



4th Sunday of Easter April 24th & 25th, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS---April 24th-May 2nd, 2021

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
Wed. April 28 9am Harold LeBlanc **and** Richard Griffin
Sat. May 1 4pm Special Intentions **and** Kenneth Bourque
Sun. May 2 9am Parishioners
May 2 10am (Melbourne) Anniv. Agnes Doucette
May 2 11am Noreen & Kenneth Surette **and** the Doucette Family


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

EMAIL TRANSFERS: are available. Please send to stambrosemail@gmail.com Please add your envelope number or personal information for income tax purposes.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Have the courage to go against the tide of current values that do not conform to the path of Jesus.
 -Pope Francis

REFLECTION: The Voice of the Shepherd

 ...the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." [John 10:3-5](#)

What are you most familiar with in life? What voice or voices echo in your mind most of the time? There are many influences we receive on a regular basis. Some are good and some are not so good. Often times we can talk ourselves into believing that the many "voices" or influences that we encounter on a daily basis do not affect us. We are pressured by the voice of the media, pop culture, love of money, a desire for recognition and so much more. These are powerful influences and, whether we want to believe it or not, they do affect us.


The Gospel above gives us insight into this internal struggle in that it contrasts the voice of the Shepherd with the voice of a stranger. The sheep are easily taught and conditioned. They learn the voice of their shepherd because it was common practice for shepherds to regularly speak to their sheep. Once the sheep became used to the shepherd's voice, they would turn and follow him when he called.

So, it is with us. We will follow the voice of that which we are most familiar. Whatever it is that we immerse ourselves in each and every day will grow on us and draw us, even unknowingly, to follow. This begs the question, "What are you most familiar with?" Ideally, we spend sufficient time in God's

Word, learning His language, tone and voice. Ideally, we dedicate some portion of our day, every day, to silent contemplation of God. As we do this, we build a habit of hearing Him speak and we become comfortable with and comforted by His voice.

Once this habit is established in us, it will be much easier to go about our busy day hearing God whenever He chooses to speak. We will immediately recognize it is Him and we will follow. Reflect, today, upon that which calls to you the loudest. Don't let the many other voices in our world drown out God's voice. Instead, prepare yourself for the moments He chooses to speak. And when He does speak, let that voice grab your attention so that you can follow.

Lord, help me to know and love Your gentle voice throughout my daily life. May that voice overwhelm all others that compete for my attention. I choose You, dear Lord, as my one Shepherd and guide. Jesus, I trust in You. – My Catholic Life



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Harland D.M. Banks
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS:

We would like to congratulate the following twelve youth who were confirmed on Thursday April 22nd by Archbishop Brian Dunn. Cameron Brown, Brook Boudreau, Eve d'Entremont, Megan Devine, Faith Grant, Ben Gushue,



Jiether Jimenez Braxton Yorke Philip, Alexandra Robichaud, Max Stulberger, Chloe Surette and Ava Thibault. Please keep the young people and their families in your prayers. To view the Confirmation mass, you can go to the following link. www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57