



29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 17th & 18th, 2020

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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 17 th –October 25 th , 2020		
Sat.	October 17	4pm Parishioners
Sun.	October 18	10:00am (Melbourne) Daniel Saulnier
	October 18	10:00am Parishioners Lorraine DeViller and Greg & Barb Deveau
Wed.	October 21	9am Mariette Comeau and Adeline Cook
Sat.	October 24	4pm Andrew Deveau and Ray Bowers
Sun.	October 25	10:00am (Melbourne) NO MASS
	October 25	10:00am 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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart? ~St. Gerard

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 Sunday at 10:00am and the following Saturday at 4:00pm (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.stambroseymouth.ca or go to my YouTube channel 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 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.


REFLECTIONS: Overcoming the Trickery of Evil
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
 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?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said,

"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?" [Matthew 22:15-18](#) The Pharisees were "hypocrites" filled with "malice." They were also cowards in that they would not even act on their own malicious plot. Instead, they sent some of their own disciples to try to trap Jesus. From the point of view of worldly wisdom, they set a very good trap. Most likely, the Pharisees sat and discussed this plot in great detail, instructing these messengers on exactly what to say. They began by complimenting Jesus telling Him they know He is a "truthful man." They then go on to say that they know Jesus is "not concerned with anyone's opinion." These two accurate qualities of Jesus are spoken because the Pharisees believe they can use them as the foundation of their trap. If Jesus is truthful and not concerned about other's opinions then surely, they expect Him to declare that there is no need to pay the temple tax. The result of such a statement by Jesus would be that He would be arrested by the Romans. The sad truth is that the Pharisees spend a tremendous amount of energy plotting and planning this malicious trap. What a waste of time! And the glorious truth is that Jesus spends hardly any energy dismantling their plot and revealing them for the malicious hypocrites they are. He states, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" ([Matthew 22:21](#)). In our own lives, there are times when we may find ourselves face to face with the malicious intent and plotting of another. Though this may be rare for some, it does happen. Often times, the effect of such a plot is that we become deeply disturbed and lose our peace. But Jesus endured such malice so as to show us the way to handle the attacks and traps we may encounter in life. The answer is to stay grounded in the Truth and to respond with the wisdom of God. God's wisdom penetrates and foils every human act of malice and trickery. God's wisdom is able to overcome everything. Reflect, today, upon how deeply you trust the wisdom of God to guide you through life. You cannot make it on your own. There are traps and snares that will inevitably come your way. Trust in His wisdom and abandon yourself to His perfect will and you will find that He will guide you every step of the way. ~My Catholic Life


2020 ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD: Our 9th 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:
 **4TH Degree Meeting** October 20 at 7 pm, all members are welcome.

LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS: are available for pick up at the office for \$5.00 each.



Please welcome into our Christian community
 Bernadette Agnes Chandler
 who was baptised on Sunday October 11, 2020.
 Please keep Bernadette and her family in your prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the families and friends of
 Edward Joseph Deveau and Clifford Andrew Muise
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon Them.