



October 4th, 2026 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – October 3rd- 11th, 2026

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Anniversary Peter Eldridge
Sun. 9 am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Sydni MacKinnon
Tues. 6:30 pm Viola Lombard
Wed. 6:30 pm Special Intentions
Thurs. 9 am People in the Middle East
Fri. 9 am Intentions of Corrine Nickerson and family
Sat. 4 pm Eric Warner
Sun. 9 am George D'Eon
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am October 4 Emile Comeau
Sun. 10 am October 11 Hilda and Alfred Harris

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.**

Please note: The weekday Mass may be cancelled in the event of a funeral Mass. The Mass intention scheduled for that day will be offered at a later date.

REFLECTION: The Parable of the Wicked Tenants is rich in Old Testament imagery. The image of the vineyard comes from the Prophet Isaiah and represents the people of Israel. The landowner is

God, who, from the time of Abraham, has lovingly and intentionally cultivated His people. The hedge, tower, and winepress symbolize God's providential care, protection, and the structure He established for their spiritual growth, respectively. The tenants are the religious elite of Israel who were entrusted with guiding the people in holiness. The servants sent by the landowner are the prophets—faithful messengers consistently rejected and mistreated. Finally, the son is Jesus Himself, sent by the Father as the culmination of His divine outreach. The parable ends in tragedy with the son's murder. Yet from that tragedy arises a new beginning: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit". Though Jesus was addressing the religious leaders of His time—the scribes, Pharisees, chief priests, Sadducees, and elders—His enduring promise of a new beginning speaks to us today. We are invited to be part of the people to whom God now entrusts His vineyard, the Church. Today, the hedge, winepress, and tower represent the Sacraments, the teaching authority of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and the communion of the faithful. God continues to cultivate His vineyard with great care, expecting it to bear fruit through our lives of holiness, fidelity, charity, and truth. Each of us, as members of the Body of Christ, is called to receive this trust with gratitude and to labor diligently for the Kingdom, never forgetting the price paid by the Son who was cast out and killed for our redemption. Sometimes, when we speak of "the Church," we do so as if it were some distant institution. Our minds may turn immediately to the Vatican, the pope, or the local bishop. While these shepherds hold crucial and foundational roles within the vineyard, we need to understand the Church in a more encompassing way. To use the image from today's parable, the vineyard and the fruit it is meant to bear are not equated exclusively with the tenants, the servants, the son, or even the landowner. The vineyard itself represents the entire people of God. The fruit it produces is the grace-filled witness of lives transformed by faith. This includes all of us: clergy, religious, and laity alike. Every member of the Church is a laborer in the vineyard, called to work together, under the guidance of Christ, the true Son, and to offer to the Father a rich harvest of

justice, mercy, and truth. Reflect today on how to make this parable your personal calling. The Kingdom of God has been partly entrusted to you to be one who will labor for the salvation of souls—"people that will produce its fruit." The work of evangelization is an ongoing and urgent mission. In what ways is God calling you to work in His Divine Vineyard? Is it through faithful prayer, by which the vines of grace are pruned and nourished? Is it through the work of harvesting, where you draw others to Christ by your words, your witness, and your works of love? Is it through quiet perseverance in suffering, offered in union with the Crucified One? However, God calls you, do not delay. Receive His trust with humility, and labor with joy. The vineyard is His, but the fruit depends, in part, on you. -My Catholic Life

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.

ULTREYA: 95th Men's Cursillo – October 15th- 18th, 2026. Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "short course" in Christianity. It is a weekend that helps people to live as a Christian in normal everyday life and a desire to journey with Christ. Cursillo is not a retreat but an encounter with oneself, with Christ and with others. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more, please contact Larry Richard, 902-746-4256, jsll@persona.ca

FOOD BANK: This weekend October 3rd and 4th is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be on hand before all the masses to receive the donations

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: A person's rightful due is to be treated as an object of love, not as an object for use. -St. John Paul II

CATECHISM REGISTRATION: Catechism class registration for grades Primary through 7 will take place on Sunday, October 18, in the parish centre from 10:10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m., between the morning Masses. Classes will begin on Sunday, October 25.

OFFICED CLOSED: The office will be closed Monday October 5th and Friday October 9th for staff vacation. Opened Tuesday to Thursday 9:30-1:00.

CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY: We ask God to save Canada through the Rosary of His most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on October 10, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Church.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Grief does not go away; however, we learn to grow around it and expand our lives beyond it. Have you lost someone recently, or well in the past? It may help to share your experience, or perhaps just hear from others who may have insight into what you are going through. Stories are medicine. Join us at the Marion Hall on Albert St, Yarmouth on October 15th from 1pm to 3pm. This group may help ease your suffering.



Please welcome into our Christian community -
Jack Muise who was baptised on Sunday
September 27, 2026.

Please keep Jack and his family in your prayers.