



**October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary**  
**Time**

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**Reconciliation/confession** is held on Wednesday  
 after mass from 7:00-8:00

**MASS INTENTIONS – October 14th – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):**

**Sat. 4 pm** Anniv. Ed Deveau  
**Sun. 9am** Parishioners  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Antoinette Belliveau  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Pauline Blades  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Donna Freeman  
**Thurs: 9 am** Katherine & Edward Robicheau  
**Fri. 9 am** Alcide & Elizabeth Landry  
**Sat. 4 pm** Bernadette & Nazaire d’Entremont  
**Sun. 9 am** Barbara Hubbard  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Parishioners

**Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):**

**Sun. 10 am October 15** Adam Surette  
**Sun. 10 am October 22** Nicholas Clegg

**REFLECTION:** Reality vs. Appearance Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.” Do you refuse to come? Jesus spoke this parable to the chief priests and elders of the people because, even though they gave the impression to



others that they were true followers of the will of God, they were, in fact, among those who refused to come to the wedding feast of the Lamb of God. The chief priests and elders of the people were masters at portraying themselves as something they were not. They knew how to look good in the eyes of the people, how to avoid public criticism, and how to appear as holy men. But they were none of the above. Inside they were hypocrites, liars and murderers. In this parable, three invitations are sent forth. The first two are given to the invited guests. Though these “invited guests” refer especially to the people of Israel who were raised in the faith handed down from Moses and the prophets, we should also see in it those who have been raised within the Christian faith today. After the first invitation, those invited refused to come. After the second invitation, some who were invited reacted with indifference, while others reacted with hostility. These responses are common today. When Jesus sends forth His invitation to share in His wedding banquet today, there are many different responses. Some are indifferent to our Lord. These are those who are so consumed with worldly endeavors that they give little time and attention to God. For them, the practice of the faith, such as daily prayer, attendance at Mass and ongoing works of charity, is not important. Making money, obtaining material possessions, indulging in entertainment and other secular pursuits are far more the focus of their time and energy. Others, like the chief priests and elders, are good at playing the part and acting as if they are faithful followers, but they are actually hostile to the will of God. They are concerned only about their appearance and not about the reality of their souls. If they are challenged in any way, they respond with anger and attack. They are not open to the truth of the Gospel and remain self-justified by attacking anything or anyone who dares to call into question the direction they have taken in life. When the third invitation was sent forth to all people, some responded. How completely do you respond to Jesus’ invitation? To answer that question properly, we must “read” the invitation and know what we are invited to participate in. The invitation given to us is an invitation to share in the wedding feast of the Son of God. But to attend that banquet, we must be clothed in the garment of charity. Charity is the form of love that is sacrificial, selfless, and total. This form of love begins by making God the center of our lives and concludes by making His will the sole purpose of our lives. True charity will have the effect of purging all

selfishness from our lives. This is why some were hostile to the invitation. When God invites us to a life of charity, we will be faced with a need to change. For some, this is very difficult. They react either with indifference or become defensive and lash out in hostility so as to protect the life of sin they have chosen. The parable concludes with one of the invited guests being cast “into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth” because he doesn’t have on a proper wedding garment. But this wedding garment is a symbol of true charity that flows from an authentic worship of God. Reflect, today, upon how charitable you are toward others, for that will determine whether you are fit to share in the banquet of the Lord. True charity always seeks to lavish the greatest good upon others. It seeks to do everything necessary to help others grow in love of God. True charity never leads a person to gaze upon themselves. It is always outwardly focused and selfless in its choices. As you reflect upon your charity, or lack thereof, be open to the purifying invitation from Jesus and do not react in hostility. Welcome His invitation to change and allow your wholehearted worship of Him to transform you into a gift of love for others. – My Catholic Life

**COME TO THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD:** On November



4th, people from across the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth will come together to talk about accompaniment. What does the church mean by accompaniment? In short, it’s coming along side one another and walking together on our faith journey. Our guest speaker is André Regnier. André founded Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) in Saskatoon in 1988. For over three decades CCO has been affecting change in the lives of the students to whom it ministers, calling them to deeper conversion and a Christ-centered life. Learn from his experience and share your own experiences with accompaniment!

**When:** November 4, 2023  
**Time:** 8:30am to 4:00pm – The Assembly will conclude with Mass. (lunch will be provided)  
**Where:** Jubilee Room at St. Ambrose (we are a hosting site where this will be Live Streamed)  
 Sign-up sheets are located at the back of the church.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**SUNDY SCHOOL CLASSES:** Catechism classes for



grades primary to eight will be October 15<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre between the 10:00am and 11:00 am. If you haven’t registered there is still time to so.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 Muisse at 902-774-0373.

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:**



**4<sup>th</sup> Degree** Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
**Community Breakfast:** October 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 to 12:00 cost is \$10.00 Adults and 12 and under \$7.00 Proceeds to support the Yarmouth Special Olympics curling team's trip to a competition in Calgary. Please come out to support them!

**NET RETREAT:** NET is a National Evangelization



Team that travels across Canada putting on retreats for youth. We will be having the NET team down to St Ambrose on Saturday November 4th. There will be discussions, small group, skits and much more. It is for youth in grades 7 to 12. It will begin with registration at 9 am and the main retreat will begin at 9:15 am. Lunch will be provided and the day will end with mass at 4pm. We are asking to pre-register by October 30<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office at 902-742-7151. The gathering will take place in the Marian Hall.

**QUOTE of THE WEEK:** Be humble towards God and



gentle with your neighbour. – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque