



December 11th, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS — Dec. 10th -18th, 2022


St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Helen Hipson and Jamie McDonnell
Sun. 11:15 am Marilyn Goudey & Earl Goudey
Tues. 6:30pm Larry Burke and Special Intentions
Wed. 6:30 pm Narcisse & Freda Surette and Malcolm & Philip Trefry
Thurs: 9 am Francis Chisholm and Catherine Jackson
Fri. 9 am Intentions of Marie Amirault and Anniv. Clarence Surette
Sat. 4 pm Inten. Barbara Bishara and Special Intentions
Sun. 9 am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Gerard MacKinnon and Joan Surette

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 6 pm Dec. 10 Marie d'Entremont
Sun. 6 pm Dec. 17 Emile Comeau

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: During Advent we do not just

 live in anticipation of Christmas; we are also called to rekindle the anticipation of the glorious return of Christ, when he will return at the end of time, preparing ourselves, with consistent and courageous choices, for the final encounter with him. We remember Christmas, we

await the glorious return of Christ and our personal encounter: the day which the Lord will call.
-Pope Francis

REFLECTION: Change and Newness in Christ: When



John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Why did Saint John the Baptist send his disciples to Jesus to ask this question? Recall that John had previously stated about Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"). So, if John knew that Jesus was the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world," then why would he send his disciples to ask Jesus if He is the one who is to come?

The Church Fathers explore many reasons, but most arrive at the conclusion that John did this not because he didn't know Who Jesus was, but for the sake of his disciples, so that they would come to follow our Lord once John was killed by Herod. So, this was a way of trying to point his disciples to Jesus and to encourage them to embrace this new change in their life of faith.

Jesus understood the reason John sent his disciples to Him. As a result, Jesus gave these disciples what they needed so as to come to believe themselves. He points them to the works that He has done as the Christ so that they would be able to interpret these works on their own and, thus, come to the newness of faith. Jesus points out that the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. Who could argue with such miraculous signs from Heaven? But Jesus goes even further and states something very subtle. He says, "And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." This line appears to be one way that Jesus gently reproached these disciples for what appears to be their own personal struggle with this change of spiritual leaders. Jesus identified a certain "offense" that they were dealing with. They were "offended" by the fact that Jesus was indeed increasing while John was decreasing. In many ways, this is a common experience any time there is a change in our spiritual lives. When something is new, we often struggle with various aspects of the change and newness. But the

Christian life is all about change, transformation and newness of life. And this is good. We must seek to change, be transformed, build better and new relationships, learn new ways of loving and reaching out, and become very comfortable with any and every new experience that our Lord places in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you have struggled with changes in your spiritual life. Oftentimes, those things we struggle with are actually glorious opportunities to live our Christian faith and charity on a new level. Seek out the changes God is calling you to embrace in your life and know that even if they are difficult, they are the surest pathway to a life of greater holiness for you.
-My Catholic Life

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE:

December 24 – St. Ambrose

4:00 pm Children's Mass
6:00 pm
8:00 pm Please join us for carols prior to mass.

December 24 – Our Lady of Lourdes

5:00 pm

December 25 – St. Ambrose

9:00 am

December 31 – St. Ambrose

4:00 pm

December 31 – Our Lady of Lourdes

6:00 pm

January 1 – St. Ambrose

9:00 am

11:15 pm



HOMELES IN YARMOUTH


One of the pastoral priorities of the diocese given by our Archbishop is to help the homelessness. In keeping with this, once again we are looking for items. If you want to help, here is a list of things needed that they often don't have money for. You can drop these items off at the parish center or leave them at the back of the church after weekend mass. Thanks for helping the less fortunate in our community. Fr. Henry.

Personal hygiene: shampoo, soap, body wash, deodorant, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, combs, sanitary pads/tampons.


Clothing: socks, underwear. Basic cleaning: all-purpose cleaner, dish detergent, bathroom cleaner, laundry soap.

Miscellaneous: toilet tissue, Kleenex, vouchers for a cup of coffee or a slice of pizza.


COFFEE SOCIALS: Please note the coffee socials are

 being held after all the masses this weekend December, the 10th and 11th. Come join us for a cup.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK: On Dec. 18th there will be a

 Christmas potluck in the parish centre after the 11:15am mass. If you are able, please bring a dish to share! Dishes may be dropped off in the kitchen prior to mass. Contact Leila with any questions at 902-307-5966.


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly

 **Meeting:** Tuesday December 13th, all members invited.

6:00 pm executive meeting (No Supper) 7:00pm general meeting

4th Degree Meeting Tuesday December 20th at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to donate

 towards Christmas flowers for Our Lady of Lourdes in memory of a loved one may do so at the office or you can put your donation in an envelope with your name and envelope number on it along with "in memory of ____" written on it and place it in the collection basket



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of

Ruth Mary Blades, Mildred Evangeline Frost, Patricia Ann Leroy and Caroline Mary Duncan

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.