



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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### MASS INTENTIONS---April 10<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Sat. April 10 4pm** Delbert d'Entremont and Larry Burke  
**Sun. April 11 9am** Intentions Harland Banks  
 and Intentions Isabelle Sweeney  
**April 11 10am (Melbourne)** Arthur Muise  
**April 11 11am Parishioners**  
**Wed. April 14 9am** Anniv. Marion Surette and Intentions  
 of Gerry & Corrine MacKenzie  
**Sat. April 17 4pm** Bernadette & Nazaire d'Entremont  
 and Frederick Edward LeBlanc  
**Sun. April 18 9am** Weldon Smith and Victor McGuire  
**April 18 10am (Melbourne)** Adele Saulnier  
**April 18 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.

**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.stambroseymouth.ca](http://www.stambroseymouth.ca) or go to our YouTube channel

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** To keep a lamp burning we



have to put oil in it. St. Teresa of Calcutta

### REFLECTION: Overcoming Daily Fear

When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they began to be afraid. But he said to them, "It is I. Do not be afraid." This very familiar phrase was spoken once again: "Do not be afraid." The setting is significant. It is dark and the Apostles are out to sea. If you've ever been out in the middle of the sea when it's dark out, you'd know that this is a bit frightening. You cannot see the land and you feel as though you are surrounded by nothing. The Apostles would have been feeling a bit lost as if they were in the middle of nowhere.

But, in the midst of this experience, Jesus came walking to them and told them, "It is I. Do not be afraid." This would have been quite consoling to them. We must see in this experience of the Apostles the daily experience so many have. Many can feel as if they are surrounded by nothing, alone and lost. Sure, this may not be an overwhelming feeling for some, but it is all too often an experience many do have to one degree or another.

This Gospel passage reveals to us that Jesus comes to us no matter where we are or whatever the situation is that we find ourselves in. He does not wait for us to come and find Him, rather, He enters into our lives right where we are.

This experience of being at sea in the dark comes in many forms. Perhaps your life is filled with activity, but you still feel alone. Perhaps your life is one where you do not have many around and feel the constant experience of isolation. Or perhaps you put on a good face and present yourself as one who has it all together, but inside you are deeply struggling. Whatever the case may be, Jesus wants to come to you and to console you.

Reflect, today, upon these words of Jesus. Listen to Him say to you, "It is I." As you hear Him say these words, turn to Him and acknowledge His presence. Let Him come into the dark sea that you may feel surrounds you. Hear Him say, "Do not be afraid." There are so many experiences in life that we can fear. So many times, that fear can take hold of us. If we but let ourselves focus in on Jesus, the fear of our daily surroundings disappears. We discover, deep within, that Jesus is right there and that all is well because He cares and is in control. Let Him into the boat of your heart and let Him take over. He is coming to you and is waiting for a response.

*Lord, so often I fail to acknowledge Your divine presence in my life. So often I fail to see you coming to me. Help me to know that You are always there. Free me from the many fears of life, dear Lord, and give me courage to welcome You fully into my life. Jesus, I trust in You. — My Catholic Life*

**CANDLES IN THE CHURCH:** Many have been asking if they are able to light candles in the church. Due to COVID 19 we are trying to minimize traffic and contact in the church so we have not been lighting them. If you wish to have candles lit you can place the payment with the number of candles you want to have lit in an envelope. It can be dropped off to the parish office or placed in the collection basket and on each Friday we will light them for you.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:30pm general meeting. Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 7:00pm 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting, all members invited.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** The first Sunday after Easter (April 11<sup>th</sup>) is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will be having a Divine Mercy Service at **2:30pm** at St. Ambrose Church. Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions that took place over almost eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the prayer for Divine Mercy. Please come join us in praying this prayer. Due to the COVID 19 we will be following safety protocols and it will be a first come first served for seating for a maximum of 100 people.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
**Albert Nelson Corning**  
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Fr. Henry's Easter Message:** Once again, this year COVID has put limitations on us as a worshipping community. Watching from home has become the new way to experience church. As good as this might be in some ways, it means not always receiving Jesus in the Eucharist and not always being together as a community. For those who watch these days of Holy Week, we see how Jesus was willing to endure the humility of being a man, how died upon a cross, how he descended into hell, unlocked the gates of heaven, and conquered the darkness of evil and sin. From the hopelessness of the tomb and from the emptiness of the grave, the Son of God has risen, and he comes to us this day with the promise of eternal life. The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world in which God has the last word. These days of Easter also remind us of the beginnings of the Church. It challenges us to continue what Jesus taught. It teaches us to take courage that despite the challenges we face in our world, the Risen Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is present and active in our lives.

As we celebrate Easter, I'd like to thank the many people who have shared their time, talent, and treasure in any of the ministries of the church. Thanks also to all the volunteers who sacrificed over the pandemic to help with cleaning and seating of people. God sees the good work you've done and anything like that is never forgotten by God. May God continue to bless us as a parish and keep us joyful as we continue in the Easter season.

Have a Blessed Easter.

~Fr. Henry