



September 25th 2023
25th Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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 after mass from 7:00-8:00

MASS INTENTIONS – Sept. 23rd– October 1 2023

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Gary Allen
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Anniv. Wally Hubbard
Tues. 6:30 pm Nicholas Clegg
Wed. 6:30 pm Alyre Comeau
Thurs: 9 am Richard Moulaison
Fri. 9 am Intentions of Barbara Bishara
Sat. 4 pm Dorothy Bowers
Sun. 9 am Dora Surette
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am September 24 Melissa Holly LeBlanc
Sun. 10 am October 1 Marion Pothier

2023 ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD



Registration for the 2023 Assembly of the People of God is open! Each year Archbishop Dunn invites all the faithful across the Archdiocese to join him for a day full of great talks, sharing of experiences, and of course prayer. Something new this year – attend the Assembly at a location of your choosing! We will have a main site, McNally Theatre at Saint Mary’s University, where everything will happen

live. Everything happening in McNally will be livestreamed to three hosting sites: St. Joseph’s Church, Corpus Christi Parish, Annapolis Valley, Immaculate Conception Church, Immaculate Conception Parish, Truro and Saint Ambrose Co-Cathedral, St. Ambrose Parish, Yarmouth
 You pick where you would like to attend!

Our theme for the Assembly is accompaniment, that is, walking with one another on our journeys of faith to help each other encounter Jesus. How do we do that? Come to the Assembly and find out!
 When: November 4, 2023

Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm – The Assembly will conclude with Mass.

Where: McNally Theatre, Saint Mary’s University or one of the hosting sites.

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch)

For more information and to register visit: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly

THE SEARCH: Are you ready for *The Search*?

All of us know people who would benefit from encountering God and the Church, and from experiencing the peace, joy, and purpose that a relationship with Jesus brings. Invite them to come to *The Search*. *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. *The Search* tackles questions such as “What do you Seek”, “Why a God?”, “Who is Jesus”, “Why a Church?”. Whether they are a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, *The Search* will speak to them. They may be reassured by some parts, and challenged by others. Either way, they will find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life’s questions demand to be answered. You can watch the trailer at <https://youtu.be/QOwZFL5Wpj8> or google “The Search Trailer”. Thursday evenings from October 5 to November 30, - 7:00 to 8:45 pm in the Parish Centre. No cost to attend. Registration required at 902 742-7151 or search.stambrose@gmail.com

QUOTE FO THE WEEK: If we look forward to



receiving God’s mercy, we can never fail to do good so long as we have the strength.

For if we share with the poor, out of love for God, whatever God has given to us, we shall receive according to God’s promise a hundredfold in eternal happiness. –St. John of God

REFLECTION: Discouragement in the Face of Sanctity

Do you want to be a saint? Hopefully the answer is “Yes.” But what about this question: Do you think you *can* become a saint? This may be more difficult to answer. It’s easy to dream of sanctity and to desire it, but when faced with the task of achieving it, discouragement can easily set in. Discouragement comes when you see the high call of holiness and conclude that you will never be able to achieve it. You may become fixated upon a certain fault and give up, thinking that you are destined to remain lukewarm and that’s it. You may feel as though you are a nice person and that will have to suffice. But God has great plans for you! He not only calls you to be a saint, He knows you can become one. The key is to allow His Mercy to become so clear to you that you begin to realize sanctity is possible. Holiness, or sanctity, is not achieved because we are good; rather, it’s achieved because God is merciful and we have chosen to fix our gaze upon that Mercy. Never doubt the truth that you are both *called* to be a saint and that you *can* become a saint (See *Diary* #1333).

Reflect upon these two questions today. Do I *want* to become a saint and *can* this be achieved in my life? Look for ways that you get discouraged at the thought of holiness. Whatever it is that is causing discouragement in you is false. It’s not the truth. Let the Mercy of God appear before your eyes and realize that His Mercy is able to be received by you. And when you are open to receiving the Mercy of God, you will begin your journey to true sanctity. –*My Catholic Life*

SUNDY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

The registration for catechism classes for grades primary to eight will be October 1st and 8th in the Parish Centre between the 10:00am and 11:00 am.

CONFIRMATION: Sacrament of Confirmation

Grade 9 Students/Parents. Registration and Information session, for the Sacrament of Confirmation for youth in Grade 9 will take place on **Sunday, October 15th**

2023, at 5:15 pm at the Parish Centre. There will be a meeting for parents and students and registration and it is important to attend. The first class will commence immediately after the meeting, at 6:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm. Any questions please call Debbie Muise at 902-774-0373.

OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed Monday September 25th and Friday September 29th. It will be open Tuesday to Thursday from **9:30 am to 12:00 pm**. Please note it will be closed by 12:00 noon. The hours of operation for the following week will be in next week’s bulletin.

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be



held October 5th 2023 at Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Community



Breakfast: September 24th 9:00 to 12:00 cost is \$10.00 Adults and 12 and under \$7.00. Take outs are available. All are welcome!

FRIENDS FO MARY:

There will be a social gathering on September 28th in the Jubilee Room at 7pm. All are welcome. Collection of Greeting Cards – The Friends of Mary are collecting Greeting Cards for Yarmouth Life Skills on October 7-8. There will be a box in the entrance of the church.

FOOD BANK:



Next weekend, September 30th and October 1st, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Cheryl Anne Muise, Joseph Arthur Swards, Ronald Richard Vallillee and Mary Donna Freeman
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.