



November 9th, 2025 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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MASS INTENTIONS – November 8th – 16th, 2025

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Intentions of Donald Doucette
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Anniv. Jadon Robinson
Tues. 6:30 pm Special Intentions
Wed. 6:30 pm Rennie LeBlanc
Thurs. 9 am Sonny & Louise Haley
Fri. 9 am Charles Muisse
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Ben & Ethel Surette
Sun. 11:15 am Melford & Doris Fitzgerald

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am November 9 Paul Surette
Sun. 10 am November 16 Stanley DeViller

REFLECTION: Being Shocked by Our Lord:



Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. [John 2:19-21](#) We celebrate, today, the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the mother church of the entire Roman Catholic Church. It was given to the Bishop of Rome in the fourth century and remained the pope’s

primary residence until the building of St. Peter’s Basilica, at a time when the Lateran Basilica was falling into ruins. However, the Lateran Basilica to this day remains the most important Church in the world, since it is officially the Cathedral Church of Rome. As we honor this church, we honor more than a building. The Lateran Basilica is a symbol of the one true Church of Jesus Christ. Its interior is beautiful and awe-inspiring so as to point us to the unimaginable beauty of the Church Herself, which is the Mystical Body of Christ. Today’s Gospel depicts Jesus entering the Temple and driving the money changers out with a whip and the animals they were selling for profit. As He did so, He cried out, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” Psalm 69 is then quoted: *Zeal for your house will consume me.* Jesus loves His Church as His own Body—because that is what it is. As His Body, the members of His Church are called and sent to act as His instruments, members of His saving action. Much more than a church building, today we honor the Church Herself—which means we honor you, insofar as you are a member of the Body of Christ. And in light of this Gospel passage for today’s Feast, we are reminded of the zeal that our Lord has for the cleansing of His Church. How is the Church purified? It is purified by the cleansing of Her members. That means that Jesus desires, with perfect zeal, to drive out every sin from your soul, cleansing the filth that keeps you from fulfilling your essential role as a member of His Body. Sometimes we become slack in our own commitment to be purified. We can easily become comfortable with the sins we commit, and we can form habits that are hard to break. When this happens, it is useful to ponder this story of the cleansing of the Temple and see it as Jesus’ desire to cleanse our own soul. At times, we need to be shaken up, challenged, confronted and encouraged with the unwavering zeal in the heart of our Lord. Reflect, today, upon this powerful image of Jesus cleansing the Temple. As you do, apply it to your own life. The people selling and buying in the Temple must have been shocked at Jesus’ zeal and actions. If you have become complacent with your sins, try to allow this holy shock to also wake you up. Allow our Lord’s zeal to affect you, and know that His purifying actions are acts of love by which He desires to free

you to become a more fully functioning member of His holy Church. *-My Catholic Life*

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be held on November 6, 2025 in Marion Hall at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you all there. The 95th Men’s Cursillo scheduled for November 6-9 has been postponed until the Spring of 2026.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: At the start of November, our Book of Remembrance will be in the church for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones. They will be prayed for throughout the month of November.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: - The greater and more persistent your confidence in God, the more abundantly you will receive all you ask for. *-St Albert the Great*

CHURCH CLEANING: Please join us on Monday November 24th at 9:00am if you are able. Bring a bucket and gloves. Many hands make light work. Fr. Henry

COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will be held *Coffee Social* after all the masses next weekend, November 15th and 16th. Come join us in the Jubilee Room for a cup.

BOLD IN FAITH: A Commitment to Stewardship and Mission In this Jubilee Year, our Archdiocese launches the BOLD IN FAITH annual appeal: “Proclaiming the kingdom of God with boldness and without hindrance.” -Acts 28:31 This is a celebration of our story as Catholics in Nova Scotia and a renewal of our commitment to Christ’s mission here and now. Each week, starting in October and leading up to the Archdiocesan Feast Day in December, we will share photos that highlight this story and celebrate our parish communities. To make sure you never miss a photo, sign up for our newsletter or follow us on Facebook. Your gift to this year’s appeal strengthens vital ministries that touch lives every day: **Parish Mission** – renewing parish life and pastoral ministry **Community** – caring for our retired priests who gave their lives in service **Formation** – nurturing the faith of children, youth,

and adults alike **Outreach & Mission** – extending Christ’s love to the most vulnerable, including through the Emergency Shelter Project **Diocesan Ministry Services** – supporting university and hospital chaplaincies & Discover more in our 2024 Impact Report and in gratitude for your local parish, 20% of every gift will be returned directly to your parish, ensuring that your generosity strengthens both your immediate faith community and our Archdiocese as a whole. This is more than a fundraising effort; it is a movement of faith-filled stewardship. Together let us be Pilgrims of Hope, building a bright future rooted in faith and service. Click here to donate today, or call us at 902-429-9800 ext. 125 to donate by phone.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday November 11th all members invited. 6:00 pm executive meeting and 7:30 pm general meeting. A **4th Degree meeting** will be held on Tuesday November 18th at 7.00 pm; with healing rosary starting at 6:30 pm for all our sick Brother Knights.

WOMEN’S ADVENT STUDY: Encountering



Emmanuel, a Women’s Advent Study will be held in the Adult Faith Formation room at the St. Ambrose Parish Centre from 9:30-10:30 am every Monday from November 24 to December 22. Books can be purchased from Amazon but aren’t necessary. No registration required. For more information call Liz Richard at 902-307-6456.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed on Tuesday November 11th for Remembrance Day.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Robert Enos Boudreau and Rebecca Lucy Frotten
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.