



**17th Sunday of Ordinary
Time
July 24th, 2022**

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MASS INTENTIONS –July 23rd – 31st 2022

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4pm Anniv. Victor Amirault and Special Intentions
Sun. 9am Intentions of Deacon Bruce Hubbard and Ray Miller
Sun. 11am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30pm Joel Armstrong and Shirley Saulnier
Wed. 6:30 pm Anniv. Lou Lesser and Emiline Habib
Thurs: 9 am Terry Muise and Gerald Amirault
Fri. 9 am Alfred & Olive Pothier and Victor D. McGuire
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9 am Delby & Louise Saulnier and Int. Harriet Gallant
Sun. 11 am Marjorie LeBlanc and Alyre Comeau

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am July 24th Donald Surette
Sun. 10 am July 31st Gertrude Surette

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Thursday at 9 am and on the weekend at the Saturday 4pm and Sunday at 11 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.stambroseyarmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel

www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: The future of humanity, as St. John Paul II often said, passes through the family. The future passes through the family. So, protect your families! Protect your families! See in them your country's greatest treasure and nourish them always by prayer and the grace of the sacraments. -Pope Francis



PARISH PICNIC: A parish picnic is happening on Sunday, July 31st at Ellenwood Park from 11 AM to 2 PM, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The food will be provided for by the Knights and the Parish. Bring your families and children, there will be games for all ages. Because we need to be able to plan for how much food to have on hand, we need to have a sign-up sheet. Kindly sign in the sheet at the entrance of the church and indicate the number of people per family that will be attending the picnic. We look forward to seeing you for the BBQ. Participants are asked to bring their own lawn chairs to sit in.



DO YOU HAVE FAMILY THAT HAVE LEFT THE CHURCH: Do you want to learn more about how to approach family and friends who have drifted away from the Church or who have never had a faith life? The diocese wants to help in teaching parishioners how to evangelize. Click on the link below to sign up and learn. <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/invite>

REFLECTION: Praying for the Will of God "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."



If we were to take this statement of Jesus in a very literal way, we could easily conclude that Jesus will give us anything we ask for in a prayerful way. But we know this is not what happens. Perhaps everyone has prayed hard for this or that and the request was not answered in the way we wanted. Why is that? Did we simply fail to pray with faith? Will Jesus do whatever we ask of Him when we pray for it with all our might? Certainly not.

This passage goes on to say, "If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" Within this context, and within the context of everything that Jesus has taught us, it's important to know that there is one thing and one thing only for which we ought to pray. And when we pray for this one thing, we can be assured of obtaining it when we pray for it in faith. What is that one thing? It's the will of God.

If we sincerely and wholeheartedly ask for and seek the will of God, we can be certain that our Lord will give us the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit will, in turn, lead us into the will of God for our lives. The problem is that too often we end up praying that "MY will be done" rather than "THY will be done." This is an important difference. True prayer is ultimately about trust and surrender to God. We trust in His perfect plan and surrender to that perfect plan in our lives. When we do this, we can be assured that the Lord will hear and answer this perfect prayer.

Reflect, today, upon that simple prayer in the Lord's Prayer: *Thy will be done!* Strive to trust in God's perfect plan for your life and do all you can to surrender to it. With this form of prayer, we can be assured that the Holy Spirit will come to us, leading us into His holy will.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Jesus, I trust in You. ~ My Catholic Life

FRANCISCAN AT HOME: Do you want to learn more about our Catholic faith from the comfort of your home and on your own timetable? Saint Ambrose Parish in partnership with the Franciscan University of Steubenville is now offering **FRANCISCAN AT HOME** - Online learning at your convenience.

There is no cost to participate and all courses are self paced. Numerous courses are available, including Four Pillars of the Catechism, Eucharistic Renewal, Forming Faith at Home and many



others. You can complete a course, or just take individual workshops depending on your interests. You can view a sample at: <https://franciscanathome.com/sample-workshop> For more information or instruction on how-to sign-up email us at christlife.yarmouth@gmail.com

COFFEE SOCIALS BEGINNING AGAIN: We are starting up our coffee socials once a month to begin with. The first social will be this weekend July 23rd/24th weekend. Please come and help us drink the coffee. The social will take place the third Sunday of each month.



CEMETERY GRAVESTONES: A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for taking on the task of straightening gravestones in Our Lady of Calvary Cemetery. This is an ongoing project they have taken on, which will take some time to complete. Thank you for helping to make this cemetery safe and look better. Fr. Henry

ULTREYA! ULTREYA! ULTREYA! The Yarmouth Area Cursillo Movement will be starting Ultreyas on September 1st, 2022 and each 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm in Marian Hall at St. Ambrose Parish. Feel free to bring a friend who might be interested in the Cursillo Movement to experience an Ultreya. Public Health recommendations will be in place. De colores!!

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: August 7th - 12th at Johnston Christian Park, South Range, Digby County. Camp cost is \$225.00. Please call the office at 902-742-7151 if you would like more information. It's the last week to register!





Please welcome into our Christian community - Anne Vilma Dubè who was baptised on Sunday July 17th, 2022.

Anne and her family in your prayers.