Stewardship—You can still sign-up to serve in a ministry! We are called to be Disciples of the Lord in actions and deeds, to serve others in the imitation of Christ. Pray this week and ask the Lord where He wants you to serve in your community. The harvest is plenty, labourers are few. We are asking God to send us more labourers! How can you serve?

Mayordomía: ¡todavía puedes inscribirte para servir en un ministerio! Estamos llamados a ser Discípulos del Señor en acciones y hechos, a servir a los demás a imitación de Cristo. Ora esta semana y pregúntale al Señor dónde quiere que sirvas en tu comunidad. La mies es mucha, los trabajadores pocos. ¡Pedimos a Dios que nos envíe más trabajadores! ¿Cómo puedes servir?