



2nd Sunday of Advent December 4th & 5th, 2021

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 book a time, email Fr. Henry or call the office.

MASS INTENTIONS - Dec. 4th – 12th, 2021

Sat. 4pm Anniv. Jamie McDonnell and Doris Fitzgerald
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 10am (Melbourne) Intentions of Alden Maillet
Sun. 11am Hector D'Eon and Marilyn & Earl Goudey
Wed. 6:30pm Antoinette Belliveau and Jean Bourque
Thurs. 9am Viola Lombard and Jean Lombard
Sat. 4pm Deceased Gordon & Robicheau Families and
 Anniv. Larry Burke
Sun. 9am Cliff & Helen Hipson and David Doucette
Sun. 10am (Melbourne) Jean Cottreau
Sun. 11am 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.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CEMETERY: With winter
 approaching we are seeing a lot of garbage blowing
 around the cemetery. We are asking that if you are
 visiting and are able to help out by picking up said
 garbage and disposing of it properly it would be

greatly appreciated. We would like to keep the
 properties around us clean. Thank you.

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.stambroseyarmouth.ca or go
 to our YouTube channel
[www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?
 view=57](https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57)

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: Mary sustains our journey
 toward Christmas, for she teaches us how
 to live this Advent Season in expectation
 of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a
 time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on
 the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The
 Lord is Coming! Let us wait for him! ~ Pope Francis



EMAIL TRANSFERS: are available. Please send to
stambrosemail@gmail.com Please add your
 envelope number or personal information for
 income tax purposes.

FOOD BANK: This weekend December 4th & 5th is
 our turn to support the Yarmouth Food
 Bank. Non-perishable goods and
 monetary donations are appreciated.



**REFLECTIONS: Humility Prepares the Way for
 Christ**



“A voice of one crying out in the
 desert. ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight
 his paths.’”

On this, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are given
 the person of St. John the Baptist to ponder. What
 a gift he is! Jesus Himself stated that “among those
 born of women there has been none greater than
 John the Baptist” What a compliment! What is it
 that made John so great? We can point to two
 things in particular. The first has to do with his
 calling and the second has to do with his virtue.
 First of all, John was great because he was the
 transition from the Old Testament Prophets to the
 New Testament. He was the bridge that prepared

for the new life to come. His unique mission makes
 him truly great.

But John was great not only because of his unique
 calling, he was also great because of the virtue he
 had in his life. And it is this gift that is worth
 pondering for our own inspiration more than any
 other.

The particular virtue that John had was that of
 humility. He saw himself as nothing other than a
 “voice of one crying out in the desert.” And the
 Word he spoke was Jesus.

John acknowledged that he was not even worthy to
 stoop down and untie the sandal straps of Jesus. He
 was praised by many and followed by many and yet
 he continuously said of Jesus that “He must increase
 and I must decrease”. John was not in it for praise
 and honor; rather, his mission was to point
 everyone to the Savior of the World. He could have
 sought the honor and praise of many and he would
 have certainly received it. They may have even
 made him king. But John was more than willing to
 fulfill his mission and then submit himself to the
 cruel sword of his executioner. His humility was
 such that he was focused only on Jesus and desired
 only to point to Him.

Reflect, today, upon this humility in your own
 life. Do you tend to point to yourself or to
 Christ? Do you seek the praise of others or do you
 humbly point all praise and glory to God? Humility
 is the path that St. John the Baptist took and it’s the
 path we must strive for each and every day.
 ~My Catholic Life

COLLECTION ENVELOPES: Envelope users may now
 pick up their new box of envelopes for
 2022 from the parish centre office
 during office hours 9:30—to 1:00.



CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE NEWS: The CWL will
 be organizing a Christmas basket
 for SHYFT House. Items needed are
 socks, underwear, t-shirts, tooth
 paste, tooth brushes, soap,
 shampoo, deodorant, towels
 pajamas. All sizes are needed for male and female.
 They will be collecting items on December 18, 2021
 in the parish centre parking lot. If you have any
 questions, please call Dawn Scott at 902-740-4820.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:



December 24 – St. Ambrose
 4:00 pm Children’s Mass
 7:00 pm
 10:00 pm
December 24 – Our Lady of Lourdes
 7:30 pm
December 25 – St. Ambrose
 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: There will be a
 reconciliation service this Tuesday
 December 7th at 6:30 pm here at St.
 Ambrose. Why not make this
 Christmas extra special with feeling
 the deep forgiveness this sacrament can give?
**Please note: we will be asking for proof of
 vaccination because this is not considered to be an
 essential service according to Nova Scotia policies.**



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone at Lady of Lourdes
 wishing to donate towards Christmas
 flowers in memory of a loved one may
 do so at the office or you can put your
 donation in an envelope with your
 name and envelope number on it along with “in
 memory of _____” written on it and place it in the
 collection basket. For St. Ambrose, we now have
 artificial flowers that will be used from year to year
 but for anyone wishing to still make a donation in
 memory of a loved, please think of making one to
 the Tabitha Centre.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and
 friends of
 William “Billy” Crouse
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual
 light shine upon him.