



September 20th 2026 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – September 19th – 27th, 2026

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Benny Boudreau
Sun. 9 am Michael Bourque
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Anniversary Gladys Cottreau
Wed. 6:30 pm Julian Surette
Thurs. 9 am George & Bernice Blades
Fri. 9 am Vickie Jeddry
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9 am Alan Cottreau
Sun. 11:15 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am September 20 Theresa Harris
Sun. 10 am September 27 Enos Jacquard

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS in the offertory procession at a weekend Mass (if you are a family member of the person the Mass is for) please see the greeters **at least 20 minutes before Mass begins.**

REFLECTION: Divine Equity *Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. As the parable unfolds, the landowner returns to the marketplace four more times—at nine o'clock,*

noon, three, and finally at five—to hire additional workers. When the day's labor concluded at six o'clock, each received the same full daily wage. Was this fair? To those who had worked the entire day, it certainly did not seem so. They grumbled, "These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat". God is perfectly just. Yet His justice is never separated from His mercy. Together they form a harmony we may call Divine Equity, a principle that transcends limited human notions of fairness. God gives not merely according to labor performed but according to the wisdom of His eternal love and providence. What appears to us as inequality is, in truth, the generous outpouring of grace from the One who sees hearts, not hours. His ways are not our ways, and His judgments surpass the grasp of reason unaided by faith. At the heart of this parable is God's abundant generosity. To better understand Divine Equity, it is helpful to prayerfully place ourselves among each group of laborers. Among those who have labored in Christ's vineyard, we may find some who have far surpassed us in devotion and sacrifice, as well as others who arrived much later than we did. Yet God sees each soul individually. He does not measure us against one another. He sees each worker according to his own disposition, his interior response to His call, and the sincerity of his effort. Grace is distributed not based on external accomplishments alone but on the openness of heart and fidelity to His will. For example, when we work for God—meaning we live in a state of grace and are faithful to His divine will—we merit spiritual rewards by His generosity. But even the most devout soul can lose everything through mortal sin. If such sin is unrepented, Divine Equity, which always respects both justice and freedom, demands the consequence of eternal separation from God. Conversely, a soul that lives much of life far from God, mired in sin, yet sincerely repents near the end—perhaps even in the final hour—can receive an abundance of grace. A genuine, humble, and complete conversion at the end of life opens the floodgates of Divine Mercy. In such a case, God's Divine Equity responds not by withholding grace, but by pouring it out lavishly, in accord with His infinite mercy. Equity is not equality. In modern discourse, the term "equity" is often misused or distorted. But Divine Equity is

something altogether different. It flows from God's perfect justice and mercy, distributing grace according to the truth of each soul's interior life—not according to a purely external standard. Reflect today on your own place among the laborers in the vineyard. Are you tempted to compare your spiritual journey with others? Do you resent the blessings others have received, or do you trust that God sees your heart and will reward you with generosity beyond measure? Rejoice that Divine Equity governs the Kingdom of Heaven; in that justice, perfected by mercy, all things are made right. -My Catholic Life

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!

NET RETREAT: NET is a National Evangelization



Team which travels across Canada putting on retreats for youth. We will be having the NET team down to St Ambrose on Saturday October 3rd. There will be discussions, small group, skits and much more. It is for youth in grades 6 to 12. It will begin with registration at 9:00 am and the main retreat will begin at 9:30 am. lunch will be provided and the day will include mass at 4pm. We are asking to pre-register by September 24th. Please call the office at 902-742-7151. The gathering will take place in the Marian Hall. It's an event the youth will truly enjoy!

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation for this year will



include Grade 8 and Grade 9. Registration and Information session, for the Sacrament of Confirmation for youth in Grade 8 and Grade 9 this year, will take place on **Sunday, September 20th, 2026, at 12:30 pm** at the Parish Centre. This behold meeting/registration is for parents and students and is mandatory to attend. The first class will commence immediately after the meeting for students, at 1:00 pm and end at 4:00 pm. Students are asked to bring lunch.

Snacks will be provided. Any questions please call Debbie Muise at 902-774-0373.

PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE TO MEDJUGORJE: with day and night in Dubrovnik, October 25th to November 5th, 2026. Join us on pilgrimage to Medjugorje, a place of prayer, peace and spiritual renewal. Cost: \$3,699 CAD - Includes flights, accommodations, 2 meals per day, local guide Spiritual Director: Father Rob Elford (Diocese of Grand Falls, Newfoundland / Saint Alphonsus Parish and Missions) Group Leader: Rhonda-Lynn Cormier of *Touched by Grace Canada* Come experience daily Mass, prayer, the sacraments, Apparition Hill, Cross Mountain, and the peace that has drawn millions of pilgrims from around the world. Please contact Joanne Thibeau (Parish Manager at Stella Maris Parish) for more information or to register: [902-580-5350](tel:902-580-5350). Seats are limited. Early registration is encouraged.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMUNITY

BREAKFAST: Sunday, September 27th at the Knights



of Columbus Hall from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under.

MEN'S CURSILLO MEETING: Attention Cursillo

Men's Team Rollo will be presented on Saturday September 26th at St. Ambrose Center at 9.00 am.

THE ATLANTIC MARIAN GATHERING: warmly



invites you to attend: "Woman, behold your son," with guest speaker Fr. Tim Devine, CC, and Worship Leader Heather Jansma. Join us at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Dartmouth from October 2nd to 4th. Check our website for special hotel group rates for those coming from out of town. For more information and to register go to: <https://atlanticmariangathering.ca/> or email: mariangatheringhalifax@gmail.com

INCENSE: Incense will be used next Sunday at the 11:15 mass only.

OFFICED CLOSED: The office will be closed Monday September 21st and Friday September 25th for staff vacation. Opened Tuesday to Thursday 9:30-1:00.