



## April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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### MASS INTENTIONS –April 20<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

**Sat. 4 pm** Anniv. Richard Robicheau  
**Sun. 9am** Dora Surette  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Parishioners  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Ryan & Blaine Anthony  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Special Intentions  
**Thurs: 9am** Eddie Cottreau & Charlene (Cottreau) Doucet  
**Fri. 9 am** Janice Surette Leslie  
**Sat. 4 pm** Parishioners  
**Sun. 9am** Delphine & Joseph Deveau and deceased family  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Claire Boiphry-Amirault

#### Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

**Sun. 10 am April 21** Connie DeViller  
**Sun. 10 am April** June & Donald Surette

**REFLECTION** Seeking the Full Truth Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” The line quoted above concludes a dialogue that Jesus had with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. This is the first of three times Nicodemus is mentioned in the Gospel of

John. The second time he appears is when he reminds the other members of the Sanhedrin that a man must be first heard before he is condemned. The third time was when Jesus was killed and Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes to prepare Jesus’ body for burial. Jesus was not accepted by most of the Pharisees and within the Sanhedrin. For that reason, Nicodemus was taking a risk by going to him at night to talk. But Jesus clearly senses faith in the heart of Nicodemus, which is why when Nicodemus asks Jesus about His teaching, Jesus answers him. Unlike the other Pharisees, Nicodemus was not trying to trap our Lord; he sincerely wanted to understand. At the beginning of this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, Nicodemus professes the beginning of faith in Jesus when he says, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him”. Interestingly, Jesus then speaks to Nicodemus in figures of speech, saying that one can only enter the Kingdom of God when they are “born from above” and “born from water and the Spirit.” Nicodemus tries to understand but fails. Jesus then gently rebukes him by saying, “You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?”. Jesus then goes on to speak further in symbolic language and figures of speech, concluding with the beginning of today’s Gospel quoted above when He speaks in a veiled way about His coming crucifixion. One thing that is important to understand from this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus is that Jesus’ language is veiled in symbolic language because, even though Nicodemus was on the right path, he was not yet ready for the full revelation of the Gospel. He could not yet fully comprehend all that our Lord came to reveal. Thus, Jesus spoke in veiled language and invited Nicodemus to keep seeking its hidden meaning. In our own lives, we can come to God and want Him to speak clearly and definitively to us, revealing His perfect will for our lives. But often He doesn’t. Why? Because God knows we are not yet ready for the full truth. When He speaks to us and when we gain insight in one way or another, this is good and reveals we are on the right path. But the Gospel, in its fullness, is so radical and so demanding that most people are not yet ready for the full truth. Therefore, in His compassion, God gives us only what we can handle at the moment. But this humble truth should encourage us, as it did Nicodemus, to not give up and to continue opening ourselves to the fullness of the Word of God.

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to the fullness of God’s Word. What would happen if God were to reveal to you, by an immediate personal revelation of divine knowledge, all that was in His sacred mind? Would it be too much for you to handle? Yes, it would be. But that humble admission is an important step toward that very goal. Humble yourself, today, more fully before the mysterious Word of God and pray that you will continue to be changed and open so that the clarity of God’s truth will more fully penetrate your soul. -*My Catholic Life*

**CURSILLO:** The Women’s Cursillo Weekend will be held May 16-19 at St. Ambrose Parish. Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "short course" in Christianity. It is a weekend that helps people to live as a Christian in normal everyday life and a desire to journey with Christ. Cursillo is not a retreat but an encounter with oneself, with Christ, and with others. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more, please contact: Liz Richard: 902-307-6456. The Men’s Cursillo has been postponed until a later date.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** Do you want our Lord to give you many graces? Visit him often. Do you want him to give you few graces? Visit him seldom. Visits to the Blessed Sacrament are powerful and indispensable means of overcoming the attacks of the devil. Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you. -St. John Bosco

**ST. AMBROSE QUILTERS:** We meet Tuesday and Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. at the parish center. Are you looking to have a quilt hand quilted? Contact Carolyn Pike (902)742-7470  
Come visit - bring a craft, come for social time and have a cup of tea with the quilters.

**MOTHER’S DAY CHINA CUP PLANT SALE:** Will be at St. Ambrose May 11 & 12 - \$10 - after masses in the Jubilee room.

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Community Breakfast** Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 12:00 cost is \$10.00 Adults and 12 and under \$7.00. Take out is available.  
Proceeds to support the Fuel Bank.

**COFFEE SOCIALS:** are being held after all this weekend of after all the masses. Come join us for a cup.



**CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP:** August 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> at Johnston Christian Park, South Range, Digby County. \$225.00 early bird fee if registered by June 30<sup>th</sup>. After this registration will be \$200.00. It’s for youth ages 10 to 14 and you can get a registration form at the Parish office or on the website.



**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Every summer, we run a Summer Camp for the youth. Some of the youth struggle to find financial resources to participate in this activity. If you are able and would like to make a contribution to help, send a youth to camp, please submit your donation into the collection at Mass (with pertinent information) or stop by the parish office. Please mark that you are sponsoring for summer camp.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
Marion Yvonne DuLong  
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.



Please welcome into our Christian community Andi Rose Lacroix, Maryk Michelle Bishara and Sophie Anne Thibeau who were baptised on Sunday April 14, 2024.  
Please keep Andi, Maryk, Sophie and their families in your prayers.