



**22nd Sunday of Ordinary
Time
August 28th & 29th, 2021**

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MASS INTENTIONS- August 28th – September 5th, 2021

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
Wed. Sept. 1 9am Carmela Pietrantonio and Eric Hatfield
Sat. Sept. 4 4pm Edith Watkins and Paula Bishara
Sun. Sept. 5 9am Parishioners
Sun. Sept. 5 10am (Melbourne) Henry Surette
Sun. Sept. 5 11am Eva Robicheau and Brian MacKenzie

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 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.stambrosearmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

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REFLECTIONS: That Which is Within: He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Jesus speaks this passage after calling the Pharisees "hypocrites." He rebukes them for being obsessively concerned about the externals and failing to be attentive to the internals. Jesus makes it clear that evil comes from within and that the heart should be our true concern.

The thing that sparked Jesus' strong rebuke of the Pharisees was the fact that they criticized the disciples for not washing their hands and, thus, they ate their meal with "unclean hands." What's sad is that the Pharisees seem to make a huge deal about this fact. What this reveals is that the Pharisees seemed to think that holiness is something that you obtain by scrupulous external observance of the laws and customs of the times. But they failed to see the importance of what was within.

St. Teresa of Ávila has a couple of beautiful quotes that speak of the importance of that which is within. "Within you dwells your God. Enter within, look at Him, talk to Him, listen to Him and stay with Him in your heart." And, "Indeed, we have heaven within ourselves for the Lord of Heaven is there."

Jesus also points out the types of evil that come from within. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile" So, what's in your heart? When you spend time alone and quietly look at your life, what do you see? What is it that makes up your interior life?



Reflect, today, upon that which is within. Know that any sin in your heart must be acknowledged, confessed and purged. Only when that is done can you meet God who dwells within. Only then can you allow God to transform your exterior from His presence in your soul.

Lord, please do come into my heart. Set my heart on fire with love for You. Purge my heart of all sin and allow Your divine presence to shine forth for all to see. Jesus, I trust in You.

Desiring Jesus Always: At daybreak, Jesus left and went to a deserted place. The crowds went looking for him, and when they came to him, they tried to prevent him from leaving them.

What a beautiful act of affection and love for Jesus. Here, Jesus was with the crowds at sunset and spent the entire night with the people curing them and preaching to them. Perhaps they all got some sleep at some point but it may have happened that Jesus was up with them all night.

In this passage above, Jesus went away to be alone at daybreak just as the sun was rising. He went to pray and simply be present to His Father in Heaven. And what happened? Even though Jesus had dedicated the entire last evening and night to the people, they wanted to be with Him some more. He was gone for a short time to pray and they immediately went searching for Him. And when they found Jesus, they begged Him to stay longer.

Though Jesus had to move on and preach to other towns, it is clear that He made quite an impression with these people. Their hearts were touched deeply and they wanted Jesus to stay.

The good news is that Jesus can now stay with us 24/7 today. At that time, He had not yet ascended to Heaven and therefore was limited to being in one place at a time. But now that He is in Heaven, Jesus can live in all places at all times.

So, what we see in this passage above is the desire that we should all have. We should desire that Jesus remains with us 24/7 just as these good people desired. We should go to sleep with Him on our minds, wake praying to Him and allow Him to accompany us throughout every day. We should foster the same love and affection for Jesus that the people had in this passage above. Fostering that

desire is the first step to allowing His presence to accompany us all day every day.

Reflect, today, upon your desire or lack of desire to be with Jesus always. Are there times when you prefer, He not be there? Or have you allowed yourself to have this same affection for Jesus seeking His presence in your life always?

Lord, I desire that You be present in my life all day long every day. May I always seek You and always be attentive to Your presence in my life. Jesus, I trust in You. ~My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: It is by the path of love,



which is charity, that God draws close to a person and a person to God; but where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. -St. Albert the Great

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.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Brenda Marie, Surette, Kenneth Gerald Brean Ryan, Arsenne M "Rosie" Deveau, Robert Jules Cottreau and Blaire Thomas Rymer-Siscoe
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.