



## July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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### MASS INTENTIONS – July 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Sat. 4 pm Parishioners**  
**Sun. 9am John Lombard**  
**Sun. 11:15am Donnie Michaels**  
**Tues. 6:30 pm Viola Lombard**  
**Wed. 6:30 pm Anna & Charlie MacIsaac**  
**Thurs. 9 am Alex McIntosh**  
**Fri. 9 am Evelyn Muise**  
**Sat. 4 pm Marie Fitzgerald**  
**Sun. 9am Parishioners**  
**Sun. 11:15am Richard Robicheau**

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

**Sun. 10 am July 13 Enos Jacquard**  
**Sat. 6 pm July 19 Pauline Cotteau**

**REFLECTION:** The True Nature of Love “*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.*” A scribe asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asked the scribe what the Law of Moses taught. The above line was the scribe’s response. He was essentially quoting [Deuteronomy 6:4](#), which was a common prayer prayed by the Jews and seen as a summary of the entire Law of Moses as found

in the Ten Commandments. Notice that this summary of the Law does not present a negative prohibition such as “Thou shalt not...” Instead, it is a positive command stating, “Thou shalt love...” Love is the fulfillment of the Law of the Old Testament, as well as the fulfillment of the New Law of Christ. When we love God with our whole being, that love overflows upon all of God’s creatures, including our neighbor. In this Gospel, the scribe goes on to ask Jesus who His neighbor is. Jesus responds by telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In that parable, there was a man beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. A priest and a Levite passed by and ignored the man. But a Samaritan passed by and took care of the man, bringing him to an inn and vowing to pay for his recovery. The story concludes by the Samaritan being identified as the one who acted as a neighbor to the victim. Traditionally, the victim of the robbers in this story has been seen as Adam. Adam represents fallen humanity. The Samaritan represents Jesus who cared for fallen humanity, healed us of sin and provided for our every need. Therefore, according to this parable, Jesus has acted as a neighbor to us, and we must love Him as we love ourselves. But Jesus also says, “Go and do likewise.” This is a commission to fallen humanity, now healed of sin, to go forth to others, acting as Jesus Himself, bringing the healing grace they have been given and bestowing it upon others generously. Sometimes we can see love as a feeling or emotion. Though love is often accompanied by certain emotions and feelings, love is much more. It is an action. In this parable, if the Samaritan simply looked upon the victim and felt sorry for him, had compassion for him but then moved on, he would not have shown love. The love of charity is an action and requires much of us. If we are to fulfill this first and greatest commandment of love of God and neighbor, then we cannot wait until we feel like loving to act. Instead, we must act now and not hesitate. This is love. Reflect, today, upon the true nature of love. Love, in its most elevated form, is the choice to do what is best for others—to help free them from sin and to be an instrument of God’s providence in their lives. It’s a participation in the very love that God has shown us in Christ Jesus by giving His life for our salvation. We are all called to devote ourselves to this same form of selfless and

sacrificial love. Doing so is a requirement for the glorious sharing in eternal life. *My loving Lord, You have given everything to fallen humanity. You have freed us from sin and provided for all of our needs. You have acted as a true neighbor in every way. Please give me the grace I need to imitate You and to participate in the love You have for others. May I truly act and never hesitate to bestow on others the charitable love to which I am called. Jesus, I trust in You.*  
-My Catholic Life

### **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC:** Once again, 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:** 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 11:00. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

### **QUOTES OF THE WEEK:** The more I follow Him



without fear, the more he will protect me. The more I do His will, the more he will prove his love for me. -St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

### **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!



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
Bernard George Comeau  
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.