



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**November 30<sup>th</sup> & December**  
**1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

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**Reconciliation/confession** is available every Saturday 11 am-noon at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

**MASS INTENTIONS –November 30-December 8, 2019**

**Sat. 4pm** Chris Latter and Anniv. Hector d'Eon  
**6pm (Melbourne)** Phyllis Surette

**Sun. 9am** Parishioners  
**11:15am** Lawrence Muise and Louis & Celeste Doucette

**Mon.** No Mass

**Tues. 6:30pm** Marion Moody and Carole Nickerson

**Wed. 9am** John Maclaasac and Sister Ricarda

**Thur. 9am** No Mass

**Fri. 9am** Anniv. Robert White and Intentions of Garrett Murphy

**Sat. 4pm** Albert Bourque and Simon & Marie Belliveau  
**6pm (Melbourne)**

**Sun. 9am** Alexander & Mary Maclaasac and Special Intentions  
**11:15am** Parishioners

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS** in the offertory procession at a weekend Mass (if you are a family member of the person the Mass is for) please see the greeters **at least 20 minutes before Mass begins.**

*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.

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT:** Saint Ambrose is having their annual *Night of Joy Christmas concert* on Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.



**COFFEE SOCIALS:** The coffee socials will be held next weekend after the Saturday 4pm Mass and the Sunday 9am Mass. The pot luck is taking place on Sunday following the 11:15am Mass at the Parish Center Dining Hall. Please bring a dish to share with the community and bring a friend. The Knights of Columbus will be there to accept items.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:**



Tuesday **December 10<sup>th</sup>**, all members invited.  
5:30pm executive meeting  
6:30pm supper  
7:30pm general meeting

**Community Breakfast:** Sunday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9am -noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Adults -\$7.00 and children under 12 -\$3.50. Eat in or take out.

**Assembly 1428 meeting:** Tuesday **December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm. All members invited.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS:** Monday,



December 2, 2019 - 4:45 Christmas Pot luck supper social with an advent spiritual program. Bring an article for donation to Shyft and Juniper House such as mitts, hat, toiletries, cleaning supplies. Special guest, story teller Laurent d'Entremont will be with us. His latest book will be available to purchase. Bring a friend.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Anyone at St. Ambrose or



Our Lady of Lourdes wishing to donate towards Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one may do so at the office or you can put your donation in an envelope with your name and envelope number on it along with "in memory of \_\_\_\_\_" written on it and place it in the collection basket.

**CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR:** Christmas House Tour:



at the rectory of Ste-Anne Church, 7317 hwy 3, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau on Sunday, December 1, December 8 and December 15 from 3:00 – 8:00 pm; also on Thursday December 5 and December 12 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Come and celebrate the birth of Christ with us. Your donations will be used to construct a ramp.



Please welcome into our Christian community  
Wesley Charles Deveau  
who was baptised on Sunday November 24th,  
2019.  
Please keep Wesley and his family in your  
prayers.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** There will be



a reconciliation service on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm here at St. Ambrose. Why not make this Christmas extra special with feeling the deep forgiveness this sacrament can give?

**CHRISTMASS SCHEDULE:**

**December 24 – St. Ambrose**

4:00 pm Children's Mass  
7:00 pm  
10:00 pm

**December 24 – Our Lady of Lourdes**

8:00 pm

**December 25 – St. Ambrose**

10:00 am

**January 1 – St. Ambrose**

10:00 am



**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** Remember the past with



gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look to the future with confidence. \_ St. John Paul II

**FOOD BANK:** This weekend, November 30<sup>th</sup> and



December 1<sup>st</sup> is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.

**"REMEMBERING DECEMBERS":** The Yarmouth



Community Chorale, Band and Orchestra concerts are being held at Beacon United Church Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Adults \$15/Students \$5/Family \$30.

**LOOKING TO HIRE:** St. Ambrose is looking to hire someone to shovel and blow snow from the steps and walkways and to salt the parking lots with our tractor. The position requires the person to be available especially on weekends before masses and during the week days when there is snow and slippery conditions. Please see the office if you are interested.

**ULTREYA:** Our Ultreya gathering will be on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Marian Hall. Yarmouth is Hosting.

**THANK YOU:** To all those who came out to help make the Christmas Senior Supper a great success and a special thanks to Midge Rodgerson for making a delicious meal!

**REFLECTION:** This season of grace, Advent, calls us to "stay awake". This is not like the difficulty to stay awake when we are over tired, and 'nod off', perhaps in front of the television or during a meeting or class. Jesus calls us to "stay awake" to His presence, and the work of grace in, through, and around us. Our 'sleep' dulls our awareness of these realities, and we miss out on opportunities to share more deeply in the life of Christ, and to share that life with others. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves spiritually for the celebration of the birth of the Saviour. "Stay awake" means to spend each day in union with Christ, in particular in prayer, during these days, so that the gift we present to the Lord on December 25 is a renewed heart, mind and soul; a more united family; and a faith community that lives and witnesses more fully to the presence of the Lord. So ... "Stay awake!" — Fr. Paul Voisin

**ST. AMBROSE ANNUAL SKATE:** will be held on January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Yarmouth Mariner's Centre. It is free skate sponsored by the Knight's of Columbus Council 2181. Everyone is welcome!