



13th Sunday of Ordinary

Time

June 26th & 27th, 2021

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REFLECTIONS: Calming Life's Storms Touching



Jesus She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." [Mark 5:28](#) Here is an example of one who comes to Jesus with great

faith. It's a fascinating story in that we are given the gift of being able to know her thoughts.

This woman had suffered greatly for many years. She tried everything she could to be cured by doctors. She spent all she had. And then, in this desperate state, the woman turned in faith to Jesus. Perhaps she had had great faith throughout her life; we do not know. What we do know is that in her suffering, she was greatly humbled and was out of options. In this humble condition she did what any saint would do. She held on to the conviction that Jesus was the answer. When all else failed, Jesus would not let her down. Perhaps she didn't know if she would be physically healed, but she did know she had to turn to Jesus nonetheless.

There is a great lesson in this story in that we must have the same depth of trust and the same commitment to turn to Jesus with our life. Even if we have not tried every other option in life, we must all embrace the witness this woman gives.

Turning to Jesus with deep certainty and faith means we know that His will is all that matters. It means that we choose Him above all else and in every circumstance of life. It means we do not only turn to Him with our problems, we also turn to Him with our joys and in our blessings. Everything we do must come from a deep interior conviction that Jesus is the answer to everything in life.

Perhaps that sounds like a bit much. Perhaps we have a habit of turning to Him only when everything else seems to fail us. But it shouldn't be so. We are called to build a daily habit of seeking to "touch His clothes," so to speak. This is a way of saying we must turn our heart, mind, will and soul to Him always.

Reflect, today, on how deep your habit is of reaching out to Jesus. Is He the first one you praise in your blessings? And is He the first one you turn

to in your fears and struggles? Build this interior habit and you will see miracles of grace in your life. *Lord, help me to always turn to You in all things. Help me to trust You when life seems hard and when things seem to fall apart. Help me to also turn to You in all the many blessings I receive. Jesus, I trust in You.* ~My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Mary is the most safest,



easiest, shortest and most perfect way of reaching Jesus. –St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

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.

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 VEDIO 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.stambroseymouth.ca/>

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.

WEDNESDAY MASS/ADORATION/CONFESSION:

For a time, people seeking confession had been asked to book confession appointments because of COVID. That has now been changed. I (Fr. Henry) will be hearing confessions from 9:30 to 10:30 after mass on Wednesdays. During that time, I will also be exposing the Blessed Sacrament for a time of adoration for those who want to stay. At the end of mass after Communion, you can either leave if you wish, or go back to your seats. Those at the front of the church will go first to confession and we will work our way to the back. NO LINE UPS PLEASE. For someone who works and is not able to attend, please book an appointment with me. You can contact me through email (preferably) or call the office. Fr. Henry

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday July 13th, 2021 all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:30pm general meeting.

MASS INTENTIONS-June 27th – July 4th, 2021

Sun. June 27 10am Parishioners
Wed. June 30 9am Allen Boudreau and Olive & Alfred Pothier & Family
Sat. July 3 4pm George Cottreau and Donna Lloy
Sun. July 4 9am Parishioners
Sun. July 4 10am (Melbourne) Agnes Doucette
Sun. July 4 11am Mary Rose Doucette and Special Intentions

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 the weekend at the Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am or 11:00 am mass on a rotating basis. 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.stambroseymouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57