



July 30th, 2023
11th Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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MASS INTENTIONS –July 29th– August 6th 2023

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Lou Lesser
Sun. 9am Terry Doucette
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Anniv. Edward Robicheau
Wed. 6:30 pm Anniv. Sandra M. Surette
Thurs: 9 am Anniv. Leo Mooney
Fri. 9 am Anniv. Madelyn Doucette
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9 am Joseph L., Michael J. and Joseph W. Maloney
Sun. 11:15 am Lois Armstrong

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sat. 6 pm July 29 Dennis Fitzgerald
Sat. 6 pm August 5 Arthur Muise

REFLECTION: **Joy and Judgment** “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full, they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”



This parable is the third of three parables Jesus tells in a row. The first compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a “treasure buried in a field.” When a person finds it, they sell everything they have so as to buy that field. The second parable likens the Kingdom of Heaven to a merchant who is in search of fine pearls. “When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.” In both of these parables, the discovery of the Kingdom of Heaven is a great joy. The person discovering the treasure or the pearl is so elated that he is willing to trade all that he has so as to obtain it.

The third of these three parables, however, is much different. In this case, the Kingdom of Heaven is likened to a net that gathers all people at the end of the age and separates them, the good from the bad. The parable then concludes with a frightening image. The wicked will be thrown “into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.” In the end, for those who enter the glories of Heaven, there will be unending joy. And this fact must be understood so as to draw us into those riches of grace. Anticipation of such a gift should motivate us to diligently seek out the many graces our Lord wishes to bestow upon us. But sometimes we need a bit more of a nudge. We can easily become complacent in our life of faith and our search for God’s will. For that reason, Jesus includes the third parable, outlining the consequences some will endure at the end of time. Though it might not be a happy thought, it is a holy thought because it reveals God’s definitive justice and judgment at the end of time. Do you believe in the Justice of God? Do you believe that He will exact definitive judgment upon those who reject His holy will in this life? Do you believe that Hell is real and is a possibility for us all? If this thought is difficult to accept, then it might be worth further prayerfully pondering this third parable. Justice and judgment are real. If we are not fully motivated in life to diligently seek out the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven, then we should at least honestly face the reality of the consequences that await. Reflect, today, upon the glory, beauty and splendor of God. Try to put your eyes of faith upon the Treasure of the Kingdom of Heaven. Allow this prayerful meditation to inspire you to make obtaining the Kingdom of Heaven your sole mission in life. But if you struggle with this joyous discovery, then do not

hesitate to reflect upon the potential consequences. The Lord speaks of these consequences of God’s justice and judgment for our good so as to keep them from becoming our reality. *My just Judge, You see all things and know all things. You know my heart through and through. Please cleanse me of every sin and all complacency in life. Fill me with a holy zeal for Your Kingdom. May the joy of the discovery of You fully motivate me to remain diligent in my journey to Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.* -My Catholic Life

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday August 8th, all members invited
 6:00pm executive meeting, 7:30pm
 general meeting

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: If we truly think of Christ as



our source of holiness, we shall refrain from anything wicked or impure in thought or act and thus show ourselves to be worthy bearers of his name. -St. Gregory of Nyssa

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be



held August 3rd 2023 at Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!

FROM THE ARCHIVES: **St. Ambrose a 100 Years**

ago, in 1923 a new weekly diocesan paper, The Gazette, was being promoted as the “Official Organ of the Archdiocese”, replacing the previous monthly “Cross”. “It strives to be as newsy as possible in local matters and of course it is understood that its editor welcome at any time, items of interest from each and every parish in the Diocese”. On March 16, 1923 it was announced that Mr. Hugh Fraser was delayed in arriving from Annapolis Royal to begin a house-to-house canvas to obtain

subscribers to The Gazette due to snowy roads. He eventually received 30 subscribers, 24 at \$2 each and 6 at \$1. {\$2 in 1923 would be approximately \$35 today}

FOOD BANK: Next weekend, August 5th- 6th, is our



turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be on hand before all the masses to receive the donations.

FRIENDS OF MARY: The Friends of Mary are

collecting greeting cards for Yarmouth Life Skills. They use the cards to make gift tags. You can help by saving your cards. We will collect them a few times a year. Look for a notice in the fall for our first collecting date.



Please welcome into our Christian community
 Thomas Everett Axworthy who was baptised on
 Sunday July 23rd, 2023.

Please keep Thomas and his family in your
 prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and
 friends of
 Barbara Elizabeth Smith and Cory Michael
 Amirault
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let
 perpetual light shine upon them.