



10th Sunday of Ordinary

Time

June 5th & 6th, 2021

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LIVE STREAMED MASS INTENTIONS-June 6th -16th, 2021

Sun. June 6 10am Parishioners
Wed. June 9 9am Delmer Muise and Barb & Greg Deveau
Sun. June 13 10am Parishioners
Wed. June 16 9am Victor Amirault and Lou Lesser

Please note we will not be carrying the gifts for the offertory until further notice.

Please note: The weekday Mass will be cancelled in the event of a funeral Mass. The Mass intention scheduled for that day will be offered at a later date.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am and on Sunday at 10:00 am. The next scheduled mass is always posted on our website's main page. If you want to watch, go to our web site at www.stambrosearmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

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REFLECTIONS: A Stubborn and Obstinate Heart

The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “By the prince of demons he drives out demons.” [Mark 3:22](#)

The scribes were guilty of a nasty sin called “calumny.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that someone is guilty of this sin when the person, “...by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them.” The *Catechism* also speaks of a lesser sin called “rash judgment” and states a person is guilty of this, “who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor” (*Catechism* #2477). It appears quite clear that the scribes were gravely guilty of these two sins. What’s important to note in these blasphemous words spoken against Jesus is that the scribes would not have spoken such things unless they were fully committed to these sins of calumny and rash judgment. It’s not possible to sin in these ways to a minor degree. These sins require much malice, obstinacy and determination. For that reason, these sins can be very damaging and, for most of us, they can become overwhelming.

If you were the object of such harshness from another, it would most likely make you sit back and be overwhelmed with shock, hurt, anger and confusion. It’s very difficult to remain indifferent to such an attack. But what did Jesus do? He addressed their condemnation and then pointed out that what they spoke was a “sin against the Holy Spirit.” This form of sin cannot be forgiven because of the obstinacy and refusal to repent on the part of the sinner. The one who sins against the Holy Spirit is so given over to their sin that they are not open to change. This is frightening and results in eternal damnation. Perhaps one essential lesson we should take from this passage is to be reminded that we must never allow ourselves to become obstinate in our sin. We should never become so entrenched in our sin and, especially, in our own self-righteousness that we are not willing to listen, reason, and humbly change when we realize we were wrong. The scribes were not open to change and this is the worst part of their sin.

Reflect, today, upon whether you, also, struggle with being obstinate and stubborn. Do not fall into this trap since it is a sin against the Holy Spirit. Reflect upon how open you are to change

and commit yourself to the path of humility. This is a path you will never regret walking down.

Love is in the Details “Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.” This is an interesting statement from Jesus. There are many things that could be said about it regarding the law and Jesus’ fulfillment of the law. But one thing worth reflecting upon is the great lengths Jesus goes to identify the importance of not only one letter of the law, but more specifically, the smallest part of a letter. The ultimate law of God, as brought to fulfillment in Christ Jesus, is love. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength.” And, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” This is the ultimate fulfillment of the law of God. If we look at this passage above, in light of the perfection of the law of love, we can hear Jesus saying that the details of love, even the smallest detail, is of grave importance. In fact, the details are what makes love grow exponentially. The smaller the detail one is attentive to in love of God and love of neighbor, the greater is the fulfillment of the law of love to the greatest degree. Think, today, about those whom God has put in your life to love. This would especially apply to family members and especially to spouses. How attentive are you to every small act of kindness and compassion? Do you regularly look for opportunities to offer an encouraging word? Do you make an effort, even in the smallest of details, to show you care and are there and are concerned? Love is in the details and the details magnify this glorious fulfillment of God’s law of love. ~My Catholic Life

PAYERS FOR THE : Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation Statement from Archbishop Brian Dunn regarding the recent discovery at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation On behalf of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, I want to express my deep sadness for the tragic loss of the children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation. The recent news that the remains of 215 indigenous

children were found buried at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia is absolutely heartbreaking. I am conscious that this tragedy has a significant impact on all Indigenous communities, especially those here in Nova Scotia. As Archbishop I want to offer my prayers for these children, their families, and their communities. Acknowledging and bringing to light this dark chapter of our Catholic and Canadian history is difficult but necessary in order to be able to do and be better. I continue to be committed to all who have been mistreated and hurt by the residential school experience, in which Church members participated knowingly or unknowingly. Let us pray for the guidance of the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit to help us continue working with our indigenous brothers and sisters to take the steps needed towards reconciliation, healing, and peace. **Link to Archbishop Dunn’s message:** <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgzGkXdCRfTIWvbJbhdBrhNbKQCpg?project=1>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Jesus is my great friend and the Eucharist my highway to heaven.
-St Carlo Acutis

RESOURCE: AMORIS LAETITIA VIDEO SERIES
On March 19, 2021 the Church celebrated five years since the release of Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* on the beauty and joy of life in the family. To mark this occasion, the Pope launched the Year “*Amoris Laetitia Family*,” which concludes on June 26, 2022, at the 10th World Meeting of Family in Rome with the Holy Father. In light of this, the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life at the Vatican has produced a resource for everyone to delve deeper into the document. Over the course of ten monthly episodes, Pope Francis will discuss each chapter of *Amoris Laetitia*, paired with testimonies of different families who will share some aspects of their daily lives. Each video is accompanied by a free downloadable guide to encourage the reading of *Amoris Laetitia* among families and ecclesial (diocesan, parochial, community) groups. Videos and accompaniment guides will be uploaded each month. For more information on this video series please go to <http://www.stambrosearmouth.ca/>