



November 12th 2023
32nd Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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MASS INTENTIONS –November 11th - 19th 2023

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Deceased Cursillo Members
Sun. 9am Kenneth Wheatly
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Bert Surette
Wed. 6:30 pm Mariette & Richard Trefry
Thurs: 9 am Elizabeth Robicheau
Fri. 9 am Special Intentions
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9 am Celeste Muisse
Sun. 11:15 am Joan Surette

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sat. 6 pm November 12 Elizabeth Saulnier
Sat. 6 pm November 19 Margaret Nickerson

REFLECTION: Windows to Your Soul Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.” Our five senses can be said to be a window to our souls. With our senses we perceive the world around us, take it into our minds and heart, and engage it according to the decisions we make. Several of the Church Fathers say that the



five wise virgins in today’s parable represent those who use their five senses in accord with God’s will, whereas the five foolish virgins are those who indulge their five senses in a life of sin. Interestingly, Saint John of the Cross teaches that the highest form of communication with God takes place when our five senses are silenced and all that we have learned through them is darkened so that God can communicate to us in a direct and spiritual way. But until we reach that level of spiritual perfection, accomplished by various purifications of our soul, we must rely upon our senses as a source of knowledge, especially our knowledge of God. With our eyes we are called to perceive the beauty of God’s presence within creation, especially in other people. With our ears we hear the Word of God proclaimed that then resonates within us, inspiring the gift of faith. Our senses of smell, taste and touch will also teach us in various ways, leading us either to the delights of the Kingdom of God, or to the indulgences of the fallen world. If the five wise virgins represent the holy use of the five senses, then we must see the connection between them and the oil for their lamps. Many Church Fathers see the oil as a symbol of good works, or charity. Charity is necessary for the attainment of Heaven, for the meeting of the Bridegroom when He shows up at an unexpected time. The person who engages in charity is one who uses the natural gifts given by God for His glory. Their five senses are constantly seeking ways to glorify God and to accomplish His holy will. The five senses can also easily lead us to the selfish pursuit of fleshly pleasures. When this happens, the oil of charity runs dry within us and we are unprepared for the moment of our death, when the Bridegroom returns. Think about yourself being those wise or foolish virgins by considering how you use your five senses. What do you look at regularly with your eyes? Do you seek out the presence of God in our world? Do you see Him in the poor, the vulnerable, the lonely, and the needy? Or do you look at the many evils all around you and become infatuated with them, allowing yourself to be drawn into their practices? With your ears, do you listen attentively to the Word of God? Or do you find yourself drawn to the world of gossip, detraction and other sinful words that are spoken? Do you indulge your senses of touch, smell and taste,


choosing an excess of pleasure, becoming inordinately attached? Or do you strive for temperance and self-control, denying yourself unhealthy and sinful pleasures? Reflect, today, upon the natural powers of your own soul, especially the gift of your five senses. As you do, examine the ways you use them, what you look at, listen to, and indulge in. Your senses are but a window to your soul and the first way through which God speaks to you and enters your heart. Keep guard of your senses, and only allow the good things of Heaven to enter in. Doing so will produce the oil of charity within and will enable you to be perpetually ready for the coming of our Lord.
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ARE YOU NEW TO SAINT AMBROSE PARISH?

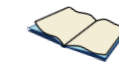
Would you like help in understanding the Mass - what the gestures, symbols, and prayers represent? Join us at the Parish Centre Sundays beginning November 19th at 10:15 to 11:00 (the same time the children are in their catechism classes). We will be meeting upstairs (turn left and around corner). No registration or fee. For more information email search.stambrose@gmail.com

Saint Ambrose Parish (성 암브로시오 교구) 에 처음 오셨나요? 미사를 이해하는 데 도움이 필요하세요? 미사 중에 행해지는 동작들, 상징들, 기도들이 무엇을 의미하는지 알고 싶으신가요?
 11월 19일 부터 매주 일요일 Parish Center (주차장 옆 하얀색 건물)에서 오전 10시 15분부터 11시까지 저희와 함께 하세요 (어린이의 교리문답 수업도 같은 시간에 진행됩니다). 별도의 등록이나 비용은 필요없습니다. 자세한 내용은 이메일 search.stambrose@gmail.com 으로 문의주세요.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:

 Tuesday November 14th, all members invited 5:30pm executive meeting, supper 6:30pm and 7:30pm general meeting
4th Degree Tuesday November 21st at 7:00pm
Community Breakfast: November 26th 9:00 to 12:00 cost is \$10.00 Adults and 12 and under \$7.00
 Proceeds to support the Special Olympic Curling team going to Calgary Alberta.

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



OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed on Monday November 13th.



ADVENT CANDLES: The parish office has limited numbers of Advent Candles. Anyone wishing to purchase them may do so at the parish office between the hours of 9:30 and 1:00 Monday to Friday.



DO YOU LIKE TO SING: The 11:15 Choir is looking to welcome new members to their team. We practice Wednesday evenings at Marian Hall, 7:15 – 8:45. If you are interested in sharing your talents in praising God, please feel free to contact anyone of the choir members. Remember, those who sing, pray twice – Saint Augustine.

CHURCH CLEANING: Please join us on Monday November 27th at 9:00am if you are able. Bring a bucket and gloves. Many hands make light work. Fr. Henry



PRAYING THE ROSARY: Come join us after 9 am mass on Thursdays to say the rosary. We gather in the front pews to the left (by the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Intentions for peace and conversion of hearts. Come and grow closer to God through the Blessed Virgin Mary. If any questions please call or text Sarah Hubbard at [902 740-2191](tel:9027402191).



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Mary “Anna” LeBlanc and Alan Burton
 Fitzgerald
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.