



**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary**  
**Time**

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**Reconciliation/confession** is held on Wednesday  
 after mass from 7:00-8:00

**MASS INTENTIONS –June 17<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):**

**Sat. 4 pm** George Bain  
**Sun. 9am** Anniv. Agnes Salvage  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Parishioners  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Violet Stoddard  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Anniv. Alcide Landry  
**Thurs: 9 am** Arie & Loretta Vanderdonk  
**Fri. 9 am** Special Intentions  
**Sat. 4 pm** Parishioners  
**Sun. 9 am** Intentions of Linda Randall  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Anniv. Jacqueline Doucette

**Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):**

**Sat. 10 am June 18** Rebecca LeBlanc  
**Sun. 10 am June 25** Anne LeBlanc

**REFLECTION:** **Sent by the Power of God:** At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” This passage from today’s Gospel begins by revealing to us the Heart of Jesus. His Heart is one

that is “moved with pity.” As Jesus looked at the crowds before Him, He could see that they were “troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.” The sight of them evoked compassion, concern and mercy from within Him. This is a beautiful image to prayerfully ponder.

As Jesus looks at you, He gazes at you as He gazed at the crowds long ago. As He does, the same depths of mercy and compassion are evoked within His Sacred Heart. Sometimes, when we think of God, we allow ourselves to have inaccurate perceptions of Who He is and how He sees us. If you do not regularly see the compassionate Heart of Jesus, then ponder this passage and know that His Heart of love for you is the same as it was for the crowds. The second part of the passage above reveals to us one of the ways that Jesus reaches out to us. He is the “master of the harvest” Who has called others to Himself and then sent them forth to minister in His name and with His authority. The lines that follow the Gospel quoted above tell us that Jesus immediately “summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.” As you look at your own life, your struggles, your spiritual needs and your desire to grow in faith, how has God fed you? Through whom has He spoken to you? This shepherding will take place by your participation in the Mass, through the Sacrament of Confession, through holy preaching, through the written word, through the inspired witness of another, and in many other ways. What’s helpful to ponder is that any time you have encountered the grace of God through another, it happened because the Master of the Harvest chose to send a laborer to you. When good fruit is borne in your life, it was God Who initiated that good work through another, out of the mercy and compassion of His Sacred Heart.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus gazing at you with love and choosing to send His ministers to you in His name and with His authority. Pay special attention to how God has been speaking to you recently. If it is through a particular book, keep reading it. If it is through a certain preacher of the Gospel, keep listening. If it is through a certain conversation with a friend, spouse or loved one, keep talking. God loves you, has a Heart full of compassion for you, and will continue to reach out

to you in many different ways, especially by sending others to you in His name.

*My Lord and Master, You seek to bring forth an abundant harvest of grace in my life. You continuously inspire others to act as instruments of Your love and speak to me through them, calling me to Yourself. May I always be open to the many ways that You come to me, and may I always receive Your holy Word through the ministers You send to me. Jesus, I trust in You.* -My Catholic Life

**COFFEE SOCIALS:** are being held after all the masses this weekend. Come join us for a cup.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting:** Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All members invited.



**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** As a mother delights in

taking her child on her knees, in caressing and feeding it, so does our God delight in treating with love and tenderness those souls who give themselves entirely to Him and place all their hopes in His goodness and bounty. -St. Alphonsus Liguori



**FRIENDS OF MARY:** A gathering of the Friends of Mary will take place on June 22nd, at 7pm in the Jubilee Room. All parishioners are welcome.

**CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: August 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> at**

Johnston Christian Park, South Range, Digby County. \$200.00 early bird fee if registered by June 30<sup>th</sup>. After this registration will be \$225.00. It’s for youth ages 10 to 14 and you can get a registration form at the Parish office or on the website.



**LOOKING FOR A MUSICIAN:** Do you have musical

skills like playing the piano or guitar that you can share with the Parish? We are looking for someone who can play a musical instrument to join the 9:00am choir. If you are able to help, please talk with Pat Gascoigne or myself (Fr. Henry). Please be generous in giving of your talents to your parish.



**TAIZE SERVICE:** A Taize Service to celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist Holy Trinity Church Yarmouth, Thursday, June 22nd at 7pm. All are welcome. For more information contact Julie Chandler at 902-774-3340 or [jamesdauntchandler@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdauntchandler@gmail.com)

**WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?** Are you a non-

Catholic interested in the Catholic faith? Are you thinking you might want to become Catholic? Are you a Catholic adult who never celebrated your 1st Communion and/or Confirmation? Then RCIA is for you. RCIA will be starting this fall at St. Ambrose. If you are interested then please contact the office for a form you can fill out to sign up. Come and join us this fall!



**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS: Healing and Reconciliation**

Marriage is a lifetime commitment; however, separation and divorce can occur resulting in wounds of stress and pain. The Catholic Church seeks to reach out to divorced people in an effort to help heal the wounds, while affirming its teaching on the permanence of marriage. Anyone interested can contact the marriage tribunal in the diocese where one lives. For more information please view our website at [www.halifaxyarmouth/marriage-tribunal](http://www.halifaxyarmouth/marriage-tribunal) or contact: Cathy Targett: [ctargett@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:ctargett@halifaxyarmouth.org) or 902-429-9800 ext. 321.

**FOOD BANK:** This weekend July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, is our turn

to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be on hand before all the masses to receive the donations.



**ADORATION CHAPEL:** There is a very special place

where Jesus actually resides where you can go and be alone with him. Quiet your soul in prayer or in silence with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He is literally waiting for you in our little Adoration Chapel. If interested, please call Debbie Murphy-Payie at 902-740-2005.

