




**27th Sunday of Ordinary
Time
October 2nd & 3rd, 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: Be at peace with your soul;  then heaven and earth will be at peace with you. ~St. Jerome

CWL meeting **Monday October 4** at 7pm Jubilee room. Executive at 6:30. We are limited to 30 people due to COVID restrictions. Call Dawn Scott (902)663-2700 to add your name to list.

REFLECTIONS: From the Beginning...

 beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to*

his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Those three words..." From the beginning" are keywords for our day and age. It is important for people of faith to recognize not only the supernatural gifts God has given us, but also the natural gifts. The supernatural gifts are all those gifts given us by the Cross of Christ. His life, death and Resurrection poured forth upon us grace from Heaven and made holiness, salvation and Heaven possible. But there is a whole other order of "gift" that God gave us that we often take for granted. That's the gift of nature.

Creation itself, the order of the Universe, our humanity and the natural design of God are all gifts. Science can do much to discover the secrets and mysteries of the natural world, but ultimately a full understanding of even the natural world is mysterious, deep and awe-inspiring.

One aspect of the natural world God gave us is our sexuality. "God made them male and female..." This natural design is part of the glorious wisdom of the Creator and must be understood,

loved and respected fully. Being "male and female" is something that is quite obvious and naturally understood. Within each person are certain attributes, desires, tendencies, etc., that go hand in hand with being either male or female.

In many ways, the uniqueness and complementarity of the sexes have been challenged and even disregarded at times, especially in our day and age. But deep down we all understand that being male or female is part of who we are. It makes up our very identity as a person and brings with it many blessings. Femininity and masculinity, at times, also can become distorted and confused. But in essence, these attributes of our personhood cannot be discarded or denied. In fact, embracing who we are in our nature is nothing more than being honest and enables us to continue down the road of true natural integrity.

Reflect, today, upon the many ways that being "male and female" are natural blessings from God. Reflect, also, upon the ways that these natural gifts are challenged and undermined in our world today. Embrace who you are, embrace who God made you to be, and let that natural gift from God flourish in your life.

Lord, I thank You for Your countless gifts. Thank You for the gift of grace won by Your Cross, and thank You also for the gift of nature and for the way You made me. Help me to embrace my full identity in accord with Your design and, in that embrace, help me to continue to discover my very dignity. Jesus, I trust in You.

Ask, Seek, Knock "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Sometimes this Scripture passage can be misunderstood. Some may think it means that we should pray, pray more and pray harder and eventually God will answer our prayers. Some may think that this means that God does not answer prayer if we fail to pray hard enough. And some may think that whatever we pray for will be given to us if we just keep asking. We need some important clarifications on these points.

We certainly should pray hard and often. But one key question to understand is this: What should I

pray for? This is key because God will not give us what we pray for, no matter how long and hard we pray for it, if it is not part of His glorious and perfect will. For example, if someone is sick and dying and it is part of the permissive will of God to allow that person to die, then all the prayer in the world will not change things. Instead, prayer in this case should be offered so as to invite God into this difficult situation so as to make it a beautiful and holy death. So, it's not a matter of begging God until we convince Him to do what we want, as a child may do to a parent. Rather, we must pray for one thing and one thing only...we must pray for the will of God to be done. Prayer is not offered to change God's mind, it's to transform us, strengthen us and enable us to embrace all that God calls us to do.

Reflect, today, upon how you pray. Do you seek only the will of God in all things and pray deeply for that? Do you knock at the heart of Christ seeking His holy and perfect plan? Do you ask for His grace to enable you and others to fully embrace all that He has in mind for you. Pray hard and expect that prayer to change your life.

Lord, help me to daily seek You and to increase my life of faith through prayer. May my prayer help me to receive Your holy and perfect will into my life. Jesus, I trust in You.



Please welcome into our Christian community Lynx Alexander Hart and Priya May Hart who were baptised on Sunday September 26th, 2021.

Please keep Lynx, Priya and their families in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS- October 2nd – 10th, 2021

- 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**
- Wed. Oct. 6 9am Xavier Muise and Delbert Crosby**
- Sat. Oct. 9 4pm Anniv. Jimmy Hatfield and Louis J. Doucette**
- Sun. Oct. 10 9am Intentions of Charlotte & John Goodwin and Valarie Moulaison**
- Sun. Oct. 10 10am (Melbourne) Margaret Nickerson**
- Sun. Oct. 10 11am Parishioners**

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

OFFICE HOURS: Please note the office hours for the next week, October 4th to the 8th we will be open Tuesday to Thursday. We will also be closed Thanksgiving Day and we reopen to normal hours Tuesday October 12th. If you need to contact the office please call and leave a message.