



November 27th, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS — Nov. 26th–Dec. 4th, 2022

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4pm Bert Surette and Chris Latter
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Anniv. Lawrence Muise and Jean Cottreau
Tues. 6:30pm Anniv. Mary Cameron and Troy Comeau
Wed. 6:30 pm Daniel Saulnier and Mariette Comeau
Thurs: 9 am Inten. Diane d'Entremont and Rose Deveau
Fri. 9 am Donald Parnell and Donald Moody
Sat. 4 pm Hector D'Eon and Doris Fitzgerald
Sun. 9 am John, Mary & Alexander Maclsaac and Sister
 Ricarda of Switzerland

Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am Nov. 27 For all fishermen
Sun. 10 am Dec. 4 Enos Jacquard

WHAT NAME DO YOU PUT ON YOUR DONATION CHECK?

Just to remind everyone, we now only have one account for the parish. When writing out a check for donations to any of the churches (St. Ambrose Cathedral/Our Lady of Lourdes), Tabitha Centre or cemeteries (Our lady of Calvary/Our Lady of Lourdes/St. Gabriel's/St.

Raphael) please, write them out to St. Ambrose Parish. Please put a note on the memo line the what the donation is intended for and we will make sure it is directed to the proper place.

REFLECTION: Wake Up! "Jesus said to his disciples:



"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man." [Matthew 24:37-39](#)

Are you awake? Spiritually speaking? As we begin the liturgical season of Advent, we are given the future coming of the Son of God to ponder. As this passage goes on, Jesus says, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

By the "day your Lord will come," we should understand three things. The first coming of Christ is obviously that which we most clearly ponder in Advent and Christmas. The unity of human nature with divine nature, in the Person of Jesus, is truly awe-inspiring. But that already took place long ago. Thus, a second coming of Christ that we must continually ponder is His coming by grace, every moment of every day of our lives, once we have chosen to freely give our lives over to His service, for His glory, in accord with His will. When we live with such an interior disposition by which we seek His ongoing "coming" by grace, then we will find that we need to continually "stay awake!" If we do not, then we can be certain that we will miss countless opportunities to become more united to Christ every day and to be used as an instrument of that very grace for His service and glory. If we do not diligently build a habit of becoming attentive to every prompting of grace in our lives, then we will, unquestionably, begin to become "drowsy" and will fall asleep, spiritually speaking.

A wonderful measure of our daily attentiveness to the innumerable gifts of grace given to us every day is to also consider how attentive we are to the final and glorious coming of Christ at the end of time. Just as Jesus explains, most people will pay little attention to this final coming, presuming it will not even be in their lifetimes. But if you have that

attitude, then you have completely missed the point. The point is preparedness—today, tomorrow and always. True preparedness for the final coming of Christ will not only help you enter the mysteries of these Advent and Christmas seasons by which we ponder the first coming of Christ, it will also help you form a habit of daily attentiveness to grace.

Reflect, today, upon how ready you are for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. Are you ready if Christ were to come today? If not, understand that a lack of preparedness for the final coming also means a lack of preparedness to celebrate His first coming at Christmas long ago, as well as His daily comings by grace. Prepare today. Do not wait. If you do, God will daily transform you in ways that are glorious beyond comprehension. -*My Catholic Life*

RECONCILIATION SERVICE:



There will be a reconciliation service Thursday December 8th at 6:30 pm here at St. Ambrose. Why not make this Christmas extra special with feeling the deep forgiveness this sacrament can give?

ENVELOPE USERS:



For those of you who have not picked up your box of donation envelopes 2023, you may do so as you enter the church. **Envelope user 335**, would you please contact the office so we can register your envelope for income tax purposes?

ADVENT CANDLES:



The parish office has limited numbers of Advent Candles. Anyone wishing to purchase them may do so at the parish office between the hours of 9:30 and 1:00 Monday to Friday.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:



We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another. - Teresa of Calcutta

SATURDAY MASS MUSIC MINISTRY:



Do you read music and play the keyboard or guitar? The Knights of Columbus choir are in need of an accompanist for the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass every 2nd week. If

interested or know of someone that would be interested, phone Gary Surette at 902-746-4446.

ULTREYA:



The next Yarmouth Area Ultreya will be December 1st at 7pm in the Marian Hall at St. Ambrose. Welcome to all!

EMAIL TRANSFERS:

are still available. Please send to stambrosemail@gmail.com Please add your envelope number or personal information for income tax purposes. Please email the office the password to the security question given at the time.

MISSALS:



If you are looking for The Living with Christ yearly missals, they are still available in the entrance of the church for \$6.00 each.

HOMELES IN YARMOUTH

One of the pastoral priorities of the diocese given by our Archbishop is to help the homelessness. In keeping with this, once again we are looking for items. If you want to help, here is a list of things needed that they often don't have money for. You can drop these items off at the parish center or leave them at the back of the church after weekend mass. Thanks for helping the less fortunate in our community. Fr. Henry.

Personal hygiene: shampoo, soap, body wash, deodorant, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, combs, sanitary pads/tampons.

Clothing: socks, underwear. Basic cleaning: all-purpose cleaner, dish detergent, bathroom cleaner, laundry soap.

Miscellaneous: toilet tissue, Kleenex, vouchers for a cup of coffee or a slice of pizza.

FOOD BANK:



This weekend, December 3rd & 4th 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ICON HERE:

An Icon of St. Joseph will be here at St. Ambrose on display on Wednesday evening during Confession/Adoration time. Just a reminder that we have Confession and Adoration every Wednesday if you want to spend some time with our Lord.