



October 18th, 2026
29th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – October 17th- 25th, 2026

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9 am Richard Robicheau
Sun. 11:15 am Sandy Fevens
Tues. 6:30 pm Marjorie Smith
Wed. 6:30 pm June Durkee
Thurs. 9 am Gladys & Clarke Charles
Fri. 9 am Helen Muise
Sat. 4 pm Anniversary Doris Thibeau
Sun. 9 am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Ann Pennell

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am October 18 Avite Saulnier
Sun. 10 am October 25 Agnes Cottreau

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS in the offertory procession at a weekend Mass (if you are a family member of the person the Mass is for) please see the greeters **at least 20 minutes before Mass begins.**

REFLECTION: An Alliance in Christ *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?” The Herodians were a political group who supported the rule of Herod Antipas and his dynasty. They favored collaboration with the Roman Empire and upheld the Herodian line as the legitimate rulers over Judea. For the sake of national stability, they promoted political compromise. The Pharisees, on the other hand, were a religious sect devoted to the Law of Moses and the strict observance of Jewish customs, though often corrupted by legalism. They viewed Gentile rule as a threat to the sanctity of God’s covenant and wielded great influence over the people due to their outward piety and perceived religious authority. Given their stark political and theological differences, the alliance formed between the Pharisees and the Herodians in their plot against Jesus is both startling and revealing. Despite their longstanding enmity, they found common ground in their mutual hatred of Jesus. The Pharisees sought to undermine His credibility among the people, while the Herodians hoped to present Him as a threat to Roman authority. Together, they constructed a trap, hoping Jesus would either speak against the Law or against Caesar—either of which would serve their purposes. Hatred, envy, jealousy, pride, and self-righteousness can forge what appears to be unity—even among rivals—but it is a unity rooted in darkness; a counterfeit communion built on shared agendas rather than truth. It is the kind of alliance in which satan himself rejoices. Such false unity always unravels. Anything built on pride and sin cannot stand. Unity can only endure where truth, humility, and love prevail. As we look around us, we see many such counterfeit alliances formed not by shared conviction in what is good and true, but by convenience in opposing what threatens personal influence or power. Individuals and groups unite to silence voices that speak uncomfortable truths. This is frequently seen in politics and culture, but is also tragically found even within the Church. In every case, truth is twisted, motives are disguised, and God’s pure and holy will becomes the object of attack. When such unholy alliances take root within the Church, they do grave damage to our common mission to proclaim the Gospel in truth. True Christian unity is not grounded in

shared ambitions or human agendas, but in the Person of Jesus Christ. It is expressed through charity, humility, and fidelity to God’s will. It is not built on calculation or convenience but on the self-emptying love of Christ, who calls us to die to self and live for Him. Our only agenda must be that God be glorified and His children drawn into His glory and sanctification. As members of His Body, the Church, our unity must reflect the communion of the Most Holy Trinity, rooted in divine love, not in political expediency or pride. Reflect today on the unity to which you are called. Do you form alliances based on personal ambition or on wholehearted worship of God? Reflect especially upon your involvement within the Church and consider whether, even unintentionally, you act more like a politician or lobbyist than a true disciple of Christ. Commit yourself not to an agenda, but to Jesus. Worship Him, surrender your life to Him, and allow Him to unite you with other members of His Body, the Church. Such unity is the only unity that endures all things and bears lasting fruit. –My Catholic Life

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting

 at the Knights of Columbus Hall Tuesday October 13, all members invited. (6:00 pm executive meeting and 7:30 pm general meeting). **There is no 4th degree meeting this month.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: We are beginning to collect our annual dues. You may put your \$35 in an envelope marked CWL dues with your name, address, phone number and email (if available) in the collection on weekends or drop them in the mailbox at the parish office or for pickup call 902-749-7504

CATECHISM REGISTRATION: Catechism class registration for grades Primary through 7 will take place this Sunday, in the parish centre from 10:10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m., between the morning Masses. Classes will begin on Sunday, October 25.

ST. AMBROSE QUILTERS: St. Ambrose Quilters meet Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. at the parish center. Are you looking to have a quilt hand quilted? contact Caroline [902-742-7470](tel:902-742-7470).

Come visit, come quilt or learn to quilt, bring a craft, come for social time and have a cup of tea with the quilters, pray the rosary on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

CURSILLO: Clausura/Invasion the 95th Men’s Cursillo is being held this weekend October 15th – 18th, 2026. All Cursillistas are invited to attend the Clausura at 4 pm on Sunday, October 18th in the dining room at St. Ambrose Parish Centre. There will be a potluck reception to follow. Please be reminded that we no longer have personal Palanca, but you are invited to send Palanca for the group of candidates or the team. DeColores!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

 Sunday, October 25th, at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. The profit will be donated to the Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre.

ALL SAINTS’ PARTY: This Sunday November 2nd after the 11:15am Mass we will be having a children's All Saints' party in the Jubilee Room. Children of all ages can dress up as saints and say a word or two about their chosen saint (you can come without a costume as well). Everyone is invited. Light snacks will be served. Contact Leila with any questions at 902-307-5966.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: There are some so restless that when they are free from labour they labour all the more, because the leisure they have for thought, the worse interior turmoil they have to bear. – St. Gregory the Great



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Dorothy Ann Vallillee, Willa Ruth Anderson and Yvonne Comeau
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.