



**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary  
Time  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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next scheduled mass is always posted on our website's main page. If you want to watch, go to our web site at [www.stambrosearmouth.ca](http://www.stambrosearmouth.ca) or go to our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57](http://www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57)

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**REFLECTIONS: Seeing Christ in Others**



Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So, he

was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. Jesus' encounter with His own kin in His own town was disappointing. They were amazed at His wisdom and the mighty deeds He performed. But despite this amazement at Him they "took offense at Him." They took offense because they didn't understand how someone whom they knew well, one of their own kin, could be someone special. They allowed their closeness and familiarity with Jesus to cloud their ability to have faith in Him and to rejoice in His greatness. We do not have this same struggle in a direct way. None of us are from Jesus' own town or members of His extended family by blood relations. But we can still fall into the trap of turning Jesus away as He is present in those closest to us, within own family and among close friends. This struggle that Jesus encountered reveals our tendency to look at those closest to us without the eyes of faith. Though Jesus was falsely judged, we can, at times, enter into judgment of those close to us on account of their sins or even our false perception of their good actions. Are you able to see others in the light of truth? Are you also able to look beyond the weakness and sins of others and see the presence and grace of God alive in their lives? Are you able to see their goodness and allow God to speak to you through those closest to you? This can be more of a struggle than we may realize. If it happened to Jesus, it will happen in our

families too. The lesson we should learn from this is to identify the temptation to see only the negative in the lives of those closest to us. If we can overcome that temptation, we will be able to focus in on the presence of God alive in their lives. This should be the first and primary thing we seek to discover each and every day.

Reflect, today, upon how well you do see God present in those closest to you. If you find you struggle with that, see it as a temptation you are called to overcome. Discovering the presence of God alive in those around you will help you to grow in love of them and love of God.

*Lord, help me to see You in the lives of those closest to me. Help me to rejoice in Your presence and to grow in love of other and in love of You as I see You at work in their lives. Jesus, I trust in You.*

~My Catholic Life

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** Imagine your anger to be a



kind of wild beast, because it has ferocious teeth and claws, and if you don't tame it, it will devastate all things, even corrupting the soul. – St. John Chrysostom

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS:** Archbishop



Brian Joseph Dunn and Father Henry Smolenaars will celebrate St. Ambrose Catholic Women's League 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FOOD BANK:** The weekend of July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:**



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

**Congratulations to all 2021 Graduates.** Especially Adam Box & Chase Deviller who were each awarded a \$500 Council 2181 bursary and Allison Randall won a provincial Simon J. Khatter Scholarship of \$1000.

**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



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Addison Wesley Spinney and Gordon Brush. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO SAINT**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



**WELCOME BACK!** In recent weeks, our churches have slowly begun opening once again for in-person Masses. We are grateful for the hard work and vigilance of our clergy, parish staff, volunteers and all parishioners to keep one another safe while continuing to boldly witness God's goodness in our local Church. ~Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth

**MASS INTENTIONS- July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- 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
- Wed. July 7 9am CWL Sick & Shut-ins and Mervin Wagner
- Sat. July 10 4pm Kenneth Bourque and Stan Bishara Jr.
- Sun. July 11 9am Dorothy Cook and Paul Hubbard
- Sun. July 11 10am (Melbourne) Lawrence Clairmont
- Sun. July 11 11am Parishioners

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