

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time September 11th, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS – Sept. 10th – 18th 2022

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

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

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

- 10 am Sept. 11th Neree Jacquard Sun.
- 10 am Sept. 18th Gertrude Surette Sun.

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 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.

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.

<u>REFLECTION:</u> 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 pridefilled 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 selfrighteousness 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,

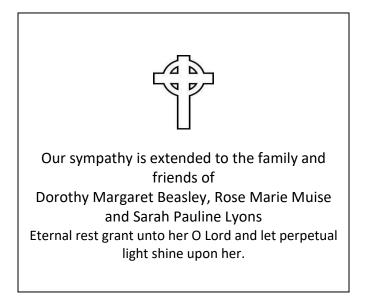


September 18 between masses -10-11. Registration will take place in the dining room at the parish Centre. Registration is for grades

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 24th from 9:00am until about 12:00 noon. Please email or call the office to register.





God's abundant blessings upon Garret Elliott Cunningham and Amanda Lee Fougere who were married on 3rd 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.