



33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
November 14th & 15th, 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—November 14 th -23 th , 2020	
Sat.	Nov. 14 4pm Parishioners
Sun.	Nov. 15 9am Emilien Poirier and Rosa Hattie
Sun.	Nov. 15 10am (Melbourne) Agnes Doucette
Wed.	Nov. 15 11am Steve Cook and Hugh "Buddy" Smith
Wed.	Nov. 18 9am Sarah Theriault and Melford & Doris Fitzgerald
Sat.	Nov. 21 4pm Paula Bishara and Lou Lesser
Sun.	Nov. 22 9am William Cottreau and Verna Hazelton
	Nov. 22 10am (Melbourne) Linda, Aubrey and David Muise
	Nov. 22 11am Parishioners

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: Our perfection does not consist of doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary well. ~St. Gabriel Possenti

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. Wednesday masses will be a first come first served. **Please note** Mass times for the weekend is Saturday at **4:00pm** and Sunday at **9:00am** and **11:00am**.

For parishioners who had regularly attended Our Lady of Lourdes' masses in Melbourne and haven't signed up as of yet please contact Alice at 902-663-2386 or Betty at 902-742-4965 if you wish to attend.

LIVE MASS WITH FR. HENRY: I (Fr. Henry) do a live mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am and this Sunday at 11:00am 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.stambroseymarmouth.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.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION: The Community Collection will take place next weekend 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.

MISSALS: The Living Faith yearly missals are ready for pickup at the parish office for \$5.00 each. For those who may have forgotten to order we have extras available. The word Among us daily missals are also available for November and December for \$3.00 each.

REFLECTIONS: Equality in the Eyes of God
 Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away."

This passage begins the Parable of the Talents. In the end, two of the servants worked hard using

what they had received to produce more. One of the servants did nothing and received condemnation. There are many lessons we can take from this parable. Let's look at a lesson about equality.

At first, it may strike you that each of the servants were entrusted with a different number of talents, a reference to the monetary system used at that time. In our day and age, we tend to be fixated on what many call "equal rights." We get envious and angry if others seem to be treated better than us and there are many who become quite vocal about any perceived lack of fairness.

How would you feel if you were the one who received only one talent in this story after watching two others receive five and two talents? Would you feel cheated? Would you complain? Perhaps.

Though the heart of the message in this parable is more about what one does with that which is received, it's interesting to note that God does appear to give different portions to different people. To some He gives what appears to be an abundance of blessings and responsibility. To others He appears to give very little that is considered of value in this world.


God does not lack justice in any way. Therefore, this parable should help us to accept the fact that life may not always "appear" to be fair and equal. But this is a worldly perspective, not a divine one. From the mind of God, those who have been given very little in the view of the world have as much potential to produce an abundance of good fruit as those who have been entrusted with much. Think, for example, about the difference between a billionaire and a beggar. Or about the difference between a bishop and an ordinary layman. It's easy to compare ourselves to others, but the fact of the matter is that the only thing that matters is what we do with that which we have received. If you are a poor beggar who has been dealt a very difficult situation in life, you have just as much potential to glorify God and produce an abundance of good fruit as anyone else.

Reflect, today, upon all that God has given you. What are your "talents?" What have you been given to work with in life? This would include material blessings, circumstances, natural talents and extraordinary graces. How well do you use what you have been given? Do not compare

yourself to others. Instead, use what you have been given for the glory of God and you will be rewarded for all eternity.

Lord, I give to You all that I am and thank You for all that You have given to me. May I use all that I have been blessed with for Your glory and for the upbuilding of Your Kingdom. May I never compare myself to others, looking only to the fulfillment of Your holy will in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

~ My Catholic Life



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Mary Adele Robicheau and Donald E. Usher
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

COVID-19 MASK WEARING: Some parishioners have been asking what is the appropriate mask that one should wear to attend mass in the church. The following link:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/masks/#Choosing> has the information for what and how a mask should be worn. Please note that face shields are not recommended unless also worn with a non-medical mask. The following link regards the use of face shields.
<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/masks/#:~:text=Your%20mask%20can%20be%20a,the%20spread%20of%20COVID%2D19.>

COLLECTION ENVELOPES: We will have the 2021 collection envelopes ready to go. Starting **Monday, November 23rd** you may pick them up at the parish office.

If you wish to call ahead, we'll have them ready for you.

