



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November, 16 & 17 2019

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Reconciliation/confession is available every
 Saturday 11 am-noon at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

MASS INTENTIONS –November 16-24 2019

Sat. 4pm Anniv. Evelyn Hurlburt **and** Anniv. Melford & Doris Fitzgerald
6pm (Melbourne) Georgette Saulnier
Sun. 9am Paul Pryce **and** Gustave Surette
11:15am Parishioners
Mon. No Mass
Tues. 6:30pm Ray Bowers **and** Lorraine DeViller
Wed. 6:30pm Martha Surette **and** Donna Lloy
Thur. 9am Loretta Vanderdonk **and** Bernice Blades
Fri. 9am Thomas Thibault **and** Victor Amirault
Sat. 4pm Parishioners
6pm (Melbourne) Loring Clairmont
Sun. 9am Madelyn Doucette **and** Helen G Harris
11:15am Levi & Isabelle Saulnier **and** Mariette & Richard Trefry

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS in the offertory procession at a weekend Mass (if you are a family member of the person the Mass is for) please see the greeters **at least 20 minutes before Mass begins.**

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.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT:

Saint Ambrose is having their annual *Night of Joy Christmas concert* on Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Choirs please contact Pat as soon as possible with your music selections.



COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will be next weekend after all the Masses.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

Community Breakfast: Sunday, November 17th from 9am -noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Adults -\$7.00 and children under 12 -\$3.50. Eat in or take out.



Assembly 1428 meeting: Tuesday November 19th at 7pm. All members invited.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION:



Theme: Beloved, Chosen and Appointed.

Mark your calendars and plan to join Father Mark Cherry who will lead us in this three-day Parish Mission, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening, November 25th-27th the first week of Advent. During the Mission you will experience inspiring praise and worship, dynamic preaching of God's Word, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

THE HIDDEN TREASURE OF CHRISTMAS:



Advent retreat Saturday, November 30th, 9am to 12 noon in St. Ambrose Jubilee Room. Advent and Christmas time are always busy, busy, busy. They come and go so quickly and when the New Year arrives, we always feel like we should have lived them better; we should have given more time and effort to the simple things, the spiritual things, the real meaning of these important liturgical seasons. This Advent Retreat will surely help. No fee or registration. For more information please call at 902-742-4924.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES:



The Festival Sale will be held Friday, November 29th, from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, November 30th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Beacon United Church, 25 Beacon St., Yarmouth. Admission is free.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:



Love is not to be purchased,

-St. Jerome

CHRISTMAS SENIOR SUPPER:

Thursday, November 28th at 5pm in the dining hall at the Parish Centre. \$7.00 per plate. - Please call the **office only** to register for the supper.



Please welcome into our Christian community
 Asher Mitchell Jacquard

who was baptised on Sunday November 10th,
 2019.

Please keep Asher and his family in your
 prayers.

FAITH TOUR



In September 2020, Fr Jim O'Connor (Bridgewater) will be travelling to Italy with Deacon Patrick Morris (Bridgewater), Deacon Paul Lannan (Kentville) and 37 other faithful for a 13 day faith based tour: Grand Catholic Italy and Oberammergau. The tour starts in Rome and travels north to Oberammergau for their famous Passion Play. There are only 3 rooms still available in this group. There is a gentleman from Antigonish looking for a roommate. Deadline to register is May 1st. For more information contact Kevin and Michelle Hayward at 902-543-4948 or email kevinandmichelle@stewarttravelgroup.ca Visit this website for a short video and the tour details: <http://www.stewarttravelgroup.ca/product/oberammergau-passion-play-2020-escorted-tour>. There will be a special presentation on Sunday, Nov. 30th and Dec 1st after the 11:15am Mass at the St Ambrose Co-Cathedral, Yarmouth, in the Jubilee Room.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR:

Christmas House Tour: at the rectory of Ste-Anne Church, 7317 hwy 3, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau on Sunday, December 1, December 8 and December 15 from 3:00 – 8:00 pm; also on Thursday December 5 and December 12 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Come and celebrate the birth

of Christ with us. Your donation at the door will be used to construct a ramp at the rectory.

REFLECTION: In a few weeks, we will be coming to the end of our liturgical year and begin the season of Advent. During this time, our readings will centre on the theme of the 'end times' where there will be the final judgement of God on all creation. This thought can provoke fear in each of us, particularly after reading Luke's gospel of Jesus speaking of the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem and how there will be wars and insurrections, disaster and persecutions that will first take place. After all, the temple was a sign to the early Christians of the presence of God. This gospel account was written a decade after the actual destruction of the temple. Therefore, the listeners of this message must have believed the end of the world was imminent. However, these messages were coming not from God but from others who claimed they knew when the end would be coming.

The world continues to exist today even with these same events happening around us, i.e. climate change; war; natural disasters; nations polarized by political strife; technology that is dehumanizing the planet. Today, we can listen to the 'false prophets' in our midst claiming that the end of the world is coming and live in fear because of these messages. We can also listen to the prophet Malachi in our first reading to "fear the Lord" and believe that God's plan is greater than any force on earth. Jesus echoes that message centuries later by concluding that you need not be terrified. *"Not a single hair of your head will be forgotten. By your endurance, you will gain your souls"*. God's love through Jesus' death and Resurrection is the final victory over eternal death. -Fr. Dan Lobsinger

LOOKING TO HIRE: St. Ambrose is looking to hire someone to shovel and blow snow from the steps and walkways and to salt the parking lots with our tractor. The position requires the person to be available especially on weekends before masses and during the week days when there is snow and slippery conditions. Please see the office if you are interested.