



October 19th, 2025 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – October 11th - 19th, 2025

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Billy Gordon
Sun. 9am Alcide & Elizabeth Landry
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Louise Lena Murray
Wed. 6:30 pm Dwayne Murphy
Thurs. 9 am Patricia Ayer
Fri. 9 am Michael Pothier
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Harriet Gallant
Sun. 11:15 am Margaret T. Crowell

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am October 19 Ervin DeViller
Sun. 10 am October 26 Frank Muise

REFLECTION: Justice Through Mercy: Jesus told his



disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. In our parable for today, we have the witness of a widow who came to a dishonest judge and continuously begged him for a just judgment. It's interesting that Jesus used the image of a "dishonest judge" to teach us about persistent prayers being answered. He does so because He wants us to understand that if even those who are dishonest respond to

persistence, then so much more will the Just Judge of Heaven respond to persistence. Will God answer any prayer you pray if you offer that prayer day and night, day after day without fail? Does God eventually give into our requests as a parent might give into a child who keeps begging for something? Not exactly. One of the most important qualifiers mentioned in this parable is the word "just." We read that the woman's plea before the judge was, "render a just decision for me..." At the conclusion of the parable, Jesus gives this interpretation: "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" When we pray, we ought not pray for whatever we want. We ought not pray for our preference, selfish desires, or our own ideas. We must pray only for the justice of God. When we do so with unwavering perseverance, God will secure our rights and bring forth His justice. Justice, in the mind of God, is not only about righting certain wrongs. The prime example of this is the death of our Lord Himself. Clearly, Jesus was purely innocent and yet He suffered greatly. For that reason, would we conclude that the suffering and death of the Son of God was an injustice? Not really. The reason for this is that justice can be achieved best by mercy. Because Jesus embraced the injustice of His suffering and death and turned it into a free embrace out of love, this "injustice" became a sacrifice of love by which an abundance of mercy was bestowed. Jesus had every right to call down fire from Heaven and to destroy those who sinned against Him. But He had a far better plan. Instead, by choosing to accept the injustice of the Cross, and by freely embracing it with His own will, the injustice was transformed and a far greater good came forth. In our own lives, whenever we are wronged by another, we are often tempted to anger and to desire revenge in the name of justice. We want them to pay for what they did. If you ever feel that way, know that the greatest form of justice is mercy. Know that your free embrace of injustice brings forth the transforming power of God in a way that punishment or retribution could never accomplish. This is the form of justice we must pray for night and day. We must beg God for the ability to accept all sufferings with love, to offer those sufferings as a sacrifice, and to allow them to be transformed into mercy. Reflect, today, upon anything for which you desire justice. Is there

anything that has been unfair in your life? Do you dwell upon any hurt inflicted upon you by another? As you call those things to mind, know that the power of your persistent prayer has the potential to transform those sufferings into God's mercy. Beg for this gift and know that God will always answer those prayers. *Most just Judge, You desire to transform every injustice into mercy by calling us to freely embrace those injustices out of love. This is a high calling, dear Lord, but it is also a glorious one. Please give me the grace I need to follow Your example and to persevere in this form of prayer always. Jesus, I trust in You.* -
My Catholic Life

CATECHETICS REGISTRATION AND CLASSES:

Registration and the start of Catechetics classes will both begin this Sunday October 19th in the Parish Centre. Classes will run from 10:10 am to 11:00am and is for grades primary to eight.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: - Those who are called to the



table of the Lord must glow with brightness that comes from the good example of a praiseworthy and blameless life. -St. John of Capistrano

COFFEE SOCIALS: are being held after all the



masses this weekend October 18th & 19th. Come join us for a cup.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: The 4th degree meeting for October 21st is cancelled due to installation of officers being held at Comeauville Council.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST: There is a Knights Community Breakfast Fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 9:00 am to 11:30 pm October 26th. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for 12 and under. The proceeds will go to Yarmouth Special Olympics.

YOUTH LED MINISTRIES HAPPENING AT THE 11:15

MASS: Once a month at St. Ambrose at the 11:15 am mass, the youth of our Parish will be doing the different mass ministries. There are 4 ministries which youth grades 3 and up can sign up for: Lector (reading), Usher, Altar Server, and Greeter. Please

connect with Nikki Boudreau (902-307-3591) or Debbie Muise (902-774-0373). Thank you for helping to serve in our Church.

JUBILEE OF EVANGELIZATION: This weekend in our Archdiocese we celebrate the Jubilee of Evangelization. The mission of the Church is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ so that people may come to know Him and be drawn into His love. This mission needs many hands and hearts working together, both in our parishes and in our wider community. Evangelization is at the heart of who we are as Church. It is one of the four Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, and it calls each of us to share our faith and to help build up the kingdom of God in our midst. Each one of us are called to be evangelizers.

ENVELOPE USER: Would the person using envelope number 349 Please contact the office.

WELCOME DEACON YOLANDER SANCHEZNMORA:

Deacon Yolander was born in Venezuela, and moved to Canada in 2017. He had many dreams and plans, but God had a different one. In 2018 he began discerning a call to the priesthood and he became a seminarian studying for the Diocese of St. Catharines at St. Peter's Seminary in Ontario. On June 27 of this year, he was ordained a Deacon, and is completing his final year of Theology and is scheduled to be ordained in the spring of 2026. Welcome Deacon Yolander to Saint Ambrose!



Our sympathy is extended to the families and friends of

Mildred Mary Bourque, Thadee "Ted" Joseph Cottreau, Barbara Olivia LeBlanc, Carrie Marie Cottreau, Anna (Gayle) d'Eon

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.