



October 25th, 2026 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – October 24th- Nov. 1st, 2026

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Anniversary Doris Thibeau
Sun. 9 am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Ann Pennell
Tues. 9 am Frank Muise
Wed. 6:30 pm Yvonne Rodgerson
Thurs. 9 am Nazaire & Bernadette d'Entremont
Fri. 9 am Madeline Moulaison
Sat. 4 pm Lucille Deveau
Sun. 9 am Nicole Murphy
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am October 25 Agnes Cottreau
Sun. 10 am November 1 All departed Souls

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS in the offertory procession at a weekend Mass (if you are a family member of the person the Mass is for) please see the greeters **at least 20 minutes before Mass begins.**

Please note: The weekday Mass may be cancelled in the event of a funeral Mass. The Mass intention scheduled for that day will be offered at a later date.

REFLECTION: The Eternal Law of Love *When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking,*

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” The Law of Moses, found in the Torah—the first five books of our Old Testament—is traditionally said to contain 613 commandments: 248 positive (“dos”) and 365 negative (“don’ts”). Among these laws, there was a longstanding debate among the rabbis about which commandment was the greatest. Therefore, though the Pharisee who posed this question to Jesus was testing Him, it was also likely a sincere inquiry. Jesus certainly perceived the testing nature of the question, but He also recognized the genuine desire for truth. In response, He gently and directly offered a comprehensive answer, presenting a twofold summary that encompasses the entire Law and the prophets: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” These two commandments do more than summarize the Law and the prophets, they also encapsulate the essence of the petitions in the Lord’s Prayer. Once we acknowledge God as our Father, we pray, “Hallowed be Thy name” and “Thy Kingdom come.” These are the highest petitions we can make. To hallow God’s name is to give Him His due. God is thrice holy—holy, holy, holy. Our greatest duty is to hallow His name and His very being by magnifying and glorifying Him. This is the highest way to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind. In this life, we also turn to God in other ways. We ask for the grace to do His will, for His providential care, and for mercy and forgiveness. We pray to overcome trials and to be kept safe from the evil one. Each of these petitions, found in the Lord’s Prayer, is essential and finds expression throughout the Torah and the New Testament. Yet in the end, every petition we make must ultimately lead to the highest commandment: to hallow God’s name—to love Him with all we are—not merely because of what He does for us, but because of who He is. He is worthy of our love for His own sake, and it is our highest duty to offer Him that love. In Heaven, many of the commandments and petitions we now make will cease. We will not ask for forgiveness, since we will be purified and sin no more. We will not pray for daily bread—pointing to the Sacraments and God’s temporal care—because we will enter the eternal Banquet. Nor will we ask for strength to endure or receive protection from

the evil one, because all trials will have been conquered in Christ. But we will eternally fulfill the greatest commandment and the first petition of the Lord’s Prayer by forever hallowing God’s name, crying out “holy, holy, holy,” and loving Him with a purified and perfected love. Likewise, the second greatest commandment will also be fulfilled in Heaven, just as the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer— “Thy Kingdom come”—is fulfilled. The coming of God’s Kingdom is our eternal participation in His glory and holiness, united with all our “neighbors”—the angels and saints. Our love of God will overflow into love of neighbor, and our love for one another will reflect and participate in our perfected love for God. Reflect today on the inseparable bond between love of God and love of neighbor, and the eternal nature of these commandments. Does your life bear witness to these two great commands? Does your daily prayer arise from and lead to this twofold love? Hallow God’s name not only with your lips, but also with your heart, soul, and mind. Allow that love to overflow to all people—especially those hardest to love—so that you show them the dignity and charity due to your neighbor, in anticipation of expressing that love forever in Heaven. -My Catholic Life

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: We are beginning to collect our annual dues. You may put your \$35 in an envelope marked CWL dues with your name, address, phone number and email (if available) in the collection on weekends or drop them in the mailbox at the parish office or for pickup call 902-749-7504. **Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 2:30-3:30 with sweets and tea and guest speaker on the services of Shyft (youth services)**

ALL SAINTS’ PARTY: Sunday November 1st after the 11:15am Mass we will be having a children's All Saints' party in the Jubilee Room. Children of all ages can dress up as saints and say a word or two about their chosen saint (you can come without a costume as well). Everyone is invited. Light snacks will be served. Contact Leila with any questions at 902-307-5966.

CATECHISM CLASSES: Catechism classes will begin on Sunday, October 25. It’s not too late to register.

ST. AMBROSE QUILTERS: St. Ambrose Quilters meet Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. at the parish center. Are you looking to have a quilt hand quilted? contact Caroline [902-742-7470](tel:902-742-7470). Come visit, come quilt or learn to quilt, bring a craft, come for social time and have a cup of tea with the quilters, pray the rosary on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



Sunday, October 25th, at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. The profit will be donated to the Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre.

CHURCH CLEANING: Please join us on Monday November 9th at 9:00am if you are able. Bring a bucket and gloves. Many hands make light work. Fr. Henry

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be held on Thursday, November 5th, 2026 in Marian Hall at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there. DeColores!

NOVA SCOTIANS UNITED FOR LIFE: invite you to join us at the 5th Annual Pro-Life Conference, November 14, St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Rd. Dartmouth NS. This event features dynamic speakers, practical tools, and encouragement for anyone seeking to promote the dignity of life at all stages, in a positive and life-affirming way. See the flyer on the bulletin board or visit nsul-pr.com for more details. **PS:** In addition to our advocacy, Nova Scotians United for Life supports the confidential healing ministry **Project Rachel**, which provides compassionate care and support to women and men experiencing emotional and spiritual pain following abortion. (projectrachel.ca)

MEAL TRAIN FOR MOMS AND BABIES: Are you expecting a baby, or do you currently have a newborn? The ladies of St. Ambrose would like to bring you a few meals to ease your burden. We are also looking for people to join this initiative and cook for postpartum moms. Please email Leila at leila.mcmann@gmail.com or text 902-307-5966.