



2nd Sunday of Advent December 7th & 8th, 2019

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Reconciliation/confession is available every
Saturday 11 am-noon at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

MASS INTENTIONS –December 7-15, 2019

Sat. 4pm Albert Bourque and Simon & Marie Belliveau
6pm (Melbourne) Evangeline Saulnier
Sun. 9am Alexander & Mary MacIsaac and Special Intentions
11:15am Parishioners
Mon. No Mass
Tues. 6:30pm Deceased members of the Bourque family and Paula Bishara
Wed. 6:30pm Anniv. Helen Hipson and Clarence Surette
Thur. 9am Dorothy Cook and Andrew Deveau
Fri. 9am Anniv. Wilfred Amirault and Joan O'connell
Sat. 4pm Parishioners
6pm (Melbourne) Henry Surette
Sun. 9am William Murphy and Florence Murphy
11:15am Anniv. Bill Muise and Marilyn & Earl Goudey

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.**

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.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT: Saint Ambrose is having their annual *Night of Joy Christmas concert* on Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.



COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will be held this weekend after the Saturday 4pm Mass and the Sunday 9am Mass. The pot luck is taking place on Sunday following the 11:15am Mass at the Parish Center Dining Hall. Please bring a dish to share with the community and bring a friend. The Knights of Columbus will be there to accept items.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:
Tuesday **December 10th**, all members invited.



5:30pm executive meeting
6:30pm supper
7:30pm general meeting

Community Breakfast: Sunday, **December 15th** from 9am -noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Adults -\$7.00 and children under 12 -\$3.50. Eat in or take out.

Assembly 1428 meeting: Tuesday **December 17th** at 7pm. All members invited.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone at St. Ambrose or Our 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.



RECONCILIATION SERVICE: There will be a reconciliation service on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm here at St. Ambrose. Why not make this Christmas extra special with feeling the deep forgiveness this sacrament can give?



ST. AMBROSE ANNUAL SKATE: will be held on January 3rd from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Yarmouth Mariner's Centre. It is free skate sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 2181. Everyone is welcome!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing but live otherwise. -St. Charles Borromeo



CHRISTMASS SCHEDULE:

December 24 – St. Ambrose

4:00 pm Children's Mass
7:00 pm
10:00 pm

December 24 – Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 pm

December 25 – St. Ambrose

10:00 am

January 1 – St. Ambrose

10:00 am



"REMEMBERING DECEMBERS": The Yarmouth Community Chorale, Band and Orchestra concerts are being held at Beacon United Church Saturday December 7th at 7:00 pm and Sunday December 8th at 2:00 pm. Adults \$15/Students \$5/Family \$30.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Mark Frederick Doucette, Dora Marie Jacquard and James Gordon McDonnell
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR: Christmas House Tour: at the rectory of Ste-Anne Church, 7317 hwy 3, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau on Sunday, December 1, December 8 and December 15 from 3:00 – 8:00 pm; also on Thursday December 12 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.



THANK YOU: to all the people who came to help with the pre-Christmas church cleaning. It was greatly appreciated.



SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: For those who wish to receive Sacrament of the Sick, Just a reminder that I am sometimes not available because I am away. Please remember that you do not need to wait till the last minute. Fr. Henry



REFLECTION: 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 (Mark 1:7). 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 3:30). 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.

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