



January 14th, 2024
2nd Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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Reconciliation/confession is held on Wednesday after mass from 7:00-8:00

MASS INTENTIONS – Jan 13th– 21st 2024

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Helen Hipson
Sun. 11:15 am Rosie Deveau
Tues. 6:30 pm Brian MacKenzie
Wed. 6:30 pm Jim LeBlanc
Thurs: 9 am Florence Murphy
Fri. 9 am Anniv. Frank Joseph Muise
Sat. 4 pm Anniv. George Edward Nixon
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Intentions of Fr. Clarence Thibeau

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am January 14 Audrey Muise
Sun. 10 am January 21 Charmaine Saulnier

REFLECTION: Being a Witness of Christ: Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Andrew was a follower of Saint John the Baptist until John directed him to Jesus. One day John saw Jesus walk by and pointed



to Jesus, telling Andrew and another disciple, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples followed after Jesus. After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew was so impressed that the next day he excitedly went to find his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him about Jesus. As is mentioned in the passage above, he enthusiastically tells Peter, “We have found the Messiah.” Then, once Peter meets Jesus, Peter also becomes His disciple. A similar experience occurs between the brothers Philip and Nathanael. Jesus calls Philip to follow Him, and he does. After coming to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, Philip goes to tell his brother Nathanael that he has found “the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets.” Nathanael believes and follows our Lord. Thus, a series of conversions began after John the Baptist gave testimony that Jesus was the “Lamb of God.” Though we can be certain that Jesus did not need the testimony of John the Baptist to convert Andrew, nor the testimony of Andrew to convert Simon Peter, nor the testimony of Philip to convert Nathanael, this is how it happened. Jesus chose to use these three to bring about the conversion of others. In God’s divine plan of salvation, He regularly uses the mediation of others to bring forth the conversion of hearts. We see this on many levels. First and foremost, He uses our Blessed Mother as the Mediatrix of Grace to bring forth His grace upon us all. She is the instrument and Jesus is the source. Through her mediation, there are other saints who act as intercessors. And there are countless angels who also act as distributors of God’s grace and mercy. God is the source of all but uses the heavenly hosts to bring forth His grace upon us all. The same is true within our earthly existence. In addition to the numerous angels and saints who act as intercessors and mediators, God uses each one of us to bring about His Kingdom here and now in the lives of many. Every time we speak God’s words or witness to God through our actions, we become instruments of God’s mercy. And if we fully commit ourselves to the divine will, there are many who will be converted by God’s grace through us. Reflect, today, upon the holy and sacred calling you have received to act as a mediator of God’s infinite grace and mercy. First, think about the many people God wants to touch through you. Also think about the fact that those people might never be

drawn to God if you fail to act. God can do all things and touch many people in varied ways, but the fact remains that He does want to use you for His mission. Say “Yes” to that mission so that you, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God’s grace. *Most glorious Lord, You are abundantly generous in Your grace and mercy and desire to bestow Your love on all people. Please use me for Your divine mission of evangelizing the world. I say “Yes” to You, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You. -My Catholic Life.*

COOFFEE SOCIALS: Will be held after the 4pm and 9am masses next weekend January 20th & 21st. Join us for our **winter potluck** next Sunday, January 21st in the parish centre dining hall after the 11:15 am Mass. Our theme for this potluck is "multicultural dining". Please bring a special dish to share from your country or culture! For more information or to volunteer please contact Leila at 902-307-5966.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: May 17– 27, 2024: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 42 years. Cost of \$3570 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) **INFO:** Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.

DECREE OF NULLITY: "The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth invites people with questions or concerns about the application for nullity process to contact the Marriage Tribunal Office. The office is open and ready to assist anyone who seeks additional information or guidance in how to begin the process. We can be reached by phone at 902-429-9800 ext. 321 or please visit the "Marriage Tribunal" on the Archdiocesan website www.halifaxyarmouth.org under "Pastoral Services".

OLD PALM: If anyone has old palm from last year, you can leave it in the container at the back of the church starting next week or you may burn your old palm yourself at home.



ADORATION CHAPEL: There is a very special place where Jesus actually resides where you can go and be alone with him. Quiet your soul in prayer or in silence with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He is literally waiting for you in our little Adoration Chapel. If you want a radical change in your life, this may be what you are looking for. This is an opportunity to be still and hear the voice of God. If interested, please call Debbie Murphy-Payie at 902-740-2005.



SCENT FREE PLEASE! Please help us to accommodate those who are sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, cologne, scented hand lotions, scented hair products or other scented products!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK: What God wants of you... is that you should live each day as it comes, like a bird in the trees, without worrying about tomorrow. Be at peace and trust in divine Providence and the Blessed Virgin, and do not seek anything else but to please God and love God. -St. Louis Grignon de Montfort



CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE NEWS: Current and past members of the Catholic Women’s League are invited to a get-together on Thursday, January 25th at 7pm in the Jubilee Room. Join us for a spiritual program, current CWL information and social time. You are welcome to bring a snack to share.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Sophie Marie Bourque
 Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.