



**25th Sunday of Ordinary
Time
September 18th & 19th,
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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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: If we wish to learn the art of living well and dying well, let us not follow the crowd, which only believes and values what is seen. Instead let us follow Christ.
 -St. Robert Bellarmine

REFLECTIONS: Loving Those in Need Taking a child,



he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." What is it about the image of a child that helps Jesus illustrate an important point? The answer to this question must be understood as a contrast between one who is like a child and one who holds a worldly view of greatness.

A child is one who is poor, dependent, humble and in need. A child cannot take care of his/her own needs. Rather, a child needs the care of parents. So, it is with us in our relationship with God.

We are not considered great by being independent, powerful, well respected, successful, etc. This is a worldly view of greatness. The Apostles, in this passage, were arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus, in pointing to a child, shows that greatness is not about what you accomplish or the like; rather, greatness is found in becoming dependent upon Christ. Additionally, it is found in seeking out those who are in need (as a child is in need of care) and offering the love and care others need. It's a call to compassion and concern for the poor and needy among us.

Reflect, today, upon whether you are ready and willing to reach out to those in need among you. Who are they? What is their need? Do you seek them out and offer love and support? Doing this is what will make you truly great in the eyes of God.

Dealing With Rejection "And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them." This is a bold statement from Jesus. It's also a statement that should bolden us in the face of opposition.

Jesus had just finished telling His disciples to go from town to town preaching the Gospel. He instructed them not to bring extra food or clothing on the journey but, rather, to rely upon the generosity of those to whom they preach. And He acknowledged that some will not accept them. As for those who do in fact reject them and their message, they are to "shake the dust "from their feet as they leave the town.

What does this mean? It especially tells us two things. First, when we are rejected, it can hurt. As a result, it's easy for us to sulk and stew over the rejection and hurt. It's easy to sit and be angry and, as a result, to allow the rejection to do us even more damage.

Shaking the dust from our feet is a way of saying that we ought not allow the hurt we receive to affect us. It's a way of making a clear statement that we will not be controlled by the opinions and malice of others. This is an important choice to make in life when facing rejection.

Secondly, it's a way of saying that we must keep moving on. Not only do we have to get over any hurt we have, but we need to then move on to seek out those who will receive our love and our message of the Gospel. So, in a sense, this exhortation from Jesus is not first about dealing with the rejection of others; rather, it's primarily about seeking out those who will receive us and will receive the message of the Gospel we are called to give.

Reflect, today, upon any hurt you still carry in your heart because of the rejection of others. Try to let go of it and know that God is calling you to seek out others in love so that you can share the love of Christ with them.
 ~My Catholic Life

ROSARY COAST TO COAST CANADA 2021: Please join the world in prayer, for world peace, by praying the Rosary Coast to Coast on October 10, 2021 (Sunday), at 3 p.m. EDT. If you would like more information, please feel free to visit our website at www.rosarycoasttocoast.ca .

WELCOME: St. Ambrose and Our Lady of Lourdes churches would like extend a warm welcome to any new parishioners who may have arrived lately and could not be acknowledged in our usual way because of Covid-19 protocols. It is our prayer that you are able to connect with members of the parish and feel like you are part of the community. As restrictions ease, we hope that you are able to join parish activities that occur. We encourage you to call the parish office or drop by the office to ask any questions that you may have and find out about current activities occurring in the parish.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Nicholas Clegg and Albert "Bud" Richard Holmes

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

BENEDICTION OF BRONZE PLAQUE:

Commemorating the reestablishment of the Catholic Church in Yarmouth County and hope for a better future of the returning Acadians. Benediction by Deacon Bruce Hubbard of bronze plaque honouring Father Bailly who celebrated the first mass in 1769, Wedgeport, at the Butte-de-la-Croix, now a historical site. Followed by a short concert with Jennifer MacIntosh, her children Reece and Isla, Claire Robertson and Roland LeBlanc. From 2 to 3 pm Sunday October 3, 2021 at Butte-de-la-Croix site. Plenty of Parking. Everyone welcomed. Chairs available.

MASS INTENTIONS- September 11th – 19th, 2021

- 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
- Wed. Sept. 22 9am Anniv. Gladys Cottreau and Reginald Muise
- Sat. Sept. 25 4pm Steven Harding and Donna LeFave
- Sun. Sept. 26 9am Parishioners
- Sun. Sept. 26 10am (Melbourne) Mabel Harris
- Sun. Sept. 26 11am Donald MacKinnon and Intentions of Georgie Durkee

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