



**September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary**  
**Time**

**Pastor:** Fr. Henry Smolenaars  
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**Hospital Chaplain:** Fr. Wieslaw Papuga  
**Priest on Call:** 902-746-8233 (Emergencies and Sacrament of the sick)  
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**Tabitha Centre:** 902-742-8960  
**Confession/Adoration** Wednesday 7:00-8:00

**MASS INTENTIONS –September 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**Sat. 4 pm** Parishioners  
**Sun. 9am** Violet Stoddard  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Joaquin Eusebio  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Dora Surette  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Special Intentions  
**Thurs: 9 am** Anniv. Charles Killam  
**Fri. 9 am** Edgar Amirault  
**Sat. 4 pm** Adele and Richard Doucette  
**Sun. 9am** Parishioners  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Anniv. J. Wallace Hubbard

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

**Sun. 10 am Sept. 22** Adam Surette  
**Sun. 10 am Sept. 29** Hilda and Alfred Harris

**REFLECTION: The Greatness of Holiness** They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. One of the desires that we all have is for greatness. This is a good and natural desire. This desire is manifested in competitiveness in sports and games. It becomes a driving force in business and politics. It drives us to do better in life, such as in school, artistic endeavors, and hobbies, working

hard to perfect various skills and talents so as to excel. The problem is that every good and natural desire we have is now disordered to a certain degree because of original sin. As a result, the desire we have for greatness can become an obsession, a cause of discouragement when we fail, a source of jealousy when others appear to do better, and can lead us to pursue empty and fleeting goals in life. Even within the life of faith, we can be affected by both the natural desire for greatness and the fallenness of that desire. The natural desire for greatness, when mingled with faith, will lead us to the desire to be a saint and to do great things for the Kingdom of God. But as a fallen natural quality, we can also fall into the trap of seeing ourselves in competition with others within the Church, and we can become jealous of those who appear to be holy and who are recognized for their good work for Christ. Just prior the disciples were discovered to have been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. Perhaps some of the other disciples became jealous of this apparent special treatment. Then, after Jesus predicted His passion to them for the second time. Regardless of what motivated the disciples to argue among themselves about who was the greatest, the fact remains that they did so. This was not the result of a holy and purified desire. It was the result of a good desire for greatness that became distorted and turned into an unholy competition based on jealousy and selfishness. In Heaven, we will all know who is the greatest. Interestingly, the Scriptures, the official Church teachings, and many of the saints reveal to us that there will be levels of glory in Heaven. This is why Jesus said elsewhere, “Store up treasure in Heaven”. In Heaven, each of us will be perfectly happy. But each of us will also share in God’s glory in varying degrees, based upon the merit of our charity on earth. The classic example of this is that if every soul is like a glass of water in Heaven, then every glass will be full. But some glasses will be larger than others and will be able to contain more water (glory). For this reason, we must remember that the natural desire for greatness is good, but it must be properly ordered by grace. That desire must not become as it was among the disciples who saw each other as competitors. Instead, it must be directed to the deepest desire for holiness and charity. In Heaven, we will all be in awe of those

holy souls who are filled with the greatest depths of glory forever. Most likely, they will be widely unknown on earth, but loved and admired in Heaven for the greatness of their holiness. Reflect, today, upon the desire within your own soul for greatness. Pray that this desire will not fall into selfishness or lead you to see others as competitors. Instead, pray that your desire for greatness will lead you to holiness so that you will be able to store up for yourself the most abundant treasures in Heaven and radiate that glory forever. - *My Catholic Life*

**THE SEARCH:** Do you know anyone, baptized or unbaptized, who has asked questions like: Why am I here? How do I find true fulfillment and happiness in life? How do I fill the hole in my heart? What are the basics of Christianity? What is the Good News of Jesus Christ? Invite them to join you to **The Search** - an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. Eight weeks beginning Thursday October 3, 2014 from 7:00 to 8:30 at the Saint Ambrose Parish Centre. No registration, no fee, no homework.

**TRI COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTRE:** Parishioners are invited to a baby shower for the Tri-County Pregnancy Centre on **October 5, 2024 from 1-3 p.m. in the Jubilee Room.** Members of the Centre will do an introduction of their programs. Suggestions of required items: Newborn and Premie - sleepers, short and long sleeves - onesies - socks- any clothing outfits, - Penaten cream and receiving blankets. Contact Carol LeBlanc (902)749-7504 for more information.

**JOIN US FOR THE DAY IN HALIFAX AT THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:** There is a bus leaving Yarmouth on Saturday October 19th in the morning around 5:30am (the exact time is yet to be determined). It should arrive in Halifax at 9:30 at St. Agnes Parish. There will be a few talks given by Archbishop Durocher called Eucharist: Strengthening the Unity of the Church and Eucharist: Calling us to worship. Lunch at noon will be provided. At 3:00pm a Eucharistic Procession will begin from St. Agnes to St. Mary’s Basilica (About 5KM) concluding with mass there. Supper will be on our own at 5:30 and then the bus will leave at 6:30pm to go back to Yarmouth. **If you are**

**interested, please sign your name on the sheet at the entrance to the church and then go online to our main page of our parish website to register with the diocese.**

**DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT LED ADORATION NIGHT:**



Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral beginning with Mass at 6:30. As a lead up to the Eucharistic Congress, join us for Mass followed by Adoration, with young adults from Holy Cross Chaplaincy and Catholic Christian Outreach as they help us discover how to dive deeper into Eucharistic Adoration.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Please note that the office will only be open September 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be closed Monday and Friday for the next two weeks for staff vacation.

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION:** Confirmation for this year will include Grade 8 and Grade 9. Registration and Information session, for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, will take place on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:15 pm at the Parish Centre. **This meeting/registration is for parents and students, and it is mandatory to attend.** The first class will commence immediately after the meeting for students, at 6:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Any questions please call Debbie Muise at 902-774-0373.

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS:** Community



**Breakfast,** September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-12pm. \$10 for adults and \$7 for 12 and under. Proceeds to the Tri County Pregnancy Centre.

**Knights of Columbus Council 2181 Annual Golf tournament** will be held on Oct 10th with a 10am shotgun start. All funds raised are in support of the St Ambrose Summer Camp program. Contact Phil Mooney (902)749-6379 for details". **Fall Tea Party** on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2pm to 4pm the Knights will be hosting tea party at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 10 Collins Street. All Brother and Sir Knights with their family and friends are invited to attend for a fun filled afternoon to enjoy some light music and singing. Tea and snacks are provided.

**CATECHISM REGISTRATION:** October 6<sup>th</sup> 10-11am.