



October 1st 2023
26th Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – Sept. 30th – October 8th, 2023

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Dorothy Bowers
Sun. 9am Dora Surette
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Intentions of Neil & Janice Bourque
Wed. 6:30 pm Sis Redfurn
Thurs: 9 am Anniv. Peter Eldridge
Fri. 9 am Elmer P. Muise
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9 am Caroline LeBlanc
Sun. 11:15 am Anniv. Sandy Fevens

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am October 1 Marion Pothier
Sun. 10 am October 8 Junior Murphy

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. 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. Ambrose is one of these. 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. 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: For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart; it is a simple glance directed to heaven. -St. Thérèse of Lisieux



REFLECTION: A Life of Ongoing Conversion Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: “What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go.” This parable

presents a message of great hope to those who find it difficult to follow the will of God. The first son, the one who said he would not obey the father but then changed his mind, refers to those who have initially rejected the will of God but then repented and turned back to Him. The second son represents those who claim to be faithful followers of the will of God, but are not. This second son presents us with a very dangerous trap we can fall into. He represents the interior disposition of the chief priests and elders of the people. They said one thing but did another. They acted as if they were righteous but were not. They might have even been fooling themselves. Of course, there is another possible scenario Jesus doesn’t present. Ideally, when the father asked his son to work in the vineyard he would have said “yes” and then followed through with his commitment. But this is not mentioned because no one falls into that category, except for our Blessed Mother. All people have sinned, and everyone needs to repent.

When we look at these two sons, we must humbly strive to be like the first one. We must begin by acknowledging that we have refused to obey the will of God in many ways throughout our lives. God has invited us to serve Him, and we have said “no.” Acknowledging this is an essential starting point for a life of true conversion and service of God. When we fail to humbly admit that we have sinned, we are acting like the second son. We are living a lie and are trying to convince ourselves that we are faithful to the will of God when we are not. This second son represents a very dangerous interior disposition that we must avoid with all of our might. It is the sin of impenitence, a sin against the Holy Spirit. It is dangerous because this type of self-righteousness keeps a person from truly serving the will of God. They believe their own lie and see no need to repent. Which of these two sons are you most like? Are you keenly aware of your weaknesses and sins? Can you humbly admit them to yourself and to God? Or do you tend to present yourself as one who is holy and does not need to repent? Never be afraid to admit your sin. Never pretend to be someone you are not. Never allow yourself to be drawn into self-righteousness. We are all called to a life of ongoing conversion. Seeing that fact, admitting to it and striving for that conversion will win for us the glorious Kingdom of Heaven. – 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. 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 October 2nd and Friday October 8th. It will be open Tuesday to Thursday from **9:30 am to 12:00 pm**.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting: Tuesday October 10th, all members invited 5:30pm executive meeting Supper 6:30 and 7:30pm general meeting



HEALING MASS: there will be a healing service taking place at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4th. The evening will begin with music, followed by the Mass, anointing of the sick and infirmed, prayers with prayer teams, adoration, and confessions. Come and join us in this gathering of community. All are welcomed.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of

Adele Doucette, and Charles Killam
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

