



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary  
Time  
January 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<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--January 16<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Sat.	Jan. 16	4pm	Bernadette Deveau and Chris Latter
	Jan. 17	9am	Residents of Mountainview Manor and Dorothy Cook
Sun.	Jan.17	10am (Melbourne)	No Mass
	Jan.17	11am	Parishioners
Wed.	Jan. 20	9am	Anniv. Paul Hubbard and Wesley Spinney
Sat.	Jan. 23	4pm	Parishioners
Sun.	Jan. 24	9am	Leo Richard and Ray Miller
	Jan. 24	10am (Melbourne)	Loring Clairmont
	Jan. 24	11am	Elizabeth Shelick and Edwin & Marie Doucette

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.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.

**WHAT NAME DO YOU PUT ON YOUR DONATION CHECK?**



The question was asked recently about what name should we put on the check for donations. All checks for the parish whether you are at mass at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral or a donation for Tabitha Centre, should have on them **St. Ambrose Parish**. This money goes into the one account but is kept track of separately for each of the churches and Tabitha Centre.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** The Rosary is a long chain



that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in the hands and the other end is in the hands of the holy virgin...the Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty. ~St. Threse of Lisieux

**REFLECTION: Newness of Life**



Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas"—which is translated Peter. [John 1:42](#)

In this passage, the Apostle Andrew brings his brother Simon to Jesus after telling Simon that he has found the Messiah. Jesus immediately receives them both as Apostles and then reveals to Simon that his identity will now be changed. He will now be called Cephas. "Cephas" is an Aramaic word that means "Rock." In English, this name is usually translated as "Peter."

When someone is given a new name, this often means that they are also given a new mission and new vocation in life. For example, in the Christian tradition, we receive new names at Baptism or Confirmation. Additionally, when a man or woman becomes a monk or a nun, they often are given a new name to signify the new life they are called to live.

Simon is given the new name of "Rock" because Jesus intends to make him the foundation of His future Church. This change in name reveals that

Simon must become a new creation in Christ in order to fulfill his high calling.

So, it is with each one of us. No, we may not be called to be the next pope or a bishop, but we are each called to become new creations in Christ and live new lives fulfilling new missions. And, in a sense, this newness of life must happen each and every day. We must daily strive to fulfill the mission that Jesus gives us in a new way every day.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God invites you to live a new life of grace in Him. He has some new mission for you to daily fulfill and He promises to give you all you need to live it. Say "Yes" to the call He gives you and you will see incredible things happen in your life.

*Lord Jesus, I do say "Yes" to You and to the calling that You have given to me. I accept the new life of grace that You have prepared for me and I willingly accept Your gracious invitation. Help me, dear Lord, to daily answer the glorious vocation to the life of grace I have been given. Jesus, I trust in You. ~My Catholic Life*

**A NOTE OF THANKS FROM ARCHBISHOP DUNN:**

Please share this note from Archbishop Dunn with all those at your parish who contributed to making your Christmas liturgies prayerful and joyful celebrations.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, In my Christmas greeting to the faithful of this Archdiocese, I wrote that, due to Covid-19, we were experiencing many uncertainties and anxieties, resulting in a widespread sense of helplessness and hopelessness. The message we needed to hear was that Jesus is still with us even during this pandemic and that God is with us in the uncertainty and anxiety of this pandemic.

Our plans during December for the liturgical gatherings were very uncertain, as we experienced a spike in cases. However, we continued on, and we did come together, either in person or via electronic means, to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.


But these gatherings did not just happen. It took the dedication of many volunteers: those who contacted and registered the attendees to the masses; those who cleaned and decorated the churches; those who prepared and participated in the liturgies; those who looked after the technical

parts and pieces; those who welcomed the faithful and ensured that the protocols were followed.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all these individuals who volunteered their time and talents to ensure not only a wonderful celebration of the Nativity, but one where all felt safe and secure. Thank you.

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

~ Archbishop, Dunn



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

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** The



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place January 18-25, 2021. Each year Christian denominations around the world take this time to

pray for and work towards reconciliation and unity in the Church, one another, and the faith we have in our One God. The year's theme, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15.5-9). The theme "calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation" Resources for individual as well as parish prayer can be found on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at:

[www.weekofprayer.ca/2021-wpcu-resources](http://www.weekofprayer.ca/2021-wpcu-resources)