



**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Pastor:** Fr. Henry Smolenaars  
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**Reconciliation/confession** is available by appointment only at this time please call the office or email Fr. Henry directly for an appointment.

**MASS INTENTIONS October 10<sup>th</sup> –October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Sat. 4pm** Jane R. Muise and Delmer Muise  
**Sun. 10:00am (Melbourne) NO MASS**  
**10:00am** Parishioners  
**Wed. 9am** Lois Armstrong and Agnes Hurlburt  
**Sat. 4pm** Parishioners  
**Sun. 10:00am (Melbourne)** Daniel Saulnier  
**10:00am** Lorraine DeViller and Greg & Barb Deveau

Please note we will no 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:** Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your whole world seems upset. If you find that you have wandered away from the shelter of God, lead your heart back to him quietly and simply. ~St. Francis de Sales



**MASS SIGNUP:** If you would like to attend mass, we ask you to please call the parish office between the hours of 9:30 to 1:00 Monday to Friday to register. With social distancing in place we will be using a lottery system to choose who will attend the mass

each weekend. Wednesday masses will be a first come first served for the time being., if it becomes necessary to do the lottery then we will implement it at that time.

**LIVE MASS WITH FR. HENRY:** I (Fr. Henry) do a live mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am and this Saturday at 4:00pm and the following Sunday at 10:00am (unless there are technical difficulties and then it will be put on after it has been recorded.). The masses will be streamed live from St. Ambrose Church. If you want to watch, go to our web site at [www.stambroseymarmouth.ca](http://www.stambroseymarmouth.ca) or go to my YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/channel/UC1CwQV-c8xpu57fbCsu0fLg/videos?view=57&flow=grid](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1CwQV-c8xpu57fbCsu0fLg/videos?view=57&flow=grid) (Copy and paste this link into your web browser if you would like to follow along.)

**EMAIL TRANSFERS:** are now available. Please send to [stambrosemail@gmail.com](mailto:stambrosemail@gmail.com) Please add your envelope number in the message box if you have one or a mailing address for an income tax receipt.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH:** for parishioners who had regularly attended and if you haven't received a call, contact Alice at 902-663-2386 or Betty at 902-742-4965. Please note there will be no Mass on Sunday in October except for Sunday October 18.

**COMMUNITY COLLECTION:** The Community Collection will take place October 24 & 25 and November 21 & 22, and your help is needed. We are inviting the faithful to help us support the pastoral initiatives needed to build up communities of faith that make missionary disciples for the realities of today's world. Together we can do this by donating to this year's collections.

**WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?** Are you a non-Catholic interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith? Are you a Catholic adult who has never celebrated 1st Communion and/or Confirmation? Are you a Catholic wishing to update your faith? If you answered "yes" to any one of these questions, then maybe RCIA is for you. Interested in finding out more? Phone the Parish Office at 902-742-7151.



**REFLECTIONS: Responding to the Gospel**  
**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**  
 "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them." [Matthew 22:5-6](#)

This passage comes from the Parable of the Wedding Feast. It reveals two unfortunate responses to the Gospel. First, there are those who ignore the invitation. Second, there are those who respond to the proclamation of the Gospel with hostility. If you commit yourself to the proclamation of the Gospel, and have dedicated your whole soul to this mission, you will most likely encounter both of these reactions. The King is an image of God, and we are called to be His messengers. We are sent by the Father to go and gather others into the wedding feast. This is a glorious mission in that we are privileged to invite people to enter into eternal joy and happiness! But rather than being filled with great excitement at this invitation, many we encounter will be indifferent and go about their day uninterested in what we share with them. Others, especially when it comes to various moral teachings of the Gospel, will react with hostility. The rejection of the Gospel, be it indifferentism or a more hostile rejection, is an act of incredible irrationality. The truth is that the message of the Gospel, which is ultimately an invitation to share in the Wedding Feast of God, is an invitation to receive the fullness of life. It's an invitation to share in the very life of God. What a gift! Yet there are those who fail to accept this gift from God because it is a total abandonment to the mind and will of God in every way. It requires humility and honesty, conversion and selfless living. Reflect, today, upon two things. First, reflect upon your own reaction to the Gospel. Do you react to all that God speaks to you with complete openness and zeal? Second, reflect upon the ways that you are called by God to bring His message to the world. Commit yourself to doing so with great zeal, regardless of the reaction of others. If you fulfill these two responsibilities, you and many others will be blessed to share in the Wedding Feast of the Great King.

*Lord, I give to You my whole life. May I always be open to You in every way, seeking to receive every word sent forth from Your merciful heart. May I also*

*seek to be used by You so as to bring the invitation of Your mercy to a world in need. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**2020 ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:** Our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Assembly of the People of God this year will be a virtual experience! Join us, online on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. We'll begin the day with a message from Archbishop Mancini and then break out into workshops. Every aspect of the gathering will be held online to allow for everyone to tune in no matter where you are...and stay safe doing so! The Assembly gathers us as a diocesan family with our Archbishops to pray for our diocese and equip ourselves to proclaim the Good News of Christ in all circumstances – even a global pandemic! This year we focus on training for our various levels of parish leadership – parish councils, finance councils, leadership teams, and catechists. For more information and to register go to: [www.halifaxymouth.org/assembly](http://www.halifaxymouth.org/assembly)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:00pm general meeting. Please note there will be no supper at this time.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting** October 20 at pm, all members are welcome.



**LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS:** The Living With Christ Yearly Missals for 2020-2021 will be available for sale starting Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> for \$5.00 each. Those who ordered will be honored first. The extras ordered will be available on a first come first served basis for those who may have forgotten to order.

