



**28th Sunday of Ordinary
Time
October 9th & 10th, 2021**

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Reconciliation/confession is held on Wednesday
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 book a time, email Fr. Henry or call the office.

MASS INTENTIONS - October 9th – 17th, 2021

Sat. Oct. 9 4pm Anniv. Jimmy Hatfield and Louis J. Doucette
 Sun. Oct. 10 9am Intentions of John & Charlotte Goodwin and Valarie Moulaison
 Sun. Oct. 10 10am (Melbourne) Margaret Nickerson
 Sun. Oct. 10 11am Parishioners
 Wed. Oct. 13 9am Victor & Coleen Doucette and Susan Oguntade
 Sat. Oct. 16 4pm Anniv. Ed Deveau and Ian MacDonald
 Sun. Oct. 17 9am Parishioners
 Sun. Oct. 17 10am (Melbourne) Rebecca LeBlanc
 Sun. Oct. 17 11am Lois Armstrong and Petronella Muise

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 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.stambrosearmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

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REFLECTIONS: Beyond Good Intentions: As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" This story starts out looking quite good. Here is a young man who is quite wealthy who comes to Jesus with a question grounded in faith. By asking Jesus what He must do to inherit eternal life, this man most likely believed that Jesus had the answer. And in his excitement, he wanted direction from Jesus. Jesus tells him that he must keep the Commandments, to which the young man responds that he has observed them from his youth. But then Jesus says something that this young man never expected Him to say. He says, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Ouch! This must have stung this rich young man in the heart. The passage continues by stating that this young man walked away sad as a result of what Jesus said.

The young man started with good intentions, that is clear. But good intentions are not enough. Following Jesus and gaining eternal life is an all-consuming and radical commitment of every part of our lives. It's not enough to tell Jesus that we will keep the Commandments, but that's all. Sure, that may get us into Purgatory, but what we should desire is Heaven! So how do we obtain Heaven?

We only obtain Heaven through a life of perfection. Yes, it's true. If we want Heaven, we must ultimately become perfect in every way. Every worldly attachment must disappear and every sin must be overcome. Our good intentions must turn into a radical and total gift of self to Jesus, seeking Him and only Him.

The rich young man walked away sad because he failed to realize that Jesus' invitation to him to give everything away was actually an act of love. He did not understand that he would find happiness in this radical commitment to follow Christ.

Reflect, today, upon the radical call of Jesus in your life. He wants every part of your life. You may have good intentions of trying to be good, but are you willing to go all the way following Christ in a full and unlimited way?

Lord, I love You and I want to love You more. I want to love You with my whole being. Help me to realize that following You requires a radical and complete gift of myself to You. May I be ready and willing to let go of any attachment in life that keeps me from following You. Jesus, I trust in You.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday October 19, 6:00pm executive meeting, 7:30pm general meeting. All members invited.

4th Degree Meeting Tuesday October 12th at 7:00pm all members invited.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Remember that when you



leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received – only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

~St. Francis of Assisi

OFFICE HOURS: 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 and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



CONFIRMATION: There will be a meeting for parents and students who will be making their Confirmation this year on Sunday, **October 24th, 2021 at 10:10 am** in the Dining Hall at the Parish Centre. A schedule of classes, date of Confirmation and workbook and letter will be given out at this time. For information, please email Debbie Muise at: boomer_2003@msn.com or phone 902-774-0373

CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY: – Join us at St. Ambrose Co-cathedral **Saturday, October 16 at 2:30** to pray the Rosary and Litany to our Lady. For more information contact Rosa at 782-353-1016.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS HEALING & RECONCILIATION:

Marriage is a lifetime commitment; however, separation and divorce can occur resulting in wounds of stress and pain. The Catholic Church seeks to reach out to divorced people in an effort to help heal the wounds, while affirming its teaching on the permanence of marriage. Anyone interested can contact the marriage tribunal in the diocese where one lives. For more information please view our website at www.halifaxarmouth/marriage-tribunal or contact: Cathy Targett: ctargett@halifaxarmouth.org or 902-429-9800 ext. 321.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR:

We are open again!

Praise God that we have been able to open the doors to everyone each weekend once more.

I think we tend to take for granted the things we have until they are taken from us. Hopefully, we will not be restricted again because of COVID.

I do want to say a big thank you to all those who helped keep things safe with cleaning the church, greeting people at the door and seating people. Without you, we would not have been able to have mass.

Even though some of the restrictions have been lifted, we will continue to wear masks and sanitize hands as people enter church. We will also continue to disinfect the church after masses.

May the good Lord bless us all as we come back together again as one people in our worship.

Fr. Henry