



June 25th, 2023
12th Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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MASS INTENTIONS –June 24th-July 2nd 2023

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Intentions of Linda Randall
Sun. 11:15 am Anniv. Jacqueline Doucette
Tues. 6:30 pm Special Intentions
Wed. 6:30 pm Anniv. Walter Muise
Thurs: 9 am Special Intentions
Fri. 9 am Doug Goodwin
Sat. 4 pm Pat & Lee Saulnier
Sun. 9 am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Edith Hannigan

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sat. 10 am June 25 Anne LeBlanc
Sun. 10 am July 2 Donna LeBlanc

REFLECTION: **“Fear No One”** Jesus said to the Twelve: “Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.” This line is spoken by our Lord within the context of preparing the Twelve for the persecutions that are to come. Prior to this passage, Jesus said, “But beware of people, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be led before governors

and kings for my sake as a witness before them and the pagans.” After saying much more about the persecutions to come, Jesus gives them a certain hope and encouragement in the passage above. First of all, Jesus directly addresses one of the effects many people suffer when they encounter some form of persecution: fear. “Fear no one,” He says. Fear can consume a person when they lack faith in God’s care for them, allowing anxiety and worry to take hold. When we can keep our eyes fixed firmly on Christ and dispel the attacks we receive in life, then we will remain confident in God’s truth and not be deterred by lies. Jesus is also very aware of the fact that fear can become overwhelming. This is especially the case when we must endure any form of severe persecution or trial. Therefore, He speaks a consoling line to the Twelve to help them have hope. “Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.” This is a reference to the end of time when Jesus returns to earth for the Final Judgment. At that time, every deceitful attack that people have endured will come to full light for all to see. Every virtue, including every hidden virtue, will also come to light. In the end, truth will reign and all will be judged by God’s Truth. This should be very consoling to those who have suffered injustice in life. Persecution comes in many forms. Of course, persecution issued against you because of your faith is the worst form of persecution. But most often, persecution comes in other forms. Jealousy toward another could lead to gossip about them. Revealing the sins of another in a public way is the sin of detraction and is a form of persecution. Passive aggression, slander, the “silent treatment” and so much more are all forms of persecution. Any time one person attempts to inflict some form of harm upon another, this is persecution. One common tendency that people encounter when another has harmed them in some way is to return the harm done. There is nothing wrong with defending ourselves by speaking the truth with love. But too often, the hurt experienced either turns into a consuming fear or into an attack against the one who harmed us. When this temptation is felt, Jesus’ words above are most helpful and freeing. In the end, no injustice will be ignored. Every wrong will be dealt with by the justice and mercy of God, and perfect order and truth will be

fully restored for eternity. Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with fear. As you do, reflect upon Jesus’ words over and over. “Fear no one.” Do not allow yourself to be controlled by any injustice inflicted upon you. Instead, remain confident in the truth and, if some injustice is not able to be corrected here and now, look forward to the end of time when everything will be brought to light in accord with the mind and justice of God.

My courageous Lord, You endured so much ridicule and harsh treatment but never allowed it to deter You from Your divine mission of love. Please free me from all fear and give me courage when I face the injustices of life to trust that You will right every wrong in the end. Jesus, I trust in You. -My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Just as the bread from the



earth, when it receives the invocation of God, is no longer common bread but the Eucharist, made of up of two elements, one earthly and one heavenly, so also is our bodies, in receiving the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, for they have the hope of resurrection. -St. Irenaeus

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: August 13th - 18th at



Johnston Christian Park, South Range, Digby County. \$200.00 early bird fee if registered by June 30th. 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.

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!

FOOD BANK: Next weekend July 1st & 2nd, 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.

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be



held July 6th 2023 at Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!

BLESSINGS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AFTER

MASS: Starting next weekend (July 1st/2nd), we are going back to doing blessings for children at the end of mass. I will be calling you forward at the appropriate time.

COMMUNION TO SICK AND SHUT IN: For those

who bring Communion to our sick and shut ins, starting July 1st/2nd weekend, you will no longer be getting the Hosts in the Communion line. Instead, please come up to the front after the last person has received Communion in the Communion line. Just a reminder too, that after mass, you are supposed to bring the Hosts directly to those who will be receiving them. Also, when you come forward, remember to tell the priest how many you need.

ALTAR SERVERS: For those who would like to be an



altar server, I will be having a practice after the 9:00am and after the 11:15am mass on Sunday July 2nd. If you are interested in serving, please attend. If you have a child who might like to do this, please encourage them to help in this ministry. Just a reminder, altar servers need to have received their first Communion. I will also plan on having more sessions in the future. Fr. Henry



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Elizabeth Nora Robicheau and Dorothy Margaret Bowers
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.