



1st Sunday of Advent November 28th & 29th, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS—November 28th-December 6th, 2020

Sat.	Nov. 28	4pm	Anniv. Mary Cameron and Donna Lloy
	Nov. 29	9am	Parishioners
Sun.	Nov. 29	10am (Melbourne)	For all fishermen
	Nov. 29	11am	Gregoria Sayat and Eric Geis
Wed.	Dec. 2	9am	Anniv. Delby & Louise Saulnier and Jaimie McDonnell
Sat.	Dec. 5	4pm	Edward Deveau and Ellie Robichaud
Sun.	Dec. 6	9am	Agnes Hurlburt and Ernie & Madelyn Landry
	Dec. 6	10am (Melbourne)	Celeste Muise
	Dec. 6	11am	Parishioners

Please note we will not be carrying the gifts for the offertory until further notice.

Please note: The weekday Mass will be cancelled in the event of a funeral Mass. The Mass intention scheduled for that day will be offered at a later date.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Be submissive to good, unbending to evil, gentle in generosity, untiring in love, just in all things. ~St. Columban

MASS SIGNUP: If you would like to attend mass, we ask you to please call the parish office between the hours of 9:30 to 1:00 Monday to Friday to register.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am and on

the weekend at the Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am or 11:00 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.stambrosearmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

EMAIL TRANSFERS: are available. Please send to stambrosemail@gmail.com Please add your envelope number or personal information for income tax purposes. Please notify the office of the password if one is used.

MISSALS: The Living Faith yearly missals are ready for pickup at the parish office for \$5.00 each. For those who may have forgotten to order we have extras available. The word Among us daily missals are also available for November and December for \$3.00 each.

REFLECTIONS: Advent Begins! First Sunday of Advent



"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." "Be watchful! Be alert!" [Mark 13:33a](#)

Advent begins with a call to vigilance as reflected in the passages above. There are numerous Scripture passages that call us to this vigilance and anticipation of the Lord's coming; these are only a few. Being vigilant means, also, that we are prepared. We are not caught off guard. Imagine if Christmas morning came and you woke up suddenly realizing that you forgot to prepare! Imagine if you had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made. Of course, you wouldn't allow that to happen, but we do sometimes allow it to happen spiritually speaking. We often are not prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ within our hearts.

The first week of Advent also offers the focus of the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will return again, in all splendor and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for the preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming.

As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready you are for Jesus' coming. Are you preparing for it with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc.? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis?

If you find that you are not as prepared for His return in glory as you'd like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.

Lord, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

COVID-19 MASK WEARING: Some parishioners have been asking what is the appropriate mask that one should wear to attend mass in the church. The following link: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/masks/#Choosimg> and the following link regards the use of face shields. <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/masks/#:~:text=Your%20mask%20can%20be%20a,the%20spread%20of%20COVID%2D19.>

FOOD BANK: the weekend of December 5th & 6th is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.


CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: the Christmas mass schedule for this year has yet to be determined. We will let you know as soon as one is available!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday December 8th, 2020 all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:00pm general meeting. Please note there will be no supper at this time. **4th Degree** meeting will be December 15th at 7:00 pm all members are invited.



CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR BISHOPS: In light of the most recent COVID-19 precautions announced yesterday afternoon for the Halifax Regional Municipality, we have adjusted our planned celebrations for November 27th and December 8th at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Due to these new restrictions, we will have a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Archbishop Emeritus Anthony Mancini and the Succession of Archbishop Brian Joseph Dunn as the 2nd Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth on November 27th at 12:15pm, livestreamed from the Cathedral. On December 8th at 12:15pm Archbishop Dunn will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a Mass, livestreamed from Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. This Mass will also commemorate our 9th anniversary of becoming the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. All are invited to join in the celebration this Friday by livestream. The link will be available on the diocesan website or [click here](#) if reading this on your computer.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Richard Jerome Thibeau and Crystal Lynn Foote
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP IS COMING TO ST. AMBROSE ... MAYBE:

His Grace Archbishop Brain Dunn will be here to celebrate mass on December 6th at 11:00am to celebrate his becoming our new Archbishop. This mass will be live streamed for those who cannot attend because of COVID-19 restrictions. PLEASE NOTE: This mass may still get cancelled because of the new upcoming COVID-19 restrictions.