



20th Sunday of Ordinary Time August 14th, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS –August 13th– 21st, 2022

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4pm Larry Burke and Clarence Surette
Sun. 9am Gary Greene and Julie Deveau
Sun. 11am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30pm Jane Bourque and Toni Belliveau
Wed. 6:30 pm Jean Bourque and Paula Bishara
Thurs: 9 am Roman & Stella LeBlanc and Pauline Blades
Fri. 9 am Residents & Caregivers of Arbours of Tranquility
 and Bernice Blades
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9 am Greg & Barb Deveau and Jennifer Crosby
Sun. 11 am Caroline Comeau and Intentions Jane Grant

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am Aug.14th Andrew Doucette
Sun. 10 am Aug. 21st No Mass

DO YOU HAVE FAMILY THAT HAVE LEFT THE CHURCH:

Do you want to learn more about how to approach family and friends who have drifted away from the Church or who have never had a faith life? The diocese wants to help in teaching parishioners how to evangelize. Click on the link below to sign up and learn. <https://www.halifaxarmouth.org/invite>

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Thursday at 9 am and on the weekend at the Saturday 4pm and Sunday at 11 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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:



Our wish, our object, our chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make his spirit, his devotion, his affections, his desires and his disposition live and reign there. -St. John Eudes

REFLECTION: The Blazing Fire of Faith



Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

This passage reveals two things to us. First, it reveals Jesus' intention to "set the earth on fire." Second, it reveals that He desires "it was already blazing."

What does it mean when Jesus says that He came to set the world on fire? Fire is a powerful image that offers much insight into the Christian life. First, fire consumes. So, it is with Christ. He came to consume us. He came to transform our little lives into blazing fires. This reveals that there is much potential in each one of our lives. We have potential to become something totally new if we allow the spark of grace to ignite our souls.

Fire also has the potential to make a difference. Its heat keeps us warm; its light allows us to see in darkness and its energy produces power in various ways to help us in our daily lives. So, it is with grace. God's grace transforms our cold hearts, leads us through the darkness of life and provides us with all we need to live productive lives.

It's interesting to note that Jesus did not only say that He came to set the world on fire; rather, He said that He wished it were already blazing. This desire of our Lord is an invitation to move out of a mediocre and lukewarm existence into a life of radical Christian living. We are not called to be partly transformed, or even mostly transformed. No, we are called to become blazing

fires of faith, transformed by God to make a true difference in the world!

Reflect, today, upon the fire within your own soul. How brightly is that fire burning? You need to feed that fire on a daily basis, fanning it into flame with complete commitment. Seek to become that blazing fire that the Lord desires of you and you will be amazed at how fully you can become transformed by grace.

Lord, set my heart on fire with the brightness of Your love and mercy. Help me to be open to the complete transformation of life that You desire of me. I give myself to You without reserve, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You. -My Catholic Life

FRANCISCAN AT HOME:

Do you want to learn more about our Catholic faith from the comfort of your home and on your own timetable? Saint Ambrose Parish in partnership with the Franciscan University of Steubenville is now offering **FRANCISCAN AT HOME** - Online learning at your convenience.

There is no cost to participate and all courses are self paced. Numerous courses are available, including Four Pillars of the Catechism, Eucharistic Renewal, Forming Faith at Home and many others. You can complete a course, or just take individual workshops depending on your interests. You can view a sample at:

<https://franciscanathome.com/sample-workshop>
 For more information or instruction on how-to sign-up email us at christlife.yarmouth@gmail.com

ULTREYA! ULTREYA! ULTREYA! The Yarmouth Area Cursillo Movement will be starting Ultras on September 1st, 2022 and each 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm in Marian Hall at St. Ambrose Parish. Feel free to bring a friend who might be interested in the Cursillo Movement to experience an Ultreya. Public Health recommendations will be in place. De Colores!!

APPRECIATION DAY: Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 14th. The Knights of Columbus Council #8988 is hosting a 'Special Day' for Bruce Muise to show appreciation for all Bruce has done for the Knights and our community as a whole. As many of you know Bruce will shortly begin his

journey to the priesthood. We will all wish him well at this time of his send off. Club Acadien, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, 1 to 3 p.m. – finger foods, tea, coffee and juice available. All are welcome!

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!

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR SALE:



rosaries, rosary bracelets, medals, First Communion cards, photo albums, Holy cards, children's books, bibles, etc... Drop in anytime during office hours.

PARISH LIBRARY:



Did you know we have a parish library in the Parish Center? We have many good books to choose from. Books on saints, spirituality, biographies and many other topics. Come and check out what we have and borrow one!

GOVERNMENT GRANT:

FYI: Did you know that we applied for and received a grant to renovate the men's washroom downstairs in the Parish Center? Work has begun and should be completed before September. Last year we did the Women's washroom. This was much needed and will make our facility more user friendly.

THE WORD AMONG US:



The September monthly Word Among Us missals are available for \$3.00 at the entrance of the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:



Monthly meeting: Executive Meeting on Tuesday September 13th at 5:30 pm, to be followed by a supper at 6:30 pm for a minimum cost of \$10.00 with the General Meeting to follow at 7:30 pm. All brother nights are cordially invited to attend the supper.