



3rd 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
6pm (Melbourne) Henry Surette

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

Mon. No Mass

Tues. 9am Andrew Deveau and Dorothy Cook

Wed. 6:30pm John MacIsaac and Sister Ricarda

Thur. 9am Joan O'Connell and Anselem & Blanche LeBlanc

Fri. 9am Anniv. George & Sarah LeBlanc 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 3rd 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 17th
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 17th at 6:30 pm here at St.
Ambrose. Why not make this
Christmas extra special with feeling the
deep forgiveness this sacrament can give?

SACRAMENT 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
the Masses.

NO CATCHESIM CLASSES: There will be no
Catechism classes for December 22nd
and 29th they will resume again on
January 5th 2020. **Children of the Light**
youth group will be off from December 16th to the
30th and resume January 6th 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
4:00 pm Children's Mass
7:00 pm
10:00 pm
December 24 – Our Lady of Lourdes
8:00 pm
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
song.
-Michael Connolly