



3rd Sunday of Lent March 15th, 2020

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

MASS INTENTIONS March 14th- 22nd, 2020

Sat. 4pm Anniv. Rose Purdy **and** Special Intentions
(Melbourne) Andrew Doucette
Sun. 9am Parishioners
11:15am Special Intentions **and** intentions of
Philippe Ndeche
Mon. No Mass
Tues. 6:30pm Odette Nickerson **and** Rosa Hattie
Wed. 6:30pm William Letteney **and** Intentions of
Kenneth Jacquard
Thur. 9am Victor McGuire **and** J Clifford O'Connell
Fri. 9am Special Intentions **and** Amos Surette
Sat. 4pm Anniv. Eleanor Brush **and** Florence
(Blanchard) Zell
6pm (Melbourne) Gerald, Jerry and Neil DeViller
Sun. 9am Intentions of Francis Cottreau **and** Paul
Hubbard
11:15am Parishioners

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.

FISH CHOWDER FRIDAYS: Will be taking place each
Friday during lent in the dining hall at
the parish centre from 4:30-6:30pm.
\$6.00 per person. Includes chowder,
roll, tea or coffee. Please support our

youth who will be attending the Steubenville Atlantic
conference this Summer. Thank You!

COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will be held
next weekend after all the
weekend masses. Please note
the pot lucks will resume in the fall and there will be
no Coffee Socials for the Easter weekend.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Community
Breakfast:** Sunday, **March 15th** from
9am -noon at the Knights of Columbus
Hall. Adults \$7.00 and children under 12
\$3.50. Eat in or take out. **The 4th Degree
meeting for Tuesday March 17th is cancelled.**



**COMING THIS LENT: PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF
THE EUCHARIST. Beginning March 12 in the Dining
Hall in the Parish Centre 7:00 p.m.** God is with
us. God wants to unite us to himself, to pour his
love into us and to receive our love in return. God
wants to be in communion with us. God wants this
so much that God humbles himself, becoming truly
and completely present under the appearance of
simple bread and wine. Through the Eucharist, God
gives himself and expresses his love for us – and by
receiving the Eucharist, we love God in return. In
exploring the story of the Eucharist, the question to
ask is not “What is the Eucharist?”, but “Who is the
Eucharist?” March 19 – The Story of the Eucharist.
March 26 – Bread for the Journey and April 2 – The
Miracle at Every Mass. These videos will be
repeated beginning Sunday March 29 at 10:15 a.m.,
downstairs in the Coffee & Creed room. Come and
join us while the children are in their classes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will began on Friday,
February 28 and will continue every
Friday during Lent at St. Ambrose Co-
Cathedral at 6:30pm. Each week, it will
be led by a different group.




EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone who would like to make
a donation towards St. Ambrose or Our
Lady of Lourdes Easter flowers in memory
of a loved one may do so by either putting
your donation in an envelope with your number on
it and placing it in the collection basket or you may
make your donation at the parish office.



TROUBLE WITH TRUST: A Lenten retreat.
Saturday, March 28, 2020. 9 a.m. to noon in the
Jubilee Room. St. Paul tells us that
because of Christ's Passion — his
suffering, death, and resurrection — God
proves that he is completely trustworthy. All of us
would like to believe this as deeply as St. Paul did,
to trust God more firmly in the midst of life's
trials. Lent is a season to strengthen our trust,
precisely by turning our attention to Christ's
Passion, and this Lenten Retreat is designed to help.
For further information please call Coleen 902 742-
4924 or Helen 902 742-6216.



PRAYERS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: There will
be Prayers for Persecuted Christians and a
Presentation on the Holy Land on March 23rd 2020
at 7pm. This event will be held at St Thomas Aquinas
Church 1725 Oxford Street, Halifax NS. Evening
prayer with Fr. Brian MacMillan, KHS, presiding
followed by the presentation by Archbishop Brian
Dunn.

 **QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** The ordinary acts
we practise every day at home are of more
importance to the soul than their simplicity
might suggest. -St. Thomas More

**NO HAND SHAKING AND NO HOLY
WATER:** The diocese has asked that
we not shake hands at the Sign of Peace
and not have Holy Water at the front of
the church for the time being. -Fr. Henry

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: There will be a
reconciliation service on Wednesday
March 25th, at 6:30 pm at St. Ambrose.
Why not make this Easter extra special
with the feeling of deep forgiveness this
sacrament can give? Please note mass is at 9am
that morning.



TAIZE SERVICE: Will be held March 22,2020 at
7:30pm at the Holy Trinity Church (61 William St.,
Yarmouth). TAIZE worship is non-denominations. It
is simple, peaceful, with readings, reflection,
prayer, music and meditative singing. All are
welcome.

PROTECT LIFE: In recent weeks the federal
government has tabled new legislation for
euthanasia. They plan to remove the "reasonably
foreseeable death" criteria. Doing so would impact
the most vulnerable in our society. Disability
activists are speaking out fiercely against this
change because that criterion protects persons with
disabilities from euthanasia. The Coalition for
Health Care and Conscience are inviting their
brothers and sisters in the faith to have their voice
heard by taking part in a letter-writing campaign to
their MPs. Postcards for this campaign are
available and can be distributed to parishes upon
request. You can also go
to <https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>
to learn how you can speak out for the vulnerable. For
more information on these efforts contact Deacon
Larry Worthen
at communications@cmdacanada.org



Please welcome into our Christian community
Murphy Lovitt Goodwin who was baptised on
Sunday March 8th, 2020.
Please keep Murphy and his family in your
prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and
friends of
Geraldine Marie Pothier
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon her.