



**1st Sunday of Advent
November 27th & 28th,
2021**

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Reconciliation/confession is held on Wednesday
 after mass from 9:30 until 10:30 or by appointment
 if you work and are unable to make this time. To
 book a time, email Fr. Henry or call the office.


MASS INTENTIONS - Nov. 27th – Dec. 5th, 2021

Sat. 4pm Richard Thibeau and Eleanor Brooks
Sun. 9am Florence & Forman Surette and Seretha
 Maclsaac
Sun. 10am (Melbourne) Olive DeViller
Sun. 11am Parishioners
Wed. 6:30pm Donald Parnell and Mary Cameron
Thurs. 9am Greg & Barb Deveau and Victor Amirault
Sat. 4pm Anniv. Jamie McDonnell and Doris Fitzgerald
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 10am (Melbourne) Intentions of Alden Maillet
Sun. 11am Hector D'Eon and Marilyn & Earl Goudey


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.


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.stambroseyarmouth.ca or go
 to our YouTube channel
[www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?
 view=57](http://www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57)


QUOTES OF THE WEEK: In the twilight of life, God
 will not judge us on our earthly possessions
 and human successes, but on how well we
 have loved. ~St. John of the Cross

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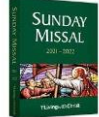
FOOD BANK: Next weekend December 4th & 5th is
 our turn to support the Yarmouth Food
 Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary
 donations are appreciated.

CATECHISM CLASSES: Parents have been
 wondering what is going on with "Sunday
 school". We are delaying classes until January 9th
 because of COVID. Registration will take place
 during the month of November. Please stop by the
 parish office during office hours to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: A donation has
 been made to the Knights of Columbus
 Charitable Foundations on behalf of The
 Widows Assembly 1428 Yarmouth and
 Tusket in remembrance of Brother
 Knights at Christmas time.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS: CWL
 members can pay their dues by way of
 the church collection. Enclose in a
 plain envelope with CWL marked on
 the outside, and your information
 along with \$22.00 inside. The
 December meeting will be held on Saturday,
 December 4th at 1pm. Members are asked to bring

homemade cookies that will be used to make
 Christmas boxes for our sick and shut ins. A small
 social will also take place during this time.

LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS: The yearly missals
 are available for \$6.00. Advent
 Reflection booklets are available for
 \$2.00 and the Word Among us Missals
 are available for \$3.00.

**REFLECTIONS: Advent Begins! "Be vigilant at all
 times and pray."**



Advent begins with a call to
 vigilance as reflected in the passage
 above. There are numerous Scripture passages that
 call us to this vigilance and anticipation of the Lord's
 coming. 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.*

PROLIFE CALENDARS: The 2022 Prolife Cash
 Calendars are now available to purchase at the
 parish centre office. The purchase of your prolife
 calendar supports the educational projects of the
 Respect Life Centre and the prolife activities of other
 organizations in Nova Scotia. Your \$20.00 cost not
 only supports prolife works but also gives you a
 chance to win. There are 16 draws of \$250.00
 throughout the year. You can also call Coleen
 Murphy 902-774-4924 to purchase your calendars.

**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS: Healing
 and Reconciliation** Marriage is a lifetime
 commitment; however, separation and divorce can
 occur resulting in wounds of stress and pain. The
 Catholic Church seeks to reach out to divorced
 people in an effort to help heal the wounds, while
 affirming its teaching on the permanence of
 marriage. Anyone interested can contact the
 marriage tribunal in the diocese where one lives.
 For more information, please view our website at
www.halifaxyarmouth/marriage-tribunal
 or
 contact: Cathy Targett:
ctargett@halifaxyarmouth.org or 902-429-9800
 ext. 321.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: The Christmas mass
 schedule has yet to be determined, we
 will post it as soon as it is available.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and
 friends of
 Garfield "Gary" Merle Allen
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual
 light shine upon him.