



October 22nd 2023
29th Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – October 21st – 29th 2023

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Bernadette & Nazaire d’Entremont
Sun. 9am Barbara Hubbard
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Rita Saulnier
Wed. 6:30 pm June Surette
Thurs: 9 am Marion Moody
Fri. 9 am Frank Joseph Muise
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9 am Anniv. Yvonne Eldridge
Sun. 11:15 am Anna MacIntyre Chisholm

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am October 22 Nicholas Clegg
Sun. 10 am October 29 For all Souls

REFLECTION: Resolving Conflict, The Pharisees went



off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” It has been said that

“the enemy of my enemy is my friend.” In other words, two people who are enemies with each other will often join together if they see an opportunity to jointly attack an even greater enemy. This is what was happening in today’s Gospel. Jesus was considered the greatest enemy of the Pharisees and the Herodians, and both of these groups joined together in a plot to trap Jesus even though they greatly disliked each other. The Pharisees were very nationalistic and were strict observers of the Law of Moses. It was their view that the people should not have to pay taxes to the Romans, and many of the people agreed. The Herodians supported the Romans and, therefore, were supporters of Herod, the Jewish ruler appointed by the Roman Emperor. One of Herod’s responsibilities was to obtain taxes from the Jews for use by the Roman government. Those who opposed the paying of taxes to the Romans could even be put to death. This joint questioning of Jesus had one goal: to get Him in trouble. If Jesus said it was unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Herod’s soldiers could arrest Him. If Jesus said that the people should pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees could turn the people against Him. It appeared to be a lose-lose question posed to Jesus. Of course, Jesus’ answer was perfect. Without violating the Law of God, He also refrained from violating the civil law. Upon hearing His answer, all who heard Him “were amazed, and leaving him they went away.”

The lesson learned from this passage is an especially important lesson to apply to family life. It is very common for conflicts to arise from time to time among those who are close to each other. When that happens, we can often take the approach of trying to trap the other person and trip them up with our deceptive reasoning. When this happens between two people, the conversation often turns into a shouting match with each party seeking only to find fault with the other. The solution to such situations is simple. Every conflict must be resolved by the truth. Jesus did this perfectly. He did not attack when He was attacked. He did not defend Himself irrationally. He did not shy away from the confrontation. He did not manipulate the truth to His own advantage. Instead, He spoke openly and honestly the full truth and refused to engage his opponents in their trickery. Consider this question. What if you were in Jesus’ position and the Pharisees came to you, asking you this question? What would you be tempted to answer? Most likely, you would try to answer them in such a way that appeased them. You might whisper,

“We shouldn’t pay the taxes but don’t tell that to the Herodians.” And if the Herodians were to ask you that question, you might be tempted to give a different answer that appeased them. Oftentimes, when we feel as though another person is trying to trap us, condemn us, or challenge us, we become more concerned about our defense than with the honest truth. We can become afraid to say anything that will give them reason to attack us. We will be tempted to twist our answers rather than speak forthrightly with sincerity and honesty. This will never resolve a conflict. The only way to resolve anything is with the truth. Reflect, today, upon how you work to resolve conflict when it arises. Are you more like the Pharisees and Herodians whose only goal was to trick, trap and win? Do you see the other as an enemy in those moments? Or do you strive to be like Jesus who didn’t shy away from the conversation, answering honestly and directly? Of course, the truth was easy for Jesus since He was without any fault. In our lives, the truth may require that we admit our sin and apologize when confronted. However, if the truth, the full truth and nothing but the truth is our goal, then our conversations will imitate Jesus and, most often, a peaceful resolution will ensue. – 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 29th. 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.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Community



Breakfast: October 22nd 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 Calgary.

NET RETREAT: 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 30th. Please call the office at 902-742-7151. The gathering will take place in the Marian Hall.

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be



held November 2nd 2023 at Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!

PARISHIONER APPRECIATION WEEKEND: A big

thankyou to the Knights of Columbus for doing all the work that went into making the apple crisp this past weekend. We have been trying to make this an annual event, a time for parishioners to socialize and enjoy a treat. Thank you also everyone for making it a fun event. Fr. Henry



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Patricia Murphy
 Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.