



**12th Sunday of Ordinary
Time
June 19th & 20th, 2021**

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LIVE STREAMED MASS INTENTIONS-June 20th -30th 2021

Sun. June 20 10am Parishioners

Wed. June 23 9am Bernice Blades and Arthur Fitzgerald

Sun. June 27 10am Parishioners

Wed. June 30 9am Allen Boudreau and Olive & Alfred Pothier & Family

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.stambroseyarmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

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REFLECTIONS: Calming Life's Storms



A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. [Mark 4:37-39](#)

This passage is what we may call a "prophetic action" on the part of Jesus. His action of calming the storm is a way of speaking to us about our own lives.

The first thing to reflect upon is that Jesus was there in the center of the storm. He was on the boat while the waves came crashing over. But the key is that He was there. This tells us that whenever we experience a "storm" in our lives, Jesus is there in the midst of it. He is not far away, rather, He is right there.

But we also notice that He is asleep. One thing we can take from this is that Jesus awaits our prayer. He waits for us to turn to Him in the midst of the storm. That must be our first thought whenever we feel overwhelmed or challenged by life's circumstances.

Notice that the "prayer" of the Apostles is similar to how we may pray at times. "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" So often we turn to God saying, "Lord, where are You? Why are You not helping?" But we should know that God is often silent as a way of calling us to Himself so that we turn to Him in trust and confidence. Jesus took their prayer and responded.

His response was simply to manifest His authority over the storm. He rebuked it and said, "Quiet! Be still!" With that, the storm had no ability to continue and all was calm.

We must know that Jesus did this so that we would have confidence that He can handle any hardship we face. There is no storm too great for Him. Nothing He cannot handle.

Reflect, today, on what frightens you the most each day. What is it that shakes your faith? Turn to Jesus

in the midst of that and know He is there ready to bring peace and calm.

Lord, I invite You into my life and into my storm. I know You can do all things, so I beg for Your peace and calm in my heart. Help me to always turn to You. Jesus, I trust in You. ~My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: The immaculate alone has



from God the promise of victory over Satan. She seeks souls that will consecrate themselves entirely to her, that will become in her hands forceful instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spread of God's Kingdom. ~St. Maximilian Kolbe

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS: Archbishop

Brian Joseph Dunn and Father Henry Smolenaars will celebrate St. Ambrose Catholic Women's League 100th anniversary mass on August 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Further details and invitation to attend will follow when indoor capacities are permitted. Regardless, it will be live streamed.

THE WORD AMONG US: The monthly missals and the Living Faith booklets have arrived! Those who wish to pick up a copy can do so at the parish office.

WHEN WILL THE CHURCH REOPEN? The church will reopen as soon as we reach Phase three in the province's reopening plan. If all goes well with the reopening schedule, then we will be due to open up to the capacity of one hundred people on June 30th 2021. This will be a Wednesday morning so mass will be available to attend that morning at 9:00 am to a first come first served basis to a maximum of 100 people. The weekend of July 3rd and 4th, the masses will resume the same times previous to the lockdown. Mass times will be 4:00pm on Saturday and 9:00 am & 11:00 am on Sunday here at St. Ambrose. Our Lady of Lourdes will reopen on July 4th with the 10:00 am Mass. Masks and social distancing protocols will still be followed.

WHO'S TURN IS IT WHEN THE CHURCH OPENS?

When we return to mass on July 3rd and 4th, we will return to the schedule that was passed out to you in April. Group B is scheduled for this particular weekend and Group A will start on July 10th and

11th. However, we will contact you the previously to confirm your start date.

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.stambroseyarmouth.ca/>

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Mary Gertrude Surette
 Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

FOOD BANK: The weekend of July 3rd & 4th, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank.



Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Someone will be on hand at all of the masses to collect items.