Twinned in Faith

ST. AMBROSE & ST. CATHERINE'S PARISHES

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Whether you are new, visiting, or a longtime member, we're glad you're here.
Please say hello to Fr. Iqbal—he would love to meet you!
Pick up a registration form in the foyer and place it in the collection basket.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24, 2026

OUR PRAYERS

MASSES AND INTENTIONS for May 23—June 5, 2026

Saturday (Sunday Mass) May 23	**SA 5:00 pm**	Intention of Len & Sandy Whyte
Sunday May 24	**SA 9:00 am**	Linda Wolfe ✝
Sunday May 24	**SC 11:00 am**	For the parishioners
May 25—29	NO MASSES	————
Saturday May 30 (Sunday Mass)	**SA 5:00 pm**	For the parishioners
Sunday May 31	**SA 9:00 am**	Mary Greene ✝
Sunday May 31	**SC 11:00 am**	No intention available
Sunday May 31	**SA 4:00 pm**	Intention of David Beler

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick – Robert Pitsol, Joanne Weber, Diane Murray, Lew Dooper, Peter Velker, Robert Briggs, Tanya Figg, Dave Gensorek, David & Darlene Beler, Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Maria Federmesser, Lorainne Kress, Joanne Kubic, Helen & Perry Layton, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, Fausto Romo Vela.
And for the Repose of the Souls of all the deceased.

Pastoral Care Ministry – If you <u>do not</u> wish to receive Holy Communion in Coaldale after the 9am Mass on **Sunday May 31** , please notify a team member by <u>Saturday May 30</u>.

May 31 Team: Ruth 250-826-8014 Lauraine 403-345-4184

Please welcome to our parishes Fr. Luke Tran! Fr. Luke will be presiding at the weekend Masses May 23—24 and May 30 –31 while Fr. Iqbal is away on the pilgrimage.

Please note that there will be <u>no weekday Masses May 25—29 and June 1—5</u>. Fr. Iqbal will be back to preside at the Marian Mass on Saturday June 6 at St. Ambrose at 8:45 am.

The parish offices will still be open while Fr. Iqbal is away.

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Reconciliation

St. Catherine's: Wednesday 7—8 pm

St. Ambrose: Saturday 3:30—4:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist

St. Catherine's: Wednesday 7—8 pm

St. Ambrose: 1st Friday 9 am—1 pm

Fr. Iqbal is available for Anointing of the Sick and Confession by appointment. Please call 587-434-1937 and leave a message and he will call to arrange a time.

Receiving the Sacraments in St. Ambrose & St. Catherine's Parishes

Please contact the parish office regarding the required Sacramental Preparation courses 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. If you have questions, please contact the office at 403-345-3400

Our Support for Others—TIA

Together in Action is more than a fundraising campaign. It is a call to live our faith. In the spirit of St. Francis, we are reminded that faith becomes visible through our actions when we care for those in need.

Thanks to your generosity, we are making steady progress in our Together in Action 2026 campaign. We are moving closer to our Parish goals. Each gift is a sign of faith lived through action.

Our parishes will be allocating the 2025 Surplus funds to helping achieve our 2026 TIA goal. Thank you for your continued help in meeting our parishes goals!

St. Ambrose Parish

2026 Goal: $10,531.00

Donations to May 17 $ 6,191.20

St. Catherine's Parish

2026 Goal: $10,703.00

Donations to May 17: $ 4,112.00

PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FOR ST. CATHERINE'S AND ST. AMBROSE PARISHIONERS!

Fr. Iqbal will be away on a pilgrimage from **May 23—June 5**. Fr. Luke Tran will be at our parishes on the weekends of May 23/24 and May 30/31 to celebrate the Holy Mass. The usual weekend Mass times will not change.

Please note that there will not be any weekday Masses for May 25—29 or June 1—5. Weekday Masses will resume June 8. There will not be a Mass at Piyami Lodge on May 27, or at Sunny South Lodge on June 4.

The offices will remain open for regular hours for the 2 weeks that Fr. Iqbal is away.

Congratulations to Vic & Ella Heppler

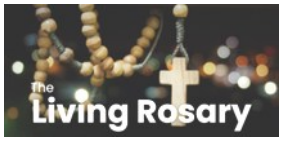
who are celebrating their

73rd Wedding Anniversary!!

Please thank them for being an inspiration for all married couples and truly a testament to God's great love!

Please join us in welcoming Matthew Gensorek, a Seminarian, who will be serving in our parishes from May through August!

St. Ambrose Parish



CWL Living Rosary — Sunday, May 31, after the 9 am Mass—Come add your voice to our circle of prayer! Help us fill the church with devotion to our Blessed Mother as we form a Living Rosary together. We're hoping for up to 75 participants to lead each prayer — families are welcome. Sign up in the foyer or contact Diane M (403-892-2244) or Maria F (403-795-7982).

77th Anniversary Celebration Lunch – CWL members are invited to join us on **Sunday, June 7th, at 12 pm at the Land-O-Lakes Golf Club** for a joyful afternoon of fun and fellowship. Tickets are $35 (including beverage, gratuity, and GST) and will be available after weekend Masses until June 2nd. Choose your entrée: Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo or Spaghetti with Meatballs. For more info, contact Maria Federmesser: 403-795-7982.

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their First Communion at St. Catherine's Parish on April 19:

Daniel Garcia Paz

Alexa Marroquin Garcia

Renata Morales Lopez

Norah Nummi

Mateo Vazquez Zermeno

If you would like to have your house blessed, please call the office to book a time for Fr. Iqbal to come and bless your house!

