

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 14th & 15th, 2019

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

MASS INTENTIONS -December 14-22, 2019

Sat. 4pm Parishioners

(Melbourne) Henry Surette

**9am** William Murphy **and** Florence Murphy Sun. 11:15am Anniv. Bill Muise and Marilyn & Earl

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Mon. No Mass

Tues. **9am** Andrew Deveau **and** Dorothy Cook

6:30pm John MacIsaac and Sister Ricarda 9am Joan O'connell and Anselem & Blanche

LeBlanc

9am Anniv. George & Sarah LebBlanc and Wilfred

Amirault Sat. 4pm Russell & Celeste Rodgerson and Verna

& Walter Hazelton

6pm (Melbourne) Anniv. Emile Comeau

Sun. 9am Parishioners

> 11:15am Jean Cottreau and Narcisse & Freda Surette

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

ST. AMBROSE ANNUAL SKATE: will be held on January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Yarmouth Mariner's Centre. It is free skate sponsored by the Knights of

Columbus Council 2181. Everyone is welcome!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:** 



Community Breakfast: Sunday, December 15th 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 December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All members invited.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone at St. Ambrose or



Our Lady of Lourdes wishing to donate towards Christmas flowers 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.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** There will be a reconciliation service on Tuesday,



December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm here at St. Ambrose. Why not make this Christmas extra special with feeling the

deep forgiveness this sacrament can give?

**SACREMENT OF THE SICK:** For those who wish to



receive Sacrament of the Sick, just a reminder that I am sometimes not available because I am away. Please remember that you do not need to

wait till the last minute. Fr. Henry

**NO SCENTS PLEASE:** This is a friendly reminder to please refrain from wearing scent

products to mass. Many people are very sensitive or allergic to the scents which makes it difficult for them to attend. We appreciate your cooperation on this.

**COFFEE SOCIALS:** The coffee socials will be held



next weekend after all

NO CATCHESIM CLASSES: There will be no Catechism classes for December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29th they will resume again on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2020. Children of the Light

youth group will be off from December 16th to the 30<sup>th</sup> and resume January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020.

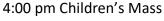
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: - reminder



to fill election nomination form and forward to Joline Belliveau before December 30, 2019.

## **CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE:**

## December 24 – St. Ambrose



7:00 pm

10:00 pm

**December 24 – Our Lady of Lourdes** 

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December 25 – St. Ambrose

10:00 am

December 31 - St. Ambrose

6:30 pm

January 1 – St. Ambrose

10:00 am

**PRO LIFE CALENDARS:** The Pro-life cash calendars for 2020 are available. The cost is \$20.00 and this money goes to support prolife activities in the province and it also gives you 16 chances to win \$250.00. If you would like to support this important fundraiser please call Coleen Murphy @ 902-742-4924



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Lois Marella Armstrong Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Do not grieve over temptations you suffer. When the Lord intends to bestow a particular virtue on us, he often permits us to be tempted by the opposite vice. Therefore, look upon every temptation as an invitation to grow a particular virtue and a promise by God that you will be successful, if only you stand fast. - St. Philip Neri

PILGRIMAGE: Apr 30-May 10: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 38 years. Cost of \$2135 (+ \$675 taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$200/p.) The accompanying priest is yet to be determined. INFO: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.

REFLECTION: The Holy Land is dry, dry, dry, I had the good fortune to see this firsthand on a pilgrimage a few years ago. The arid landscape is a dominant memory of my trip. It is ever-present now, as in biblical times. That explains the rare power of the desert in full flower. This past spring I experienced a super bloom in the Mojave Desert. The area is usually brown and gray with some dusty green, but after abundant winter rains, untold acres of yellow, lavender, and orange appeared. It was thrilling, and photos were all over the internet.

The transformation of the landscape was

remarkable, and those who saw it rejoiced. I'm not exaggerating! It felt like we really were witnessing the "glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God." In today's first reading, Isaiah declares that the "parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom . . . with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song." These are signs of God coming with vindication to save us. What are our personal "deserts?" When do we see them bloom? Perhaps in relationships restored or forgiveness shared. Perhaps in wondrous music that springs forth after dreadful rehearsals. Perhaps in hope fulfilled after a long wait. Perhaps in an encouraging word in a time of trial. Perhaps in those moments of awe that confirm, deep in our being, that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves.

Eternal God, in this time for hopeful waiting, help us to see, and help us to be, signs of your love and salvation, including abundant "blooms" and joyful -Michael Connolly song.