



September 21st, 2025 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – Sept.20th – 28th, 2025

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Liz Robicheau
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Alyre Comeau
Tues. 6:30 pm Anniv. Gladys Cottreau
Wed. 6:30 pm Adele & Richard Doucette
Thurs. 9 am Tom Thoma
Fri. 9 am Madeline Moulaison
Sat. 4 pm Karen Bullerwell
Sun. 9am Barb & Greg Deveau
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am September 21 Arthur Muise
Sun. 10 am September 28 Lionel O'Connell

REFLECTION: Supernatural Prudence



And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light." These lines conclude the Parable of the Dishonest Steward. At that time, there was a Palestinian custom in which agents acted on behalf of a wealthier master's money, making loans and obtaining them back with interest. It is similar to our modern banking system.

The problem presented in this parable was that the steward was dishonest, skimming some of the profits for himself. As a result, the master told the steward to get his financial affairs in order because he was going to fire him. The shrewd steward, acting on the authority he still had for the moment, then went forth and reduced the debt of each of his master's debtors so as to win favor with each of them so that he could do business with them after he was fired by his master. Obviously, Jesus does not tell this parable because He approves of dishonest and shrewd deception in business practices. Instead, He tells it to illustrate the fact that many people who are motivated by selfishness and worldly goals use the natural gift of prudence with much more zeal than many of the "children of light." Think about your goals in life. If you were to make a list of your goals, what would it look like? And if you were to order that list according to the importance of those goals, what would be first? Hopefully, on the top of that list, you would have as your primary goal the love, service and glory of God. In the end, that is all that matters in life. Every other goal in life will fall into place when that is our central goal. However, if you were to order your list according to how much time, energy and prudence you put into each endeavor, how would it look? Would it look different? Most likely. Many people go about their lives putting a tremendous amount of time and effort into the passing things of this world. Many make their financial advancement the goal with which they spend the most time and energy. Others devote countless hours to hobbies, entertainment, home improvements, sports, and even wasteful activities such as binging on television. When it comes to the practice of the faith, it is a rare person who devotes a significant amount of time and energy to daily prayer, studying the Scriptures, learning the Catechism, and studying the lives of the saints. Many experience Sunday Mass as a burden. Charitable service can become undesirable. Many rarely work at the proclamation of the Gospel. Though it is true that much of your time might need to be devoted to the ordinary duties of life, such as making a living and caring for the home and family, it is also true that most people need to reorder their priorities by making sure that the will of God is the central mission of their lives. How is this best accomplished? It begins with the

virtue of prudence. Prudence is both a natural virtue and a supernatural one. On a natural level, prudence is called the "mother of all virtues" because it is the quality by which every other virtue, all our time and energy, goals and ambitions are directed. Prudence is the act of vigorously using our minds to creatively and zealously work to achieve the most important goals in life. Supernatural prudence is a spiritual gift by which our natural abilities of prudence are infused with the grace of God, and we are better equipped to know how to accomplish God's will for our lives. Reflect, today, upon what your list would look like if you were to make it honestly. What do you spend the most time and energy doing? Even if you need to spend most of your time on the ordinary aspects of life, this becomes a holy endeavor when you do it because God is inspiring you to do so. In that case, even the ordinary becomes grace-filled and becomes a way by which you glorify God. The only way for you to know if you are using your time and energies properly is by being open to the gift of supernatural prudence. Pray for that gift today and ask our Lord to more directly order your life so that everything you do is for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

-My Catholic Life

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Community breakfasts will start again on September 28th from



9:00 am until 11:30 at the Columbus Hall. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for 12 and under. Proceeds to go to the Tri-County Pregnancy Centre. "Knights Of Columbus: The Council Family of The Month Committee has selected Adrian and Rachel Boudreau and Family for the "Family of The Month Award" September 2025. The award is granted to the Family based on the family's participation in the Church, Community and Family activities. This Family stands out as an exemplary model of Catholic family values to others in the parish. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Month Committee will choose one Family every month from our Parish and sister Parishes in our area for the award". Grand Knight - Roy Alemao

4th ANNUAL PRO=LIFE CONFERENCE – October 25, St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Rd. Dartmouth NS: Nova Scotians United for Life invites you to attend their 4th annual Pro-Life Conference,

bringing together people from across the province who are passionate about promoting the dignity of life at all stages. This event features dynamic speakers, practical tools, and encouragement for anyone seeking to engage in a positive and life-affirming way. Visit nsul-pr.com for more details.

4th ANNUAL EMPOWERED MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: Saturday, October 18 | St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Rd., Dartmouth, NS Join keynote speakers **Fr. James Mallon** and **Fr. Isaac Longworth** for the 4th Annual Empowered Men's Conference — a full day of **faith, fellowship, and formation** for Catholic men. Events like this are essential for spiritual renewal, helping men grow in their faith, discover their mission in Christ, and strengthen their roles in family and community life. For information visit: www.empoweredccfm.ca

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: - How many people are hidden martyrs for Christ each day, confessing the Lord Jesus with their deeds!
-St. Ambrose



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Karen Lynn Deveau and Michael Cleveland Murphy
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Please welcome into our Christian community Victoria Quynh Chi Nguyen who was baptised on Sunday September 14th, 2025.
Please keep Victoria and her family in your prayers.