



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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### MASS INTENTIONS –May 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Sat. 4pm Parishioners**  
**Sun. 9am** Hans Weidenfeld **and** Lawrence MacNeil  
**Sun. 10 am (Melbourne)** Julie Deveau  
**Sun. 11am** Jean Cotteau **and** Wallace DeViller  
**Wed. 9am** Vincent Stuart **and** Richard Thibeau  
**Sat. 4pm** Troy Comeau **and** J. Donald Surette  
**Sun. 9am Parishioners**  
**Sun. 10 am (Melbourne)** Agnes & Robert Doucette  
**Sun. 11am** Albert Bourque **and** Anthony & Margaret  
 Belliveau

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**LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE:** We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9 am and on the weekend at the Saturday 4pm and Sunday at 11 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.stambrosearmouth.ca](http://www.stambrosearmouth.ca) or go to our YouTube channel

[www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57](http://www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57)

**REFLECTION: Coming to Your Senses** Coming to his senses he thought, “How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.’”  
 Why do we cling to our sins? This passage comes from the story of the Prodigal Son. We should know that story well. The son decided to leave his father and take his future inheritance, spending it on a life of sin. When the money he had ran out, he was in desperate need.

So, what did he do? He came to his senses! This line alone is worth our meditation. First, it reveals what happens to a person who falls into a life of sin. In this case, the son eventually reaped the fruit of his sin. He found that his sin left him destitute and alone. He didn’t know where to turn. And though our sins may not be to the extent of this son, we will all experience the empty effects of the sins we commit, just as this son did.  
 The profound insight we can gain from this son is that he did come around. Specifically, by “coming to his senses” he recognized two important things. First, he realized that he is worth more than a life of destitution. No one should have to live an impoverished and empty life. Therefore, by seeing his own dignity he came to realize that he was made for more.

Secondly, he knew he could turn to his father. What a blessing it was for him to know this. The reason he knew he could turn to his father was that his father clearly loved him with unconditional love. The mercy in the heart of the father was so strong that the son was aware of it and this awareness gave him confidence to turn to him. Reflect, today, upon this twofold action. The son sees his misery and also sees his father as the person to whom he can confidently turn. We must strive to do the same in our own lives. The Father in Heaven will never reject us. No matter what we have done or how far we have turned away, the

Father’s love is perfect, relentless, unconditional and always inviting. He is ready and willing to dismiss every wrong we have done if we only turn to Him in confidence. Come to your senses in regard to your sins! Let go of them, repent and trust in the mercy of God. ~ My Catholic Life

**EUCCHARISTIC RENEWELL: Online workshop presented by Franciscan University of Steubenville.** But only say the word and my soul shall be healed. Called to Him. Kept in Him. Made new in Him. God’s generosity and His Fatherly love is most fully manifest in His Son’s incarnation in ancient Israel and His continuing presence in the Blessed Sacrament upon every altar. Our lives flow from the Eucharist and lead back to the Eucharist, so that we may be filled with God’s life, sent into the world to proclaim the Good News, and be strengthened and invigorated for a life lived for others. This pragmatic and deeply inspiring set of workshops addresses three critical aspects of the Eucharistic renewal so needed today:

- How to *see* God’s gift of the Eucharist, rooted in knowing Jesus personally and loving the sacred liturgy.
- How to be *formed* for a Eucharistic life of intimate devotion and radical trust.
- How to *give* the saving truths of the Eucharist to others effectively in the home, the classroom, and in any relationship.

It is our privilege to pass on this magnificent inheritance of faith to the next generation, echoing the action of faithful disciples from the centuries before us. This track is designed to help you, whether you are a parent, catechist, teacher, or parishioner, to better understand the Eucharist and its matchless importance in God’s plan for humanity.

This online course can be started at any time. It has no deadlines and is entirely self paced. Question or information on how to sign up: [ChristLife.Yarmouth@gmail.com](mailto:ChristLife.Yarmouth@gmail.com)

**ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS:** Thank you to everyone who donated items for the homeless. We have plenty at the present moment to meet their needs

for some time. When we require more, I will let you know. Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Henry

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, he will fit you for the work and give you strength. – St. Philip Neri



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:** “Knights of Columbus Council 2181 will be carrying out a recruitment drive, for new members on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>. Brother Knights will be available for any questions and would like you to stop by and say hello to them”.

**Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>, all members invited!  
 6:00pm executive meeting  
 7:30pm general meeting

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting:** Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Anyone wishing to have a copy of the parish financial statement for 2021, it is now available for pick up at the main office.

**CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP:** We are happy to say Catholic Summer Camp is on for **August 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** at Johnston Christian Park, South Range, Digby County. \$200.00 early bird fee if registered by June 30<sup>th</sup>. After this registration will be \$225.00. You can get a registration form at the entrance of the church, the parish office or on the website.



**CWL FUNDRAISER:** The CWL are selling tea cups and saucers, with either a plant or flower in them for Mother’s Day. We cannot guarantee a specific flower or plant. It will depend on what’s available. The price is \$10.00 per cup and saucer and are being sold after the masses this weekend May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the Jubilee Room.



**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY:** On Sunday we once again celebrate all mother figures – passed, present, and future – in our lives. May the witness of Mary, the Mother of god, be an example to all mothers. Let us ask for the intercession of Mary over all the joys and challenges that all mothers face.