



July 27th, 2025 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – July 26th – August 3rd 2025

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Anniv. Madeline Nixon
Sun. 10 am Parishioners (Mass at Ellenwood Park)
Tues. 6:30 pm Edgar Amirault
Wed. 6:30 pm Sandy Fevens
Thurs. 4 pm Mass (St. Andre Bessette)
Fri. 9 am Marie Surette
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Yvonne Eldridge
Sun. 11:15 am Anniv. Leo Mooney

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am July 27 Melissa Holly Burke (LeBlanc)
Sun. 10 am Aug. 3 Gertrude Surette

RFLECTION: Learning to Pray Jesus was praying in



a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.” In today’s Gospel we are given three teachings on prayer. First, Jesus teaches His disciples what has come to be called “The Lord’s Prayer.” Second, He teaches about the importance of persistence in prayer. Third, He teaches about the fruit that comes from correct and persistent prayer. The Church Father Tertullian

said that The Lord’s Prayer “is truly the summary of the whole Gospel.” Saint Augustine said, “Run through all the words of the holy prayers [in Scripture], and I do not think that you will find anything in them that is not contained and included in the Lord’s Prayer.” Saint Thomas Aquinas said, “The Lord’s Prayer is the most perfect of prayers.... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired” (See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2761–2763). It’s amazing to consider what these great teachers of the faith have said about this short prayer. Perhaps because of our familiarity with this prayer we can easily gloss over the depth of its meaning. We can fail to use it as a foundation and model for all of our prayer. One way to correct this tendency is to use The Lord’s Prayer for an extended period of time by prayerfully pondering every word slowly and meditatively. Doing so will help open us up to these perfect “instructions” on how we should pray. Immediately after Jesus taught this short prayer, He taught a lesson about persistence in prayer. He taught that we must not simply say a few prayers and leave it at that, giving up if they do not appear to be answered. Instead, we must continuously beg God for His grace until it is bestowed in its fullness. What will we receive from persistent prayer? This is an important point. We ought not go to God with our own wants and desires. We ought not beg Him for things that do not fall within His perfect will. Instead, when our prayer is modeled on the Lord’s Prayer, and when it is persistent and grounded in faith, then our prayer will be for what the Father bestows upon us, that is His will alone. We must pray that His Kingdom will come. We must trust that He will provide for our needs. We must seek His forgiveness for our sins, and we must pray that He will protect us from the evil one. Reflect, today, upon that perfect prayer, The Lord’s Prayer. Spend time studying it, thinking about each petition, the order in which Jesus laid it out, its simplicity and its clarity. Acknowledge that because we pray The Lord’s Prayer so often, we can sometimes miss its true meaning and beauty. Our Lord gave us this prayer for a reason. Make sure that you do all you can to discover its meaning and practice its teaching. *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. Amen. Jesus, I trust in You.
-My Catholic Life

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be held August 7th, 2025 in Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting: will be held on Tuesday August 12, 2025 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, all members are invited. Executive meeting at 6.00pm; General meeting at 7.30

RELICS OF ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE: Will be visiting here at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral on Thursday July 31st, 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

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!

DECREE OF NULLITY: "The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth invites people with questions or concerns about the application for nullity process to contact

the Marriage Tribunal Office. The office is open and ready to assist anyone who seeks additional information or guidance in how to begin the process. We can be reached by phone at 902-429-9800 ext. 321 or please visit the "Marriage Tribunal" on the Archdiocesan website www.halifaxyarmouth.org under "Pastoral Services".

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: -The past is no longer yours; the future is not yet your power. You have only the present wherein to do good.
-St. Alphonsus Liguori
-What is impossible to God? Not that which is difficult to his power, but that which is contrary to his nature. -St. Ambrose of Milan

PARISH SECRETARY - Paroisse Notre-Dame de l'Assomption -The parish is looking for a part-time secretary. 9a.m. to 2p.m. Tuesday to Friday. Duties include - typing and printing church bulletins, managing mass schedules and coordinating priest schedules, answering phones, checking emails and relaying messages to the appropriate staff member, printing baptismal and marriage certificates, keeping parish registers up to date, ordering candles, church envelopes, hosts, wine and other necessary supplies, keeping in contact with all committee members and attending monthly Pastoral committee meetings. Proficiency in the French language is required. To apply please send your resume at nda@eastlink.ca or call 902-648-2315.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Arnold Robert Garron, Catherine Dorothy Bourque
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.