



**21st Sunday of Ordinary
Time
August 21st & 22nd, 2021**

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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

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REFLECTIONS: We Have Come to Believe



As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

As a result of what? As a result of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." The Eucharist was the deepest and most beautiful teaching Jesus had given, but for some it was more than they could handle. So many left Him. But this passage also reveals the beautiful faith of the Apostles, especially Peter.

First of all, Jesus does not back down in any way from His beautiful and very deep teaching on the Holy Eucharist. What He said He stands behind, namely, that "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you". He goes on to say, "For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink".

From there, Jesus turns to His disciples and gives them the freedom to accept or reject what He just taught. This freedom He gives to them is essential to them entering into authentic faith. If Jesus would have pressured or manipulated the disciples, it would have been hard for them to freely choose to accept Him and all He taught.

The same is true with us. Jesus does not require us to follow Him. He will not force or manipulate us into believing. He will not pressure us. Rather,

Jesus offers Himself and His teachings and invites us to believe.

Within this context, Peter makes a profound statement of faith. "Master, to whom shall we go?" In other words, Peter was saying, "Lord, even if the teaching is hard, and even if it is unpopular to follow you, and even if we must suffer, be rejected, be misunderstood...you are the best option." Think about it. What other option even comes close to the option of accepting the full and deep teachings of Jesus? Is it better to only take part of what He says? Doing that is a form of rejection of Him.

Peter gives us the witness of one who has come to believe that there is only one good option in life. That option is the choice to follow Jesus no matter what. Nothing in life is worth choosing over Christ. We should strive to discover this truth that He is the only one worth choosing.

Reflect, today, upon these words of Peter. "Lord, to whom shall we go?" Jesus is God, the Messiah and Savior. He has the words of everlasting life. He is the best "option" to choose. Say those words of Peter and, in saying them, make the choice to choose Him no matter how popular that choice is and no matter if others are making it. Going with the flow leads us down the wrong river. Making the right choice sets us on solid ground.

Lord, there is no place for me to go other than You and Your way. You are the Lord of all and You are the Messiah. I choose You and accept all that You have taught. Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus is Coming! "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

What if today is that day?! What if you knew that today was the day our Lord would return to Earth in all His splendor and glory to judge the living and the dead? Would you act differently? Most likely we all would. We'd probably contact as many people as we could and inform them of the imminent return of the Lord, go to confession and then spend the day in prayer.

But what would the ideal response be to such a question? If, by a special revelation from God, you were made aware of the fact that today was the day the Lord would return, what would the ideal response be? Some have suggested that the ideal response is that you go about your day as if it were any other day. Why? Because ideally, we are all

living every day as if it were our last and we are daily heeding the Scripture above. We strive, every day, to "stay awake" and be ready for our Lord's return at any moment. If we are truly embracing this Scripture, then it matters not if His return is today, tomorrow, next year or many years from now.

But this call to "stay awake" refers to more than just the final and glorious coming of Christ. It also refers to every moment of every day that our Lord comes to us by grace. It refers to every prompting of His love and mercy in our hearts and souls. It refers to His continuous gentle whispers calling us closer to Himself.

Are you attentive to Him coming to you in these ways every day? Are you attentive to the infinite number of ways He is seeking to enter your life more fully? Though we do not know the day on which our Lord will come in His final victory, we do know that every day and every moment of every day is a moment of His coming by grace. Listen for Him, be attentive, be watchful and stay awake!

Lord, help me to seek Your voice and be attentive to Your presence in my life. May I continuously be awake and ready to hear You when You call. Jesus, I trust in You. ~My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: When we serve the poor and



the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we serve Jesus. ~ St. Rose of Lima

FOOD BANK: The weekend of September 4th & 5th,



is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday September 14th, 2021 all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:30pm general meeting.

Community Lunch: will begin Tuesday September 7th, 2021. All are welcome and masks must be worn unless you are sitting down to eat.

4th Degree meetings: will begin on October 19th due to the Faithful Navigator being away.

MASS INTENTIONS- August 21st – 29th, 2021

- Sat. Aug. 21 4pm Frederick LeBlanc and Dora Jacquard
- Sun. Aug.22 9am Parishioners
- Sun. Aug.22 10am (Melbourne) Celeste Muise
- Sun. Aug. 22 11am Myrna Adams and Martha Surette
- Wed. Aug. 25 9am Anniv. Basil McGuigan and Anniv. Mariette Comeau
- Sat. Aug. 28 4pm Parishioners
- Sun. Aug. 29 9am Ray Miller and Intentions of Kay Olsen
- Sun. Aug. 29 10am (Melbourne) Nancy Jacquard
- Sun. Aug. 29 11am Thomas Thibault and Daniel Saulnier

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