



**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary  
Time  
September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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**Reconciliation/confession** is held on Wednesday  
 after mass from 7:00-8:00

**MASS INTENTIONS – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):**

- Sat. 4pm** Alphie d’Entremont and Walter Muise
- Sun. 9am** James, Hazel & David Doucette and Intentions  
of Donna Earle
- Sun. 11am** Parishioners
- Tues. 6:30pm** Terry Doucette and Jacqueline Doucette
- Wed. 6:30 pm** Irene Polson and Peter Dow
- Thurs: 9 am** Special Intentions and Rose O’Flynn
- Fri. 9 am** Debbie Ritchie and Cory Mood
- Sat. 4 pm** Parishioners
- Sun. 9 am** Albert Cunningham and Barry Cunningham
- Sun. 11 am** Fr. Melvin Stevens and Wallace DeViller

**Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):**

- Sun. 10 am Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** Neree Jacquard
- Sun. 10 am Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** Gertrude Surette

**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!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:** Monthly meeting: Executive Meeting on Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:search.stambrose@gmail.com) Invite a friend or family member to come with you.

**REFLECTION: Overcoming Self-Righteousness** Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

What a foolish and arrogant thing to say! Jesus was merciful, welcoming, forgiving and loving to those who were sinners. And the Pharisees and scribes complained about this as if Jesus were doing something wrong.

On one level, it is understandable that the pride-filled scribes and Pharisees would look for anything they could to condemn Jesus. They were on a sort of “witch hunt,” so to speak, seeking to find any fault they could with our Lord. So, out of the fullness of their malice, they attempted to make it

look like Jesus was an awful sinner due to the fact that He spent time with sinners and welcomed them.

From a perspective of the pure truth, however, the jealousy, envy, manipulation and deception of the scribes and Pharisees are clear. The “condemnation” they uttered against Jesus was no true condemnation at all. It was a fabrication and a twisting of the truth. The truth is that Jesus’ kindness to those who were sinners was a living out of His countless virtues. He was understanding, merciful, compassionate, patient, forgiving and the like. He saw troubled hearts and reached out to them in their need, especially when He could tell they were sorry, open and humble.

We may all encounter those who are religiously “self-righteous” at times. This is an ugly sin and one that should not sit well with us. The problem is that those who are self-righteous are oftentimes also intimidating and oppressive. Those who condemn others in the name of God are hard to confront. Jesus’ initial response was to ignore them and to go about His ministry of love and compassion, telling parables and helping those in need. But eventually He took these religious leaders on directly, condemning them for their pride and arrogance.

Reflect, today, upon any tendency you have in your heart to judge another, especially when you try to do so in the name of God. If you struggle with self-righteousness and pride, humble yourself now so that our Lord will not eventually be compelled to issue forth His justice on you! -My Catholic Life

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Sunday,

Children's Sunday School



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.

**COFFEE SOCIALS:** The coffee socials are being held after all the masses next weekend. Come join us for a cup.

**ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:** Every year for many years now, the diocese has gathered people in the fall in Halifax for an assembly. This year instead, we are gathering in each parish and will have a Livestream of the event come to us. The topic is on helping the average parishioners to participate in evangelization through invitation. This gathering will be taking place on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until about 12:00 noon. Please email or call the office to register.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
 Dorothy Margaret Beasley, Rose Marie Muise  
 and Sarah Pauline Lyons  
 Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual  
 light shine upon her.



God’s abundant blessings upon Garret Elliott Cunningham and Amanda Lee Fougere who were married on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

As you begin your married life together, may you trust and rely on God’s Holy Presence for guidance, direction and strength.