



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 28th, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS –August 27th– Sept. 4th2022

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4pm Bill Rodgerson **and** Intentions of Deacon Bruce Hubbard
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11am Rodd MacInnis **and** Edwin & Lorraine Harding
Tues. 6:30pm Pius Landry **and** Rebecca LeBlanc
Wed. 6:30 pm Regina Doucette **and** Jean Cottreau
Thurs: 9 am Richard Griffin **and** Alcide LeBlanc
Fri. 9 am Dora Surette **and** Celina & Eli Hubbard & Family
Sat. 4 pm Anniv. Basil McGuigan **and** Anniv. Nicholas Clegg
Sun. 9 am Parishioners
Sun. 11 am Marie Davis **and** Fred Emin Sr.

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am Aug. 28th No Mass
Sun. 10 am Sept. 4th Doris Fitzgerald

REFLECTION: Attentiveness to Jesus On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. What an interesting line. This line should not be overlooked in that it reveals a common reaction that some have to Jesus. What is



the reaction? It's the tendency to observe Jesus carefully from a distance. Look at the context of this statement. Jesus was invited to the home of a leading Pharisee and many other people were present. Those who were there would have been considered the "movers and shakers" of that time. They were the influential, wealthy, educated, and prestigious members of the community. Many would have been quite concerned about their reputation and quite curious about Jesus since He was growing in such popularity with the people. So, as a result, they were all "observing him carefully."

Notice the implication present in this description of their reaction to Jesus. Unlike the manifest sinners of that time, they did not come to Him, falling at His feet, begging for mercy. Rather, they appear to be quite interested in how Jesus will be accepted by others, what He will say and what they should think about Him. Even though it is unfortunate that they do not all completely turn to Jesus in faith, it's at least good that they are attentive to Jesus and realize He is unique.

This curiosity on their part is not all bad. In fact, it may lead some of them to salvation. By observing Jesus, they are clearly pondering Him, His words and His actions. This is good if and only if it results in each one of them turning to Him in faith and choosing to embrace our Lord regardless of what others think. This is a risk for those consumed with their own public image. But it's a risk that is worth taking. For those who are willing to humbly allow their observations to turn into true faith, their lives will change. But in order to do so, they must let go of any fear they have of what others may think. Reflect, today, upon any tendency you have to only "observe" Jesus and His will from a distance. If you find you are curious and interested in the presence of God around you, do not hesitate to act on this curiosity, allowing His words and presence to change your life. Do not let yourself become concerned about what others may think. Give your life to Him without hesitation and you will be eternally grateful you did. *Lord, when I perceive Your presence in my life, give me the courage I need to respond. May I never let societal pressures or pride interfere with my turning to You. I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You without reserve. Jesus, I trust in You.* -My Catholic Life

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.halifaxyarmouth.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

COFFEE SOCIALS: Please note that the coffee socials will take place following all the masses on the third Sunday of each month. The next social will take place the weekend of September 17th & 18th.

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!!

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The CWL will be meeting on Sunday, September 4th, at 2pm. Please bring the stamps, cards, and yarn that you have been saving. See you soon.



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!



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.

NO MASS: Please note that there are no masses at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Melbourne this Sunday August 28th.

FOOD BANK: Next weekend, September 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.



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.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Gerald "Jerry" Brian MacKenzie
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.