



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
February 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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**Reconciliation/confession** is available by appointment only at this time please call the office or email Fr. Henry directly for an appointment.

**MASS INTENTIONS--February 27<sup>th</sup>-March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b>Sat. Feb.27</b>	<b>4pm</b>	Arnold & Agnes Porter and Helen & Doug Melanson
	<b>Feb .28</b>	<b>9am Parishioners</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 28</b>	<b>10am (Melbourne)</b>	Theresa Harris
	<b>Feb.28</b>	<b>11am</b> Tingy Jackson and Nelly Vanderdonk-Muise
<b>Wed. Mar. 3</b>	<b>9am</b>	Conrad, Mickey & Curtis LeBlanc and Anniv. Rose Purdy
<b>Sat. Mar. 6</b>	<b>4pm</b>	Janet Cameron and Rita Hemeon
<b>Sun. Mar. 7</b>	<b>9am</b>	Anniv. Sharon K. LeBlanc and Macpherson Family
	<b>Mar. 7</b>	<b>10am (Melbourne)</b> Constance DeViller
	<b>Mar. 7</b>	<b>11am Parishioners</b>


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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** began on Friday, February 19 and will continue every Friday during Lent at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral at 6:30pm. Each week, it will be led by a different group. We will be following safety protocols so it will be a first come first served basis. Please note we will record the first week and it will be available on our website for the duration of Lent.

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

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

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** Just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with Him. Then you will be able to rest in Him – really rest.-  
  
 -St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

**REFLECTION: The Life of Sacrifice** Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?" They said to him, "We can." He replied, "My chalice you will indeed drink, but to sit at my right and at my left, this is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." It's easy to have good intentions, but is that enough? The Gospel passage above was spoken by Jesus to the brothers James and John after their loving mother came to Jesus and asked Him to promise her that her two sons would sit on His right and left when He took up His kingly throne. Perhaps it was a bit bold of her to ask that of Jesus, but it was clearly a mother's love that was behind her request. However, it's important to note that she didn't actually realize what she was asking. And if she did realize what she was asking, she may not have asked Jesus for this "favor" at all. Jesus was going up to Jerusalem where He would take up His throne of the Cross and be crucified. And it was in this context that Jesus is asked if James and John could join Him on His *throne*. This is why Jesus asks these two Apostles, "Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?" To which they respond, "We can." And Jesus confirms this by telling them, "My chalice you will indeed drink." They were invited

by Jesus to follow in His footsteps and to courageously give their lives in a sacrificial way for the love of others. They were to abandon all fear and were to be ready and willing to say "Yes" to their own crosses as they sought to serve Christ and His mission. Following Jesus is not something we ought to do half way. If we want to be a true follower of Christ then we, too, need to drink the chalice of His Precious Blood deep into our souls and to be nourished by that gift so that we are ready and willing to give of ourselves to the point of a total sacrifice. We need to be ready and willing to hold nothing back, even if that means the greatest of sacrifice. True, very few people will be called to be *literal* martyrs, but we are ALL called to be martyrs in spirit. This means that we must be so completely given over to Christ and His will that we have died to ourselves. Reflect, today, upon Jesus asking you this question, "Can you drink of the chalice that I am going to drink?" Can you willingly give everything, holding nothing back? Can your love of God and others be so complete and total that you are a martyr in the truest sense of the word? Resolve to say "Yes," drink the chalice of His Precious Blood and daily offer your life in total sacrifice. It's worth it and you can do it!

*Lord, may my love for You and others be so complete that I hold nothing back. May I give my mind only to Your Truth and my will to Your Way. And may the gift of Your Precious Blood be my strength on this journey so that I may imitate Your perfect and sacrificial love. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 in St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral. Being in the presence of the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ gives spiritual strength and nourishment in a uniquely powerful way. Seating will be first come first served to a maximum of 100 people.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm executive meeting, 7:00pm general meeting. All members invited.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting** Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. All members invited.




**FORMATION COLLECTION:** On March 5 & 6 the Archdiocese will launch the Formation Collection. The collection is for:

- Adult Faith Formation – Through programs offered by the archdiocese, as well as through partnerships with organizations like the Atlantic School of Theology, we strive to create and provide opportunities to form adults and equip them to share Christ with others
- Catechetical Formation –We will explore new methods and expressions of catechesis to engage both children and adults. Catechesis is an ever evolving and changing ministry, yet the core teachings of the Church remain unchanged and must be passed on.
- Pastoral Formation –Through retreats, study days and training sessions for priests, deacons and lay leaders, we will work to form leaders for the ever-changing ministry contexts they face today. Please be as generous as you can be at this time.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**The interfaith World Day of prayer is held yearly on the first Friday of March. This year it will be an online service which can be accessed by going to [wicc.org](http://wicc.org) and clicking on the One Hour Service Video button.

**FOOD BANK:** Next weekend March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. One of the Knights of Columbus members will be present prior to each of the weekend masses to collect the donations.





Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
 Emelie "Claudette" Doucette and Gordon Wesley Gore  
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.