



**31st Sunday of Ordinary
Time
October 31th & November 1st,
2020**

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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 October 31 st –November 8 th , 2020	
Sat.	October 31 4pm Parishioners
Sun.	Nov. 1 10am (Melbourne) David LeBlanc
	Nov. 1 10am Intentions of Matthew Thibeau and intentions of Heather Goreham
Wed.	Nov. 4 9am Albani DeViller and Marilyn DeViller Doucette
Sat.	Nov. 7 4pm Rita d'Entremont and Arthur Cottreau
Sun.	Nov. 8 9am Parishioners
	Nov. 8 10am (Melbourne) Loring Clairmont
	Nov. 8 11am Angela McCarthy and Clarence 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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer. ~St. Teresa of Calcutta

MASS SIGNUP: If you would like to attend mass, we ask you to please call the parish office between the hours of 9:30 to 1:00 Monday to Friday to register. With social distancing in place we have limited spacing. Wednesday masses will be a first come first served. **Please note** we will be having a second mass

time starting next Sunday November 8th. Mass times for Sunday will be **9:00am** and **11:00am**.

LIVE MASS WITH FR. HENRY: I (Fr. Henry) do a live mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am and this Sunday at 10:00am and the following Saturday at 4:00pm (unless there are technical difficulties and then it will be put on after it has been recorded.). The masses will be streamed live from St. Ambrose Church. If you want to watch, go to our web site at www.stambrosearmouth.ca or go to my YouTube channel www.youtube.com/channel/UC1CwQV-c8xpu57fbCsu0fLg/videos?view=57&flow=grid (Copy and paste this link into your web browser if you would like to follow along.)

EMAIL TRANSFERS: are now available. Please send to stambrosemail@gmail.com Please add your envelope number or personal information for income tax purposes.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH: for parishioners who had regularly attended and if you haven't received a call, contact Alice at 902-663-2386 or Betty at 902-742-4965.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION: The Community Collection will take place November 21 & 22, and your help is needed. We are inviting the faithful to help us support the pastoral initiatives needed to build up communities of faith that make missionary disciples for the realities of today's world. Together we can do this by donating to this year's collections.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting: Tuesday November 10th, 2020 all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:00pm general meeting. Please note there will be no supper at this time. **4th Degree** meeting will be November 17th at 7:00 pm all members are invited.

2020 ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD: Our 9th annual Assembly of the People of God this year will be a virtual experience! Join us, online on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. We'll begin the day with a message from Archbishop Mancini and then break out into workshops. Every aspect of



the gathering will be held online to allow for everyone to tune in no matter where you are...and stay safe doing so!_The Assembly gathers us as a diocesan family with our Archbishops to pray for our diocese and equip ourselves to proclaim the Good News of Christ in all circumstances – even a global pandemic! This year we focus on training for our various levels of parish leadership – parish councils, finance councils, leadership teams, and catechists. For more information and to register go to: www.halifaxarmouth.org/assembly

FOOD BANK: This weekend, October 31st and November 1st, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.



REFLECTIONS: Hearing the Gospel
 “The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.” It is often said that actions speak louder than words. These words of Jesus above contain this truth. In the verses following this passage, Jesus goes on to give various examples of how the Pharisees act in hypocritical ways. Furthermore, Jesus points out that “All their works are performed to be seen” What’s most interesting about this passage is not so much the harsh criticism of the hypocrisy and pride of the Pharisees. Rather, it’s that Jesus tells His disciples to “do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you...” The truth is that not even the greatest saint can preach the Gospel fully by their actions. This is because the Gospel is perfect, and human beings are not. We will never be perfect instruments of the Son of God. But the good news is that Jesus wants to use us anyway. We are called to witness with our actions. When we fail in our actions we are also called to preach with our words. This statement from Jesus should help us be more receptive to the Word of God as it is preached by His ministers. If Jesus wanted His disciples to listen even to the words of truth spoken by the hypocritical Pharisees, then He will certainly want us all to listen to His Word as it is preached by the ministers of His Church, regardless of their sanctity.

No minister is perfect, but they do have the mission of proclaiming the Gospel. If we fail to receive the Gospel from them, then it is as much our own sin as it is theirs. Reflect, today, upon this command from our Lord and allow it to also apply to you as a command to listen to the Gospel spoken by those in the Church. When their example also supports their words, rejoice in that fact. When it does not, be merciful and seek to hear our Lord speak through them anyway. Jesus has much to say through them if you will listen.

Lord, may I always be open to the Gospel whenever it is preached. I thank You for the great example set by so many saintly people. I also pray that I will be merciful to those who preach Your Word and fail to live up to it in their actions. I thank You for the ministers of Your Church, especially, and pray for their fidelity to the proclamation of Your Word. Jesus, I trust in You. ~ My Catholic Life

NEW EUTHANSIA BILL: New legislation is coming and disability advocates are fearful. The federal government has tabled legislation to expand access to euthanasia to people who are not about to die, including people with disabilities. A 2019 government report said that people choose euthanasia because of fear of being a burden, loneliness, lack of support, or loss of dignity and meaning. People with disabilities face these issues daily. As a society, we have a responsibility to support the vulnerable, not allow them to be permanently silenced. The *Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience* encourages Canadians to write to their MP. Let them know you don't want access to euthanasia **expanded to include vulnerable people who are not at the end of their lives.** It could be someone in your family next or it could be you. To send an email, visit: http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government The *Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience* is an association of 10 organizations, of which 6 are Catholic. Many of you may know that our own Deacon Larry Worthen has been very active in this bring light to this issue. He and associates have put together **two short YouTube videos** on this relevant and important issue. The link is here: <https://youtu.be/bECmV6OEDTo>