



## July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Pastor:** Fr. Henry Smolenaars  
**Fr. Henry Email:** frhenrys@gmail.com  
**Hospital Chaplain:** Fr. Wieslaw Papuga  
**Priest on Call:** 902-746-8233 (Emergencies and Sacrament of the sick)  
**Office hours:** Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm  
**Church email :** stambrosemail@gmail.com  
**Bulletin email:** stambrosebulletin1@gmail.com  
**Tabitha Centre:** 902-742-8960  
**Confession/Adoration** Wednesday 7:00-8:00

### MASS INTENTIONS – July 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

**Sat. 4 pm** Anniv. Stanley & Paula Bishara  
**Sun. 9am** Isabelle MacPhee  
**Sun. 11:15am** Parishioners  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Anniv. Richard LeBlanc  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Mary Murchland  
**Thurs. 9 am** Dennis Frotten  
**Fri. 9 am** Special Intentions  
**Sat. 4 pm** Parishioners  
**Sun. 9am** John Lombard  
**Sun. 11:15am** Donnie Michaels

#### Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

**Sun. 10 am July 6** Bernouf Gordon  
**Sun. 10 am July 13** Enos Jacquard

**RFLECTION:** **The Apostolic Mission** At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. Jesus had many followers who were deeply devoted to Him, abandoning everything to serve Him and to cooperate in the fulfillment of His mission. Oftentimes we give most of our attention to the Twelve Apostles when we speak of Jesus’ first followers. But in today’s Gospel,

Jesus sent seventy-two disciples to go forth to all the towns that He would soon visit. Think about that for a moment. Seventy-two is quite a few people. These would not have been casual followers of Jesus. Rather, they clearly were people who were all in and fully committed to Christ. To them, Jesus entrusted the mission of preaching and gave them authority over demons. Try to imagine organizing and sending forth seventy-two different people. Jesus would have come to know these disciples personally, witnessed their faith firsthand, taught them at length, and recognized that they were ready to fulfill His sacred mission. We should also presume that there were many others who were His faithful followers but were not yet ready to be entrusted with divine authority and sent on a mission. Thus, the movement that Jesus started was truly transforming for many people during those first years of His public ministry. The same is true for us today. Jesus is not finished sending missionaries on mission. He continues to gather a vast army of servants whom He calls close to Himself, with whom He establishes a very personal relationship, teaches, forms, bestows with special graces and charisms, and then sends forth to continue His apostolic work. Are you among those who are ready to be sent forth by our Lord? One way to test your readiness for the mission of Christ is to consider the command that Jesus gave to these seventy-two. He said in part, “Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.” In other words, our Lord was telling them that His mission required sacrifice, courage, trust in divine providence, and single-minded determination. His mission is not for the casual follower. It’s for those who are serious about their faith and do not hesitate to do all they need to do to get ready to fulfill Jesus’ divine command. Reflect, today, upon whether you are ready to fulfill the apostolic mission Jesus wants to entrust to you. Are you willing to sacrifice everything for this mission? Are you courageous enough to do whatever He calls you to do? Do you trust that God will provide for you so that you can accomplish the task He has given to you? And are you single-minded and fully determined? Do not hesitate. Place yourself at the service of our Lord and await His glorious calling in your life. *My glorious Lord,*

*You have called countless people to Yourself, formed them by Your grace, bestowed Your gifts upon them and sent them forth to touch many minds and hearts. Please use me, dear Lord, to accomplish the task that You wish to entrust to me. Form me, use me and send me forth as You have done with countless others before me. Jesus, I trust in You.*  
-My Catholic Life

**FOOD BANK:** This weekend July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC:** This year, we are trying something different. We will be having an outdoor mass at 10:00 am on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> at Ellenwood Lake Provincial Park located 1888 Mood Road in Deerfield. Following this mass will be a barbecue which will be cooked by the Knights of Columbus with the food being supplied by the parish. To do this, we will be canceling both the 9 am and 11:15 am masses at Saint Ambrose that morning. For those who would not like to attend at Ellenwood, there is still the 4:00 pm mass at St. Ambrose on Saturday and the 10:00 am mass on Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes in Melbourne. There will be sign-up sheets at the entrance of the Church for the next few weeks for those who wish to attend so we know how much food is needed for Barbecuing and if you wish you can bring a salad or sweet to share. This is a community building event meant to help us get to know one another better. Please remember to bring a chair. Fr. Henry



**RELICS OF ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE:** Will be visiting here at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral on Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.



**3:00 pm -Exposition of the relic of St. Andre Bessette**

**3:30 pm -Glorious Mysteries of Rosary**

**4:00 pm -Holy Mass**

**4:45 pm -Veneration of the Relic and Blessings with the Oil of St. Joseph**

Saint André Bessette, also known as Brother André, was a lay brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and is a significant figure in the Catholic Church, particularly among French Canadians. He was

canonized a saint in 2010. St. André was known for his devotion to Saint Joseph and was believed to have interceded in many miraculous healings. To learn more about St. André visit: [holycrosscongregation.org/holy-ones/st-andre-bessette](http://holycrosscongregation.org/holy-ones/st-andre-bessette)

### WHAT IS CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD?

Children’s Liturgy is about breaking open the Word of God for young people. The Liturgy of the Word for Children is not “Sunday school” or a catechetics class. Rather, the Liturgy of the Word for Children is a component of the ritual prayer of Mass just as it is for adults. We want to thank those who have assisted in this important ministry during the past nine months during the 11:15 Mass. We will be resuming in September. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call the office and leave your contact information. A member of the team will call you to discuss and provide training.

### KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Tuesday, **July 8<sup>th</sup>. Executive meeting** at 6:00 pm; **General meeting** at 7:30pm. **4<sup>th</sup> Degree:** There will be no meetings for the months of July and August. Monthly meetings will resume in September. **July 19 the Knights will be having a breakfast in conjunction with the Yarmouth Car Show at the Knights of Columbus building from 8.30 to 11.30. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

### QUOTES OF THE WEEK: -We manifest our love for



God in our observance of his commandments and in our readiness to obey, even his smallest decree.  
-St. Anthony Zaccaria

-If we wish to learn the art of living well, let us not follow the crowd, which only believes and values what is seen. Instead let us follow Christ.  
-St. Robert Bellarmine

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The office will be closed on Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Staff will be away with the youth at the Steubenville Atlantic Youth conference in Halifax. Please keep all the participants in your prayers!