



**24th Sunday of Ordinary
Time
September 11th & 12th,
2021**

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

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REFLECTIONS: Suffering from the Divine Perspective [Jesus] began to teach [the Apostles] that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief



priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." This was most likely not the reply that Peter was expecting from Jesus. Peter was struggling with fear as Jesus explained that He would be entering into much suffering and death at the hands of the religious leaders of the time. Peter loved Jesus and was fearful and anxious about the thought of his Master suffering and being killed. So, Peter, motivated by fear and confusion, tried to "talk some sense" into Jesus.

The result? Peter was rebuked in the presence of the other Apostles by Jesus. Jesus went so far as to say, "Get behind me, Satan." That must have hurt. To understand this properly, we must start with the obvious conclusion that Jesus' words were words of great love. Jesus is not capable of anything other than love. Therefore, we must seek to understand how these strong words from Jesus were loving and holy.

The key to understanding this is the second thing Jesus said. "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus had just revealed to the Apostles the deepest mystery of His life mission. Namely, He just revealed that His mission was to accept unjust persecution and death at the hands of the religious leaders. But in revealing this,

it is also clear that He intended to bring good out of this suffering. He would not have allowed this suffering if it were not for some greater good. The hard part is that, in order to understand this great mystery of suffering, one needs a deep faith. The Apostles were being challenged to see this situation from the divine perspective. Peter was having a hard time doing so and that is why Jesus had to challenge him so directly.

Jesus' rebuke was a rebuke of love helping Peter break free of his fear and limited vision so as to enter into this profound mystery of Jesus' loving sacrifice. Reflect, today, upon your own struggle with the Cross of Christ. His sufferings continue to be made present in our world through the love and sacrifices of His sons and daughters. When Christians suffer on account of their faith, we must see this from the eyes of God, not the eyes of men. We must see the divine blessings that accompany such sufferings and we must accept them in accord with the great mystery of God's plan.

The Music for Life Jesus said to the crowds: "To what shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another, 'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.'"

So, what does this story tell us? First of all, the story means that children are ignoring the "songs" of each other. Some children sing a song of sorrow and that song is rejected by others. Some sang joyful songs for dancing, and others did not enter into the dance. In other words, the appropriate response was not given to the offer of their music. This is a clear reference to the fact that so many of the prophets who came before Jesus "sang songs" (meaning preached) inviting people to have sorrow for sin as well as to rejoice in the truth. But despite the fact that the prophets poured out their hearts, so many people ignored them.

Jesus gives a strong condemnation of the people of that time for their refusal to listen to the words of the prophets. He goes on to point out that many called John the Baptist one who was "possessed" and they called Jesus a "glutton and drunkard." The condemnation of the people by Jesus especially focuses upon one particular sin: Obstinacy. This

stubborn refusal to listen to the voice of God and change is a grave sin. In fact, it is traditionally referred to as one of the sins against the Holy Spirit. Do not let yourself become guilty of this sin. Do not be obstinate and refuse to listen to the voice of God.

The positive message of this Gospel is that when God speaks to us, we must listen! Do you? Do you listen attentively and respond wholeheartedly? You should read it as an invitation to turn your full attention to God and listen to the beautiful "music" He sends forth.

Reflect, today, upon your willingness to listen. Jesus strongly condemned those who did not listen and refused to hear Him. Do not be counted among their number. ~My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Even if we have thousands of acts of great virtue to our credit, our confidence in being heard must be based on God's mercy and his love for his people. Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved. - St. John Chrysostom



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting: Tuesday September 14th, 2021 all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:30pm general meeting. **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 Joseph "Alcide" LeBlanc and Reginald "Reggie" Muise

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

MASS INTENTIONS- September 11th – 19th, 2021

Sat. Sept. 11 4pm Sandra Surette and Wesley Spinney

Sun. Sept. 12 9am Mildred Corbett and Intentions of Gerry Rhyno

Sun. Sept. 12 10am (Melbourne) Eric Saulnier

Sun. Sept. 12 11am Parishioners

Wed. Sept. 15 9am Anniv. Marilyn Doucette and Anniv. Bernadette d'Entremont

Sat. Sept. 18 4pm Parishioners

Sun. Sept. 19 9am Margaret Talwin and Gordon Pearson

Sun. Sept. 19 10am (Melbourne) Anniv. Adam Surette

Sun. Sept. 19 11am Jack McCormack and Helen A Post

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