



**23rd Sunday of Ordinary
Time
September 4th, 2022**

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MASS INTENTIONS – Sept. 3rd – 11th 2022

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4pm Anniv. Basil McGuigan **and** Anniv. Nicholas Clegg
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11am Marie Davis **and** Fred Emin Sr.
Tues. 6:30pm Deceased Family members **and** Nelson Blanchard
Wed. 6:30 pm Anniv. Bernadette d’Entremont **and** Intentions of Lorraine L’Abbe
Thurs: 9 am Ken Doucette **and** Florence & Fred Dugas
Fri. 9 am Adeline Cook **and** Thomas Thibault
Sat. 4 pm Alphonse d’Entremont **and** Walter Muise
Sun. 9 am James, Hazel & David Doucette **and** Intentions of Donna Earle
Sun. 11 am Parishioners
Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):
Sun. 10 am Sept. 4th Doris Fitzgerald
Sun. 10 am Sept. 11th Neree Jacquard

REFLECTION: Total Surrender “Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?”



Are you prepared for all that the Lord wants of you? This short rhetorical question above is Jesus’ way of saying that you ought to be prepared. If you were to build a tower you would hopefully be prudent enough to plan ahead, making sure you had enough resources for its completion. So, it is with the spiritual life. It is essential that we make sure we have all the resources we need to make the choice to follow Christ.

This raises the question, “What resources do I need to follow Christ?” The answer is simple. Jesus says at the end of this Gospel, “In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple” In other words, if we want to have all that we need to fulfill the will of God in our lives, we must surrender everything to God. Being a disciple of Christ is not something we can do half heartedly, even though there are many who attempt this. When we choose to follow Him, it must be wholehearted. We must be “all in,” so to speak. Otherwise, we will never be able to accomplish all that our Lord asks of us. He is a demanding God in the sense that He wants everything from us. But this demand on the part of our Lord is completely for our own good. We need to give Him everything if we want happiness and fulfillment in life.

Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to give every last part of your life to Christ. Are you willing to say “Yes” to Him no matter what? Are you willing to hold nothing back and “renounce all your possessions” if He were to ask? You may possess many things, and even though our Lord may not call you to give up all possessions in a literal and physical way, you must still surrender everything you have and everything you are to Him. Only then can He give you what you need to accomplish His most glorious will.

Lord, my life is Yours. Please give me the grace to surrender everything that makes up my life to You without reserve. I surrender to You my life, my finances, my possessions, my family, my labors and my entire future. All is Yours, dear Lord. Do with me what You will. Jesus, I trust in You. -My Catholic

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!



OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the office will be closed Monday September the 5th in observance of Labour Day.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received-only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage. -St. Francis of Assisi



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: If you are a young person who has received first Communion, maybe you're interested in serving at church. If you are a parent of a young person, please think about encouraging your kids to serve at mass. We are planning on having servers again in the fall. There will be a few training sessions before. If interested, please contact the office by email or phone.



DISPENSATION FOR NOT ATTENDING MASS HAS ENDED: During COVID, there was a dispensation given by Archbishop Dunn to not have to attend weekend mass. This dispensation has now ended. Just a reminder that all Catholics are obligated to attend mass on Sunday (unless there is a good reason like illness or age-related issues,

etc.). Remember, we owe God some of our time for all the good things He has given us. One hour a week is not a lot to give back to Him for all He has given.

THE SEARCH: Why Are We Here? What's Life All About? What Happens When We Die? *The Search* is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, *The Search* will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts, and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered.

Are you ready for *The Search*? See trailer at <http://www.stambroseyarmouth.ca/> October 13 to November 24, - 7 to 8:45 pm in the Parish Centre. No cost to attend. Registration required at 902 742-7151 or search.stambrose@gmail.com Invite a friend or family member to come with you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Sunday, September 18 between masses - 10-11. Registration will take place in the dining room at the parish Centre. Registration is for grades primary to 9 with grade primary being optional. Class start date is to be determined.

Children's Sunday School



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Evangeline Mary LeBlanc
 Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.