Community Items

All are cordially invited to an **outdoor Mass to honour Our Lady**, followed by a potluck on Saturday, May 30th, 2026. 1008 4 St. West Barnwell. Arrive 10:45am, Rosary & Mass begin at 11am. Bring a lawn chair & a potluck item to share. Burgers, hot dogs, and beverages provided. Bouncy castles, bumper balls, and games for the youth. **Please RSVP 403-894-1471** Josh & Shawna Van Uden

Everyone is invited to celebrate Father Kevin's 69th birthday with a festive dinner fundraiser.
Date: Wednesday, June 3rd (the feast day of Saint Kevin) Location: Assumption Church & hall. Mass: 5:00 p.m. Cocktails: 6:00 p.m. Dinner and short program: 6:30 p.m. Full Roast Beef dinner and desserts catered by Cheryl Neufeld. **Dinner Tickets are $150 each**, available through the parish office. Every ticket includes a $75 tax receipt for supporting either the All Saints New Church Building Fund or St. Patrick's Modernization Fund or both.

Rehoboth Christian Ministries: The Annual Pork Roast will be on **June 12** from 5pm-7pm. Cost is by donation. For more info call 403-345-5199.

BADLANDS PASSION PLAY BUS TOUR in Drumheller from Lethbridge with **Faith Experience Tours,** hosted by Cheryl Neufeld. Our goal is to build community within Southern Alberta's Catholic faith by curating fun, affordable, unique social and memorable experiences where fellowship and friendships flourish. You are invited to experience the **EPIC STORY of the life of Christ** on Canada's largest outdoor stage. **July 5 & 19, 2026 4:00pm** show. Round-trip luxurious bus, bagged lunch, and ticket to the play. Cost is $175.00 per person. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE.** Deadline to secure your seat is June 5, 2028. SEE POSTERS in the Church — it is QR Code friendly.
More info contact: Cheryl Neufeld 403-894-5663

What are you doing for the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 7? Here are 2 events that are taking place in our area that you might want to consider joining!

All Saints Parish, Lethbridge, Corpus Christi Procession—Walking the Streets With Jesus! There are 2 processions, one from Our Lady of the Assumption and the other from St. Basil's, leaving at noon. Join either one and walk to CCHS for Benediction. Lunch will then be served. Or join us at CCHS (around the back of the school) at 12:30 pm.

St. Peter's Parish, Milk River and St. Isadore's Mission, Allerston—A Journey of Hope! The churches are hosting their 2nd annual mini Camino walk which takes place over 3 days culminating with Mass, outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament (weather permitting) & refreshments after.
Friday, June 5th - 7 pm (11 km)
Saturday, June 6th - 12 noon (12 km)
Sunday, June 7th - 8 am (14 km) with Mass at 12:00 pm at St. Isadore.
Everyone welcome! For more information: Ron 403-647-7574 or Donna 403-642-7585

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

" Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it"
(Hebrews 13:1-2).

The Catholic Ministry of Ushers, often termed Ministers of Hospitality, are liturgical ministers who welcome worshippers, assist with seating, take up collections, and ensure a reverent atmosphere. As the first point of contact, they embody the Parish community's hospitality. They also handle emergency situations, aid with the offertory procession, and assist with communion flow.

Core Responsibilities and Duties

- **Hospitality:** Greeting parishioners and visitors at the doors, offering a welcoming atmosphere.
- **Seating:** Assisting with seating, particularly when the church is crowded, and guiding those with special needs.
- **Collections:** Taking up the Collection/offerings during Mass.
- **Offertory:** Identifying parishioners to bring up the gifts of bread and wine.
- **Logistics:** Distributing bulletins, ensuring pews are tidy after Mass, and managing special crowds.
- **Safety:** Assisting in emergencies and ensuring a calm environment.

History and Role

- **Oldest Lay Ministry:** Ushers have roots in the ancient clerical order of porters (ostiarii) from the 3rd Century, who guarded church doors.

Focus: Today, the ministry focuses on hospitality rather than exclusion, welcoming all who enter to worship.

Qualifications and Requirements

- **Faithful Members:** Active, practicing Catholics with good reputation.
- **Requirements:** Often required to have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), and have a deep respect for the Mass.

Commitment: The role requires arriving roughly 15–20 minutes before Mass starts.

Symbolic Role

Ushers represent the "presence of Christ" by offering hospitality and ensuring the smooth flow of the Eucharistic celebration. They, along with greeters, set the tone for the liturgical gathering.

Contact the Parish Office via email or phone call to register and you will be provided a training to learn about the ministry.

<u>Career Opportunity</u> for a **<u>Bookkeeper (Casual)</u> - St. Ambrose (Coaldale) & St. Catherine's (Picture Butte) Twinned Parishes. Office is located in Coaldale. Due to the size of this posting, we are unable to place it into the bulletin. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please go to the Diocese of Calgary website to see the full job posting:** https://www.catholicyyc.ca/careers.html

The posting will also be on the parish website and our Facebook page.

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!!

Both of our parishes are going to start a **Funeral Ministry**! We will be looking for volunteers who will take on a leadership role in assisting Fr. Iqbal or our Deacons in meeting with families and helping to schedule other volunteers such as Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. Training will be provided! Please contact the parish office if you feel called to join this new ministry!

All parish volunteers <u>must</u> complete the Diocese of Calgary Volunteer Screening program <u>BEFORE</u> they can serve in the parish. The office can help with this! Please call for more information.