



**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary  
Time  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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**Reconciliation/confession** is held on Wednesday  
 after mass from 9:30 until 10:30 or by appointment  
 if you work and are unable to make this time. To  
 book a time, email Fr. Henry or call the office.

**MASS INTENTIONS - October 23<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

Sat. Oct. 23 4pm Pius & Cecilia Landry and Anniv. Regina Muise  
 Sun. Oct.24 9am Donald Parnell and Fred Emin Jr.  
 Sun. Oct. 24 10am (Melbourne) Daniel & Mary Ellen Saulnier  
 Sun. Oct. 24 11am Parishioners  
 Wed. Oct. 27 9am Frank Muise and Daniel Poirier  
 Sat. Oct. 30 4pm Parishioners  
 Sun. Oct. 31 9am Gerald & Lena Savoie and Glynis Hamer  
 Sun. Oct. 31 10am (Melbourne) Nicholas Clegg  
 Sun. Oct. 31 11am Georgie Durkee and Dora Surette

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)

**REFLECTIONS: Jesus, Have Pity!** On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, Bartimaeus began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."



These words from Bartimaeus the blind man present us with the perfect prayer for a few reasons. First, this prayer reveals the deep humility of Bartimaeus. By praying this prayer, Bartimaeus expresses the fact that he knew Jesus was the source of what he needed and that he was unable to help himself. Bartimaeus knew that he was weak but that Jesus was perfect strength. Thus, he humbly turned to Jesus in his need, recognizing Him as the source.

Second, it is a prayer that cries for "pity." Pity is the feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering of others. Pity is mercy and is the form of love given to one by another who has no need of giving it. In this prayer, Bartimaeus asks the all-powerful Lord to show him kindness and mercy even though he is unworthy of such a gift. This prayer reveals the fact that Bartimaeus knew he was undeserving of help from our Lord, but he cried out for it anyway in the hope that Jesus would help. And, indeed, He does.

Third, this prayer reveals a certain and deep passion. It is not just a request for God's help, rather it is a cry for help. It's a plea and a form of begging. It's an opening up of one's soul to God, without concern of displaying one's own weaknesses or worry that others will witness it or what they'll think. This shows the depth of the blind man's prayer.

Reflect, today, upon these three lessons from Bartimaeus' short prayer. We must be humble, beg for mercy, and do so with deep passion and longing. Praying this way will most certainly dispose us to the grace and mercy of God.

~My Catholic Life

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** During little sufferings pray by making the invocation, "Mary!" and tell her you want it all to serve whatever intentions are most acceptable to her. This way you put your sufferings like a chisel in the hands of the master sculptor. ~St. Maiimilan Kolbe



**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS HEALING & RECONCILIATION:** Marriage is a lifetime commitment; however, separation and divorce can occur resulting in wounds of stress and pain. The Catholic Church seeks to reach out to divorced people in an effort to help heal the wounds, while affirming its teaching on the permanence of marriage. Anyone interested can contact the marriage tribunal in the diocese where one lives. For more information, please view our website at [www.halifaxyarmouth/marriage-tribunal](http://www.halifaxyarmouth/marriage-tribunal) or contact: Cathy Targett: [ctargett@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:ctargett@halifaxyarmouth.org) or 902-429-9800 ext. 321.

**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.

**FOOD BANK:** The weekend of November 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.



**RETREAT: The Kingdom Without End: A Retreat on Christ the King** Our half day silent retreats are returning on **November 20** in the Jubilee Room from 9 to 12. Everyone is welcome, no cost to attend and no registration required. On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This feast is designed to give special recognition to the dominion Christ our Lord has over all aspects of our lives. Every Sunday when we pray the Creed at Mass we profess our faith in Jesus Christ, affirming that "he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end." This seems like an important point for Christ's followers to keep in mind. And yet, how often do we actually

think about it? How deeply have we considered it? What really comes into our minds when we read the Bible passages that speak to us about Christ's Kingship and his Kingdom? Those are some of the questions we will explore in this retreat: The Kingdom without End: A Retreat on Christ the King. **COVID policy:** Masks covering nose and mouth must be worn at all times. Proof of vaccination plus photo ID required. Doors will be opened at 9 and will be closed at 9:15. Please call or text 902 742-6216 before Saturday to make arrangements if you will be requiring entry after that time.



Please welcome into our Christian community James Thomas Chandler who was baptised on Sunday October 17, 2021.

Please keep James and his family in your prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Russell Robert Patey and Otis Carl Muise  
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**CATECHISM CLASSES:** Parents have been wondering what is going on with "Sunday school". We are delaying classes until January 9th because of COVID. Registration will take place during the month of November. Please stop by the parish office during office hours to register.