

3rd Sunday of Easter April 17th & 18th, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS---April 17th -25th, 2021

Sat. April 17 4pm Bernadette & Nazaire d'Entremont and Frederick Edward LeBlanc

Sun. April 18 9am Weldon Smith and Victor McGuire
April 18 10am (Melbourne) Adele Saulnier
April 18 11am Parishioners

Wed. April 21 9am Ryan Anthony and Blaine Anthony

Sat. April 24 4pm Parishioners

Sun. April 25 9am Richard Thibeau and Arthur Cottreau
April 25 10am (Melbourne) Edith LeBlanc
April 25 11am Edward Dorrian and Terese Muise

Please note we will not be carrying the gifts for the offertory until further notice.

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.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am and on the weekend at the Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am or 11:00 am mass on a rotating basis. The next scheduled mass is always posted on our website's main page. If you want to watch, go to our web site at www.stambroseyarmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel

www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: It is better to say one Our Father fervently and devoutly than a thousand with no devotion and full of distraction. -St. Edmund

REFLECTION: The Gift of Understanding


Reflections With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" [Luke 24:31-32](#)

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. [Luke 24:45](#) These two passages above, from two subsequent appearances of Jesus to the Apostles, produced a unique blessing. In each story, Jesus opened the minds of the Apostles to the Scriptures in a new way. These were ordinary men who were given an extraordinary gift of understanding. It didn't come to them as a result of long study and hard work. Rather, it came to them as a result of their openness to Christ's powerful action in their lives. Jesus unlocked the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven to them. As a result, they suddenly understood truths that could never be learned on their own. So, it is with us. The mysteries of God are vast and wide. They are deep and transforming. But so often we fail to understand. We often even fail to want to understand. Think about those things in your life now, or in your past, that have left you confused. You need a special gift of the Holy Spirit to make sense of them. And you need this gift to make sense of the many good things of God found in the Scriptures also. This is the Gift of Understanding. It's a spiritual gift that unlocks the many mysteries of life for us. Without the Gift of Understanding, we are left on our own to try to make sense of life. This is especially true when we are faced with hardship and suffering. How is it, for example, that an all-powerful and all-loving God can

allow the good and the innocent to suffer? How is it that God can seem absent at times from human tragedy? The truth is that He is not absent. He is centrally involved in all things. What we need to receive is an understanding of the profound and mysterious ways of God. We need to understand the Scriptures, human suffering, human relationships, and divine action in our lives. But this will never happen unless we allow Jesus to open our minds. Allowing Jesus to open our minds takes faith and surrender. It means we believe first and understand later. It means we trust Him even though we do not see. St. Augustine once said, "Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe." Are you willing to believe without seeing? Are you willing to believe in the goodness and love of God even though life, or a particular situation in life, does not make sense? Reflect, today, upon the Gift of Understanding. Believing in God means we believe in a person. We believe in Him even though we find ourselves confused about particular circumstances. But this gift of believing, the gift of faith, opens the door to a depth of understanding that we could never arrive at on our own. *Lord, give me the Gift of Understanding. Help me to know You and to understand Your actions in my life. Help me to especially turn to You in the most troubling moments of life. Jesus, I trust in You. - My Catholic Life*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 7:00pm 4th Degree Meeting, all members invited.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Doris Anne Gaudet
 Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

TRI COUNTY PREGNANCY CARE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE:

On May 9th 2021, Mother's Day, the Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre will be starting their Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. We will have envelopes you can take and fill with coins, bills or cheques and then return them on Father's Day. Your donations will be used to help provide free support, education, baby supplies and a hand of friendship to woman and men in crisis. Receipts will be provided for donations in the amount of \$20.00 or more. Simply grab a "Gift for Life" piece of paper, fill it out and add it to your envelope. Cheques can be made out to Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre.



DONATION ENVELOPES:

For those of you who use donation envelopes we are asking you to fill out the front of your envelope with your name and amount of your donation each week. This helps us to accurately record your donation but also helps as a backup if there are any mistakes made.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS:

Join Father Patrick O'Neill, Nova Scotia CWL spiritual advisor for a Mass to Our Lady of Good Counsel, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook live.



Mark your calendars - August 26 - St. Ambrose CWL will celebrate their 100th anniversary with a Mass with Archbishop Dunn. More information in the next couple months.

FOOD BANK:

The weekend of May 1st- 2nd is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Someone will be on hand before all the masses to receive your donations. Thank you!



MONTHLY MISSALETTES:

The word Among Us daily mass missalettes for May have arrived. They can be picked up at the parish office from Monday to Friday 9:30 to 1:00. The cost is \$3.00 each.

