



May 11th, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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MASS INTENTIONS –May 10th- 18th, 2025

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Special Intentions
Sun. 11:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues. 6:30 pm Alan Doucette
Wed. 6:30 pm Anniv. Russell Rodgerson Sr.
Thurs: 9 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri. 9 am No Mass Priests are on retreat
Sat. 4 pm Anniv. Llyod Emin
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15am Eugénie Doucet

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am May 11 Herbert Muise
Sun. 10 am May 18 Cecil Fitzgerald

RFLECTION: **Shepherding Through** Virtue Jesus



said: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.” The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is an endearing image. Many artists have depicted the gentleness of Christ as He leads His sheep or carries a straying lamb on His shoulders. We are given this

image today as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday in our short Gospel passage today, Jesus addressed some of the Jews who were trying to trap Him in His speech. Prior to this passage, they asked Him, “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” To that, Jesus responded, “I told you and you do not believe.” Jesus answered this way because the people questioning Him were not interested in actually knowing whether He was the Messiah. Instead, they wanted to accuse Him of blasphemy. But Jesus tells them that He already told them Who He was through His works: “The works I do in my Father’s name testify to me.” Do you see the works of God in your life? If you do, then it is important to understand that Jesus’ works are one of the primary ways that He speaks to you and leads you as your Shepherd. God certainly speaks to us through His Word as it is revealed in the Scriptures and in the teachings of the Church. But He also speaks to us through His works. Among the many works of God in your life is the work of grace by which God enables you to grow in virtue. Therefore, it is important to look for the ways that supernatural virtue grows in your life. For example, do you see courage in the face of fear? If so, what is God saying to you through the increase of this virtue? Do you see a supernatural ability to forgive another? If so, what is God telling you through the increase of that virtue? Do you see an increase in the virtue of piety, by which your life of prayer becomes more important to you? If so, what is God saying to you through the increase of this virtue? The discernment of the will of God enables us to hear His voice and follow Him. And one of the best ways to discern the will of God is to look for the ways that God is touching your life. Where you see virtue increase, the will of God is present and is calling you to grow in that area. Conversely, if there is something in your life that leads you to sin, and, thus, a decrease in virtue, then this is also God’s voice telling you to avoid these things. Reflect, today, upon God’s actions that are perceptible in your life. Even though God speaks clearly to us through His revealed Word, He also speaks to us and shepherds us through His discernable touching of our souls. Where you see virtue increase, you will find the will of God. Where you see virtue decrease, you will not find the will of God. Listen to God as He

speaks to you this way so that you will hear His voice, follow Him and receive eternal life. *My revealing Lord, You speak to me day and night, calling me to follow You as my Shepherd. May I learn to perceive Your voice as You speak to me in varied ways so that I can more readily follow You wherever You lead. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.*
-My Catholic Life

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: August 10th - 15th at



Johnston Christian Park, South Range, Digby County. \$225.00 early bird fee by June 30th. After this it will be \$250.00. It’s for youth ages 10 to 14 and you can get a registration form at the Parish office or on the website.

COFFEE SOCIALS: Will be held next weekend May



17th & 18th after all the masses in the Jubilee Room. Come join us for a cup.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: Share a cup of Love-



CWL members will be selling teacups filled with a variety of little plants as Mother's Day gifts on May 10 & 11 - after masses in the Jubilee room for \$10.

SPRING CONCERT: with St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral



Choirs **Sunday May 25th at 7:00 pm.** Freewill offering in aid of the Tabitha Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday May 13th, all members invited 6:00 pm executive meeting and 7:30 pm general meeting. A **4th Degree meeting** will be held on Tuesday May 20th at 7.00 pm; all 4th Degree Knights are encouraged to attend.

SAINT AMBROSE RENOVATION PROJECT: As you might have noticed, roof shingles on St. Ambrose have been missing for some time. They are getting old and are near the end of their life. The paint job done on the trim about 10 years ago needs to be redone again. The red wooden shingles you see on the tower and that are around the bricks are falling off. Even our main cross is missing a piece of

wood. Because of these issues, our church needs some major work. As you can imagine, the cost is also not cheap. Things in need of fixing that are that high up require staging and booms which adds more expense every time something needs to be done. For example, the paint job on the trim cost many thousands the last time it was done. Because of this, a plan has been made to make the church as maintenance free as possible for as many years as possible. Companies in our area were contacted and prices came in on a few designs. It was decided to go with the design that was most affordable for us as a parish. This proposal is as follows: *The five existing wooden crosses would be removed from the roof. These would be replaced by one cross on the steeple of the church which would be made from stainless steel. it would be similar in size as the existing cross. The roof would be strapped and 26G textured evergreen metal installed. All wooden shingle siding on the walls of the church and bell tower would be stripped and any rotted wood would be repaired. A waterproof membrane would go over the wall sheathing prior to installing new metal siding. Wooden louvers in the bell tower would be replaced with PVC. All wooden fascia boards, soffit and frieze trim would be clad with aluminum. All the colours will remain the same.* To do all this work, the cost comes to \$495,900.00. I realize this is a lot of money. Thankfully someone who passed away left a bequest to us a year or so ago for \$100,000. This was put aside for this project. To pay for the remainder of this project, I am asking people to be generous with giving. If you would like to donate, please make the check out to "Saint Ambrose Parish" and mark on the envelope "Building Fund". If you have any questions, please see me after any mass. Fr. Henry.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of

Stephen Alexander Arsenault
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.