



August 31st, 2025 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – August 30th -Sept.7th 2025

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Anniv. Basil McGuigan
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Annette Maillet
Tues. 6:30 pm Agnes Catherine Amero
Wed. 6:30 pm Fr. Paul Belliveau
Thurs. 9 am Allan Robichaud
Fri. 9 am No Mass
Sat. 4 pm Eric Warner
Sun. 9am Stephen Sollows
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am Aug. 31 Anniv. Nicholas Clegg
Sun. 10 am September 7 Edith LeBlanc

REFLECTION: Motivations of Love



“When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” This Gospel

passage goes to the heart of our motivations in life. Because of our fallen human nature, we can easily do what we do for selfish reasons. We want payment for our labors and acknowledgement for our acts of kindness. We want to get ahead in life and try to elevate ourselves over others. But Jesus makes it clear that our motivation for everything we do must only be the glory of God and the love of others. The poor, crippled, lame and blind in this passage refer to those who are in need of our love. This certainly will include friends and family. When we encounter those in need, we must offer our love, not because we get something out of it, but because it is the right thing to do. The payment we receive in this case comes directly and exclusively from God. It’s not a payment of societal recognition or praise. It’s not a payment of material things. It’s not a payment that helps us get ahead in life. It’s a payment of grace that makes us holy. This is the only motivation we should have in life—a motivation for holiness by glorifying God through our love of Him and others. Think about your motivations in life. Why do you do what you do every day? Clearly, we all have certain responsibilities that must be met, such as earning a living, caring for the home and family, strengthening our relationships, etc. But why do you do these things? What is the source of your motivation? Is your motivation based on pure love? When our love is pure, we are motivated to act in one way or another because we see that it is our holy duty toward God or an act that will benefit another. For example, a loving and holy parent will work hard to earn a living not because they want to get rich so as to indulge in the things of this world, but because they love and care for their family and want to provide for their material needs. Or a friend will seek to be there and listen to another friend not because it is advantageous for them, but because they love their friend and want to provide a listening ear when they need it. True love always looks at the good of the other, looking for the ways they are spiritually poor, crippled, lame and blind so that they can help them in accord with God’s will. True love always seeks to fill a void with what is needed at that moment. The good news for us is that when our motivations are pure and selfless, looking only to glorify God and care for others, God will lavish upon us eternal rewards that begin now.

We will grow rich in virtue and rich in the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We will obtain joy, peace, strength, courage, love, goodness and so much more. These good things are the true riches in life and can only be bestowed by God upon a soul whose motivations in life are pure, selfless, sacrificial and merciful. Reflect, today, upon what motivates you each and every day. Do you think more about yourself when acting or more about God and others? Hopefully you will discover within your motivation a burning desire to serve others and glorify God in everything you do. But where you do see selfishness, know that this motivation can never fulfill you. Humble yourself by turning your attention to the love of God and the needs of others, and make serving them your exclusive mission. Doing so will result in God lavishing upon you more than you could ever imagine. *My merciful Lord, You came to earth to serve, not to be served, and to give Your life to others in an act of the most pure and holy love. I open myself to that gift of Your divine love and pray that, as I receive Your love, I may love You and others in the same selfless way. Jesus, I trust in You.*
-My Catholic Life

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!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:



the spiritual life is to abandon to God all that we love by abandoning ourselves to all that God wishes. -St. Vincent de Paul

MISSING KEY FOB: We have had a Ford key fob turned into the office a couple of weeks ago. It was accidentally taken out of the pew on a Saturday evening so, if you are missing one, please contact the parish office to claim it.

FOOD BANK:



next weekend of September 6th & 7th, 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.

ULTREYA:



The Yarmouth and Area Ultimeya will be held September 4th, 2025 in Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!

Cursillo – 96th Women’s – Oct 2 – 5, 2025 and 95th Men’s – Nov 6 – 9, 2025 Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning “short course” in Christianity. It is a weekend that helps people to live as a Christian in normal everyday life and a desire to journey with Christ. Cursillo is not a retreat but an encounter with oneself, with Christ and with others. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more, please contact either of the names: **Women’s** – Agnes Robicheau, 902-746-9881 agnes.robicheau@yahoo.com **Men’s** – Larry Richard, 902-746-4256 jsll@persona.ca

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday September 9th all members invited 5:30, supper 6:30, executive meeting and 7:30 pm general meeting. A **4th Degree meeting** will be held on Tuesday May 20th at 7.00 pm; all 4th Degree Knights are encouraged to attend **Community breakfasts** will start again on September 28 from 9:00 am until 11:30 at the Columbus Hall. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for 12 and under.

OFFICE AND CHURCH CLOSED: The office and church will be closed on Monday September 1st to observe the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen Tuesday September 2nd for regular hours of operation.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Alexander “Sandy” Gregory Saulnier
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.