



March 5th, 2023 2nd Sunday of Lent

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MASS INTENTIONS – March 4th – 12th 2023

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Maggie & Theophile Muise
Sun. 9am Rita Muise
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30pm Albert Bourque
Wed. 6:30 pm Special Intentions
Thurs: 9 am Fr. Melvin Stevens
Fri. 9 am Junior Murphy
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9 am Intentions of Dorothy M. Deveau
Sun. 11:15 am Codie Saulnier

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am March 5 Pauline Cottreau
Sun. 10 am March 12 Intentions of Alden Maillet

COMING THIS LENT ... DIVINE MERCY IN THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD:



Thursday of Lent, I (Fr. Henry) will be doing a video series on Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy has been called the second greatest story ever told (the Bible being the greatest). The series is "an amazing visual presentation that will challenge and enthrall you." It runs for 5 weeks every Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Jubilee Room. Check out the preview on

our main webpage. Please come and join me this lent. Sign-up is not required.

REFLECTION: Continuing the Mission Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. This was not the first time that the Son of God spoke to Moses and Elijah on a high mountain. Recall that Moses was called up to Mount Sinai (also called Horeb) to be with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, during which time the finger of God inscribed the Law on tablets, given to Moses to give to the people. During that time, the Israelites, from the base of the mountain, saw the summit consumed in fire. Similarly, Elijah, the great prophet, was called up that same mountain to encounter the Lord. He entered a cave and waited. Elijah then encountered a strong and violent wind, an earthquake and a fire. But God was not in any of them. Then Elijah heard a light quiet sound, a whisper, and he hid his face out of reverence as the Lord spoke to him.

In the experience of the Transfiguration, which we ponder today, the Son of God, now in the flesh, allowed His glory to once again shine forth. As He did, He conversed with Moses and Elijah in the presence of three of His disciples. These disciples were in awe, just as Moses and Elijah had been during their first encounters with God on Mount Sinai. These two great Old Testament figures now stand as witnesses of God's unfolding plan, revealing by their presence that Jesus is the fulfillment of all they had been entrusted to teach in their lifetime.

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On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus prepared three new disciples to continue the mission He began through Moses and continued through Elijah. Jesus gave these disciples the New Law of grace and mercy that He came to institute. The disciples were also entrusted with the prophetic mission of Elijah to call people to repentance and to fidelity to the covenant.

Today, our Lord calls all of his faithful servants up a spiritual mountain with Him so as to entrust to them the ongoing mission given to these great servants of old. Through prayer, God will manifest His divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make that journey. As He does, He will entrust to us His New Law and inscribe it on our hearts. He will command us to embrace the perfection of the love of God and the bestowal of mercy on others. He will entrust us with the prophetic mission of calling others back to God and will empower us to fulfill that mission in accord with His perfect will.

Reflect, today, upon this glorious scene of the Transfiguration. This image teaches us about the entire plan of God throughout time. Prayerfully ponder the idea that Jesus is inviting you to make the arduous journey up the mountain of prayer, self-discipline, virtue and holiness. Pray that your eyes will be open to see His glory and that this experience will inspire you and strengthen you to continue to fulfill the mission of God started long ago, until it comes to completion when He returns at the end of time.

My Transfigured Lord, You spoke Your divine will to the great leaders of old on a high mountain. You also entrusted Your mission to the disciples on a holy mountain. Please give me the grace and determination I also need to journey with You up the mountain of prayer so that I will be entrusted with the mission You give to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will happen every Friday during Lent at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral at 6:30pm.



Each week, it will be led by a different group.

FISH CHOWDER FRIDAYS: We will be offering take



out fish chowder on the Fridays of Lent. If you wish to purchase the chowder, we ask you to call the parish office by Friday morning to reserve your order. The cost is \$6.00 and

it may be picked up at the Marian Hall doors between 4:00 and 5:00. Proceeds go toward youth who will be attending the Steubenville Atlantic.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Heaven is filled with converted sinners of all kinds, and there is room for more. -St. Joseph Cafasso

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday March 14th, all members invited
 6:00pm executive meeting 7:00pm
 general meeting

Community Breakfast: March 26th 9:00 to 12:00
 cost is \$10.00 Adults and 12 and under \$7.00

FOOD BANK: This weekend, March 4th and 5th, is our



turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be on hand before all the masses to receive the donations.

COFFEE SOCIALS: Sunday, March 18th & 19th, the



coffee socials will be held after all the masses in the Jubilee Room. Come join us for a cup.

CANDLES: Please note that due to an increase in



the price of candles, we are now asking for the suggested offering of \$4.00 to help the cost of the increase.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Anyone wishing to have a copy of the parish financial statement for 2022, it is now available for pick up at the main office.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Alexander "Sandy" Hugh MacKinnon and Edgar John Amirault
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.