



October 8th 2023
27th Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – October 7th – 15th, 2023

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

- Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
- Sun. 9am Caroline LeBlanc
- Sun. 11:15 am Anniv. Sandy Fevens
- Tues. 6:30 pm Stanley Surette
- Wed. 6:30 pm Alan Thibeau
- Thurs: 9 am George Gibbs
- Fri. 9 am Anniv. William Cottreau
- Sat. 4 pm Anniv. Ed Deveau
- Sun. 9 am Parishioners
- Sun. 11:15 am Antoinette Belliveau

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

- Sun. 10 am October 8 Junior Murphy
- Sun. 10 am October 15 Adam Surette

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

QUOTE FO THE WEEK: Everyone of us has been



called by the Lord. The important thing is to know how to answer his call. -St. John XXIII

REFLECTION: A Cornerstone of Grace Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” The most amazing thing that has ever happened in this world is the death of the Son of God. It is amazing for many reasons. It’s amazing that God the Father allowed His Son to be brutally murdered by evil men. It’s amazing that the Son did not call upon the myriad of angels to stop His persecution. It’s amazing that Jesus spoke words of forgiveness from the Cross as His own mother looked on. But perhaps the most amazing aspect about this event is that from it, the gift of eternal salvation was made possible. Only God, in His inconceivable wisdom and power, could bring forth the greatest good from the greatest evil. Nothing could be more evil than the brutal murder of the Son of God. And nothing could be more glorious than the transformation of that heinous act into the definitive act of salvation for the human race. Jesus was “the stone rejected by the builders.” But that rejected Stone was used by the Father to “become the cornerstone” of the new life of grace to which we are called. The passage quoted above concludes the Parable of the Tenants, which outlines salvation history. The Father is the owner of the vineyard, which represents the people of Israel. The tenants were the religious leaders of the time who abused

the prophets who were sent to gather the fruit of God’s Kingdom. The son is the Son of God whom the leaders of Israel killed under the misconception that killing Jesus would guarantee the continuation of their power. However, the true result was that they suffered their own destruction, and the murdered Son became the cornerstone of the Church and the source of new life. Today, you are among the people to whom God has given charge of His new Vineyard, the Church. Of you, God demands an abundance of good fruit. Though the Church is entrusted to the pope, bishops and priests in a special way, it is also entrusted to the laity, each in their own way. Everyone must bear fruit for the Kingdom of God, and everyone will be held accountable for their stewardship. Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that we have little to offer. If we were the pope, a bishop or even a priest, we could do great things for God. And though that is true, it is no less true that everyone is capable of bearing an abundance of good fruit for the Kingdom. And God expects that of us all. If you doubt that fact in any way, recall again the undeniable fact that the Father used the greatest evil ever committed to bring forth the greatest good ever known. If God can bring forth new life from death, then He can certainly use you in powerful ways. In fact, the weaker you are and the more insignificant you feel, the more God can use you to produce good fruit. Reflect, today, upon the glorious fact that if God can use his own suffering and death to bring salvation to the world, He can also use you in ways that are beyond your imagination. You might not become a famous evangelist. You might not succeed in some well-recognized ministry. In fact, you might even encounter much suffering, persecution, and hardship throughout life. Regardless of your own life situation, God desires to use you for great things and to bear an abundance of good fruit for His Kingdom. Commit to that mission, and allow God to use you as a cornerstone of His grace in this world. – My Catholic Life

SUNDY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: The registration



for catechism classes for grades primary to eight will be October 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. There will be a meeting for parents and students and registration and it is important to attend. 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: Next week we are back to regular hours of operation. Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY: Please join us in praying the Rosary for our Nation on October 14 at 12 pm at St. Ambrose Church. We are also having all night Adoration on Friday, October 13, from 8 pm to 8 am.

ALL SAINTS’ PARTY: There will be a combined coffee social and all Saints’ Party in the Jubilee room after the 11:15 am mass on Sunday, October 29th. Coffee and treats will be served, and children can dress up as their favourite saint and say a word or two about who they are. For more info contact Leila at 902-307-5966.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of

Frances Surette

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