



June 14th, 2026 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS –June 13th – 21st, 2026

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Gerald LeBlanc
Sun. 11:15 am Joan Helen Bruce
Tues. 6:30 pm Frances M. Surette
Wed. 6:30 pm Intentions of James and Faye Stevens
Thurs. 9 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri. 9 am Ernie and Madeleine Landry
Sat. 4 pm Special Intentions
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Special Intentions

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am June 14 Elize Saulnier
Sun. 10 am June 21 Paulette Forbes

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS in the offertory procession at a weekend Mass (if you are a family member of the person the Mass is for) please see the greeters **at least 20 minutes before Mass begins.**

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.

REFLECTION: *Driven by Divine Compassion, 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. As*

Jesus went “to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness”, He was moved with deep compassion for the crowds. The Greek verb *splagchnizomai* is often translated as “moved with pity” or “moved with compassion.” It appears twelve times in the Gospels—eight times describing Jesus’ own compassion and four times illustrating divine mercy in parables or related contexts (the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the Unforgiving Servant, and the plea of a father for his demon-possessed son). This verb conveys not just an emotional response but a profound stirring of His entire being, compelling Him to act with divine mercy—engaging His mind, will, body, and emotions. Understanding this verb is essential because it unveils the very heart of Christ’s mission, where His divine mercy is fully manifest in His humanity. Though His mercy originates in His divinity, He fully lived and expressed it in His human nature, allowing it to consume Him entirely and drive Him to shepherd His people. Jesus’ all-consuming compassion should profoundly console us. God does not love us out of mere divine obligation; His love is deeply personal, intimate, and relentless. He is not distant or impersonal, aloof in His perfection. In Christ, God’s mercy is made visible—His human heart is stirred to action, doing everything He can to draw us closer to Himself. This is why His compassion is such a source of reassurance: He is not a distant or angry God, standing far off to condemn. Rather, He is the God who, in Christ, allows Himself to be consumed with mercy, driven by compassion, and moved to act for the salvation of each one of us. That same profound mercy continues to flow from the Sacred Heart today. In Heaven, Christ’s human heart remains inseparably united to His divinity, pouring forth the love of the Father and the Holy Spirit upon the world. His compassion is made present to us through His Church, especially in the Sacraments and in the lives of saintly men and women. This same compassion must become the driving force behind all we do for the Kingdom. We are called to be His living instruments of mercy, reflecting His Sacred Heart in our actions, words, and love for others—so that each of us might be reassured of God’s unfailing love. We see in today’s Gospel that Jesus’ compassion moved Him to send out twelve of

His disciples as His Apostles, entrusting them with His divine authority to proclaim the Kingdom of God, cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons. They were to be His chosen instruments of mercy, reaching out to the lost sheep of the house of Israel—those in dire need of God’s truth and healing grace. Today, Jesus sends each of us forth in a unique way to be a beacon of light and mercy to others. He first calls us to love those closest to us—our family and friends—not in an ordinary way, but in a radical self-giving that mirrors His own love. We must allow our whole beings to be moved with divine compassion for them, reassuring them of both our love and God’s love. But our mission cannot end there. After loving our families, we must extend that same compassion to all whom God places in our lives, offering the same depth of mercy that filled Jesus’ Sacred Heart long ago. Reflect today on Jesus’ divine compassion from two perspectives. First, gaze at His overflowing love for you. There is no way to overestimate that love. Second, allow that love to transform you so that His mercy flows through you into the lives of others. Do not hold back the love of God—let it pour forth freely and abundantly. Let His divine compassion move your entire being so that you become a true instrument of His mercy, drawing souls to Him through the power of love and all-consuming compassion. -My Catholic Life

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: August 9th - 14th at



Johnston Christian Park, South Range, Digby County. \$225.00 early bird fee by June 30th. After this it will be \$250.00. It’s for youth ages 10 to 14 and you can get a registration form at the Parish office or on the website. **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** If you are able and would like to make a contribution to help, send a youth to camp, please submit your donation into the collection at Mass (with pertinent information) or stop by the parish office.

HEALING MASS: On Tuesday June 23, 2026 there will be a Healing Mass here at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral. It will start with Praise and Worship Music at 5:50pm – 6:20pm, followed by Mass at 6:30pm. Sacrament of the Sick - will be available for those with chronic conditions, for seniors, and for those facing surgery, or treatments for serious

health conditions. Prayer teams will be available for those who would like prayers for their families and other intentions. We hope to see you all there! Tell your friends and bring them with you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: 4th Degree



Meeting: Tuesday June 23rd, starting with a healing rosary at 6:30 pm followed by a general meeting at 7:00 pm. **Urgent meeting:** to be held on July 21st at 7:00 pm to discuss the future of our building. All members encouraged to attend.

COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will take place



next weekend June 20th & 21st after all the masses in the Jubilee Room. Come join us for a cup.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: One cannot possibly



understand the teaching of saints unless one has a pure mind and is trying to imitate their life. -St. Athanasius

ICON OF THE SACRED HEART OF: The icon will be



displayed in front of the alter from Sunday June 14th to Sunday June 21st. There will be a short prayer and litany with the icon following the 6:30 pm Mass on Tuesday June 16th.

MEAL TRAIN FOR MOMS AND BABIES: Are you

expecting a baby, or do you currently have a newborn? The ladies of St. Ambrose would like to bring you a few meals to ease your burden. We are also looking for people to join this initiative and cook for postpartum moms. Please email Leila at leila.mcmann@gmail.com or text 902-307-5966.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Ruth Marie Anne Doucette and Jacqueline Louise Boudreau
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.