



November 19th 2023
33rd Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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MASS INTENTIONS –November 18th - 26th 2023

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Celeste Muise
Sun. 11:15 am Joan Surette
Tues. 6:30 pm Special Intentions
Wed. 6:30 pm Intentions of Marie Irene Amirault
Thurs: 9 am John McNamara
Fri. 9 am George "Jr" Clayton
Sat. 4 pm Linda Lusk
Sun. 9 am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Kenneth Bourque

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sat. 6 pm November 18 Margaret Nickerson
Sat. 6 pm November 25 For all fishermen

REFLECTION: Doing Small Things Well Jesus told his



disciples this parable: "A man 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." Many people dream of doing great things in this life. Those who play sports dream of winning the championship. Those in business dream of growing their business. Artists

and actors dream of becoming well-known. In almost everything we do; we dream of excelling. This drive is part of the natural desires God has given to us. When it comes to the most important part of our lives, we must strive to excel also. What is the most important part of our lives? It is the calling we have received to serve the will of God. Therefore, we must strive to unite our natural desire for excellence with our faith so that we will be driven to fulfill the glorious mission God has entrusted to each one of us. Every natural ability we have must be seen as a gift, given to us by God for the purpose of glorifying Him and furthering His Kingdom on earth. In our parable today, the man who went on a journey entrusted each of his servants with a large sum of money. To one he entrusted five talents; to another two; to a third, one. A talent was a measurement of precious metals such as silver or gold. In today's value, one talent of silver would be worth about \$30,000 USD. That's a lot of money entrusted to each of these servants. However, when the master returned, he referred to this initial gift to each as a small amount and then promised to entrust a large amount to the two servants who used the talents well. From a human perspective, we should see the natural gifts that God has given us as a huge amount. From a divine perspective, we must see every natural gift from God as only the beginning. God has so much more He wishes to bestow upon us. In order to obtain those riches of grace, we must first use well what we have been given for God's glory and for the furtherance of His Kingdom. What has our Lord entrusted to you? What gifts and talents do you have? As you think about your natural talents, consider how well you use them for the service of God. Using your natural abilities only for yourself is the same as refusing to use them for God. To the one man who was entrusted with one talent and did nothing with it, the master said, "You wicked, lazy servant!" He then took the one talent away and gave it to the one with ten who was responsible with the master's money. So, in our lives, if we fail to dedicate our natural abilities to the service of God, we will lose even the little we have. But if we unite our natural desire for greatness with the call to serve the will of God, then there is no limit to the riches of grace God will bestow. Reflect, today, upon how diligent you are in your drive to fulfill the

will of God in your life. If you feel as though you cannot make much of a difference, then try to dispel that idea. Try to do small things well. Work at perfecting your charity in your daily life. Commit yourself to daily prayer. Strive to weed out all sin in your life. Do the small things well and God will smile on these little offerings and transform them into a superabundance of grace. – My Catholic Life

MATTHEW 18 RENEWAL MEETINGS: We take our name from the scripture Matthew 18:20 which states: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

We meet every Monday night at 7pm in the Jubilee room, unless it is a holiday or storm, " If the schools are closed, due to storm, there is no meeting."


Who are we? We part of the Catholic Renewal, approved by the last several Pope's, and have representatives in Rome who report to the Pope.

What to expect? We open the meeting with an opening prayer, then we sing songs of praise and worship, inspired scripture readings or inspired word from God. There's a time for sharing how God is working in our lives, or maybe how a reading or song struck a core in us. We finish the evening with prayers of petitions and 3 structured prayers.

All are welcome to join us at any time. Maybe we are the spiritual nourishment you are needing in your life at this time. If you have any questions about our group, you can contact one of the Core members: Lorraine Manser at 902-749-1903, Denise Surette at 902-749-6343 or Cheryl Harding at 902-740-3816.

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.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: 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.

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.



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.



COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will be held *Coffee Social* after all the masses this weekend, all are welcome. We hope to see you there.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Let us be rooted and grounded in charity so that we may comprehend what is the length of eternity, the breadth of liberality, the height of majesty and the depth of discerning wisdom. –St. Bonaventure



Please welcome into our Christian community -
 Ellis William Turner who was baptised on
 Sunday November 12th, 2023.
 Please keep Ellis and his family in your prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Paul Eric Warner and Hilda Leona Gloade
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.