



**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary  
Time  
September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>,  
2021**

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**MASS INTENTIONS- September 25<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

**Sat. Sept. 25 4pm** Steven Harding and Donna LeFave  
**Sun. Sept. 26 9am** Parishioners  
**Sun. Sept. 26 10am (Melbourne)** No Mass  
**Sun. Sept. 26 11am** Donald MacKinnon and Intentions of Georgie Durkee  
**Wed. Sept. 29 9am** Intentions of Barb Bishara and Rita d'Entremont  
**Thurs. Sept. 30 9:15am** Rosary followed by Mass for the National day for Truth and Reconciliation  
**Sat. Oct. 2 4pm** Parishioners  
**Sun. Oct. 3 9am** Deceased Family Members and Special Intentions  
**Sun. Oct. 3 10am (Melbourne)** Mabel Harris  
**Sun. Oct. 3 11am** Anniv. Wally Hubbard and Dora Jacquard

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.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** Prayer is the best weapon we



have, it is the key to God's heart.

~ St. Pius of Pietrelcina

**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 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](http://www.stambroseyarmouth.ca) or go to our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57](http://www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57)

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**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION:**

September 30th has been named National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Archbishop Dunn has said, "In order for true reconciliation to occur our church and country must acknowledge, before the Lord and the world, the serious harm done to Indigenous communities by the Residential Schools and other similar policies of systemic mistreatment.

Therefore, rather than taking a "day off" I am asking all Catholics to join me in making September 30th a day of prayer and fasting in repentance for the hurt done to Indigenous peoples of Canada, particularly the Mi'kmaq people in our own diocese, by members of our church and government." To this end, here at St. Ambrose the rosary will be prayed that day (September 30th) starting at 9:15am followed by a mass of Reconciliation. Fr. Henry

**REFLECTIONS: A True Friend** "Whoever causes one

of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire." Seriously? Does Jesus really mean this literally? Should we really cut off



our hand if it causes us to sin? He goes on to say that we should also cut off our foot and pluck out our eye if it causes us to sin. Hmm...

Some of the early Church Fathers see this Scripture as a reference to our intimate friends. The context of this passage is that we ought not lead others into scandal and sin. In fact, it would be better if we had "a great millstone" put around our neck and were thrown into the sea than to cause another to sin. Friends, especially close friends, are a blessing most of the time. But they can also be a cause for sin. If a good friend were to intentionally try to convince another friend to sin, this is a grave issue and is the heart of what Jesus is addressing. What He's saying is that if we have close friends who are intentionally and maliciously tempting us to turn from God, it's better that we let go of that "friend" and cut him/her off. The hand, foot or eye is a symbol of those friends who work hard to draw us to sin. It's better that these friendships end than to be drawn into Hell with them. And if we are the "friend" drawing others to sin, it's better for us to cut our friendship off with those we are tempting.

One thing this passage reveals is the powerful natural bond of friendship. Friendship is a good thing. And when you have a close friend, you find great consolation in knowing your friend is deeply committed to you and will always be there for you. But every friendship must be continually evaluated in the light of faith and truth. Sometimes friendships can get in the way of our faith in God and can be a powerful influence upon us in a negative way. Of course, the opposite is also true. Reflect, today, upon your friendships. If you have a close and intimate friend in your life, reflect upon how you influence that person or how he/she influences you. Make sure that Christ is the center and that faith always prevails in this natural bond. *Lord, I thank You for all friendships in my life. I thank you for giving me people who care. Help me to always be a good friend and to always examine my friendships in the light of faith. Jesus, I trust in You.* ~My Catholic Life

**FOOD BANK:** The weekend October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.



**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](http://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.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Please note the office hours for the next two weeks. For the week of September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will only be open Tuesday and Thursday. For October 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be open Tuesday to Thursday. We will also be closed Thanksgiving Day and we reopen to normal hours Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup>. If you need to contact the office please call and leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday October 12, 6:00pm executive meeting, 7:30pm general meeting. All members invited.

**4th Degree Meeting** Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm all members invited.



God's abundant blessings upon Wayne Frank Petite and Cheryl Anne Muise who were married on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

As you begin your married life together, may you trust and rely on God's Holy Presence for guidance, direction and strength.