



3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 25th & 26th, 2020

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

MASS INTENTIONS January 25th-February 2nd, 2020

Sat. 4pm Lorraine DeViller and Anniv. Ron Muise
6pm (Melbourne) Anniv. Loring Clairmont

Sun. 9am John MacPherson and Stephen Sweeney
11:15am Parishioners

Mon. No Mass

Tues. 6:30pm Intentions of Carol & Kerri Bourque and Sarah Theriault

Wed. 6:30pm Majorie Doucette and Greg & Barb Deveau

Thur. 9am Viola Lombard and Bernice Blades

Fri. 9am Martha Surette and Lorette Vanderdonk

Sat. 4pm Parishioners
6pm (Melbourne) Anniv. Dora & Snookie Harris

Sun. 9am Rose Emma Jacquard and Marie J Doucette
11:15am Antoinette Belliveau and Susan Churchill

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.

FOOD BANK: Next weekend, February 1st-2nd, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.



COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will be held this weekend after the Masses.



WORD OF GOD SUNDAY: Pope Francis declares that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". He wrote a document on it called "Aperuit illis", which was taken from the opening words of St. Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures". Bishop Mancini has just sent out a letter asking us to "highlight the Word of God in some special manner in your parishes." That Sunday is on January 25th/26th. -- -Fr. Henry

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH ... our new parish name: Starting on January 1st, our new parish name is St. Ambrose Parish. Under that parish is St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral and Our Lady of Lourdes. The official decree has been posted in both churches on the bulletin board and is also available for you to see from the link below or on our website. If you have any questions, you can ask me, Fr. Henry. https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/images/websections/Onew_decrees_2020/19-019_Saint_Ambrose.pdf

CENOTAPH IN PINKNEY'S POINT: There is discussion on erecting a cenotaph this year to the four Pinkney's Point soldiers who died during World War one and two: Peter Clements (Clairmont), Bourneuf Freeman Pothier, Arthur John Surette and Nathen Raymond Harrington. Pinkney's Point is the only major community in the Wedgeport Legion 155 catchment area to not have a cenotaph or war memorial monument. Members of these families and other community members are asked to call Cyrille LeBlanc 902-663-2908, cyrilleleblanc@ns.sympatico.ca of the Wedgeport Legion to help out or for more information. Veterans Affairs Canada can contribute 50% of costs. 2020 is the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (May 8, 1945). The Saint Raphaël cemetery association and the Lestantue Club have been contacted.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES: Envelopes can now be picked up in the parish office.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS: The Monthly meeting will take place Monday February 3rd in the Jubilee Room. Executive meet at 6:30pm- regular meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Whoever surrenders unconditionally to the Lord will be chosen by him as an instrument for building his kingdom. – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



DEAR FRIENDS: If you want to make your views on assisted suicide-euthanasia known to the Federal Government, you have a very short window of opportunity. The survey questions can be answered online now and up to Monday January 27th 2020. Participating will allow us to voice our concerns. Whether or not this will impact the outcome is difficult to say. However, the purpose of this survey is really to see if assisted suicide-euthanasia would be extended beyond the present categories found in the "safeguards" of the present legislation. From our understanding of the dignity of the human person, and our convictions of faith, the whole legislation as it presently stands is wrong. To change the legislation to make the possibility of MAID even more accessible to a wider listing of vulnerable persons is still wrong and unacceptable. I exhort you to make your own views. -Anthony Mancini <https://justice.survey-sondage.ca/f/s.aspx?s=6E6210A5-E100-4201-A55D-CFB52ADA1C0C>

ADORATION CHAPEL: There is a very special place where Jesus actually resides where you can go and be alone with him. Quiet your soul in prayer or in silence with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He is literally waiting for you in our little Adoration Chapel.



If you want a radical change in your life, this may be what you are looking for. This is an opportunity to be still and hear the voice of God. If interested, please call Debbie Murphy-Payie at 902-740-2005.

ROSARY: On Sunday February 2nd the Knights of Columbus along with the youth of St. Ambrose Catechism classes will be leading the rosary. This will take place at 10:15 in the main church. Parents are urged to stay and participate with their children.



REFLECTION: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen." This passage from Matthew's Gospel is quoted from Isaiah the Prophet at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. After quoting Isaiah, Jesus goes forth saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This prophecy from Isaiah is clearly fulfilled in Jesus' coming. Jesus is the "great light" of which Isaiah speaks. Therefore, Isaiah is prophesying this particular historical moment when Jesus appears in our world preaching His divine Word. But Isaiah's words should not only speak to us about this one-time historical event of the coming of Christ and His public ministry, it should also reveal to us the fact that Jesus is the "great light" who continues to shine in whatever darkness we encounter. Sit with that image. Imagine complete darkness covering the entire land. Perhaps imagine being out in the wilderness on a very cloudy night with the stars and moon completely covered. Imagine, then, the clouds parting as the Sun immediately begins to rise. Slowly the darkness is cast aside as the rising sun sheds light across the entire land. This is not only an image of what happened long ago when Jesus came and began His ministry, it also happens every time we sincerely listen to the Word of God and allow His Word to penetrate our minds and hearts. Jesus' words must fill us with Himself for He is the Great Light of Truth. Reflect, today, upon the area of your life that seems to be covered with darkness. What is it that leaves you feeling hurt, angry or confused? What is it that burdens your heart more than anything else? It is this area of your life, more than any, that Jesus desires to enter and to shed the rays of His glory upon. -My Catholic life

