



4th Sunday of Lent March 13th & 14th, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS---March 13th -20th, 2021

Sat. Mar.13 4pm Parishioners
Mar .14 9am Bob Delaney and Pius Landry

Sun. Mar.14 10am (Melbourne) Laurel Brannen
Mar.14 11am Joseph Gianato and Hugh "Buddy" Smith

Wed. Mar. 17 9am Siffroi & Estelle LeBlanc and John & Jean Cahill

Sat. Mar. 20 4pm Anniv. Randy Patten and Freddie Blanchard

Sun. Mar. 21 9am Parishioners
Mar. 21 10am (Melbourne) Sarah Theriault
Mar. 21 11am Jane Muise and Rita d'Entremont

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: began on Friday, February 19 and will continue every Friday during Lent at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral at 6:30pm. Each week, it will be led by a different group. We will be following safety protocols so it will be a first come first served basis. Please note we will record the first week and it will be available on our website for the duration of Lent.



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: Some saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking. -St. Thomas Aquinas



REFLECTION: A Summary of the Whole Gospel
 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." This Scripture passage from John's Gospel is a familiar one. Often times, at large public events such as sports games, we can find someone holding up a sign that says, "John: 3:16." The reason for this is that this passage offers a simple but clear summary of the entire Gospel.

There are four basic truths that we can take from this Scripture. Let's look at each of them in a brief way.
 First, it's made clear that the Father in Heaven loves us. We know this but we will never fully comprehend the depth of this truth. God the Father loves us with a profound and perfect love. It's a love that is deeper than anything else we could ever experience in life. His love is perfect.
 Second, the Father's love was made manifest by the gift of His Son Jesus. It is a profound act of love for the Father to give us His Son. The Son meant everything to the Father, and the gift of the Son to us means that the Father gives us everything. He gives His very life to us in the Person of Jesus.

Third, the only appropriate response we can make to such a gift is faith. We must believe in the transforming power of accepting the Son into our lives. We must see this gift as a gift that gives us all we need. We must accept the Son into our lives by believing in His mission and giving our lives to Him in return.

Fourth, the result of receiving Him and giving our lives in return is that we are saved. We will not perish in our sin; rather, we will be given eternal life. There is no other way to salvation than through the Son. We must know, believe, accept and embrace this truth.

Reflect, today, upon this summary of the entire Gospel. Read it over and over and memorize it. Savor every word and know that in embracing this short passage of Scripture you are embracing the entire truth of God.

Father in Heaven, I thank You for the perfect gift of Christ Jesus Your Son. By giving Jesus to us, You give us Your very Heart and Soul. May I be open to You more fully and to the perfect gift of Jesus in my life. I believe in You, my God. Please increase my faith and love. Jesus, I trust in You.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:
4th Degree Meeting Tuesday March 16th at 7 pm. All members invited.



FOOD BANK: The weekend of April 3rd- 4th 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!




INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: 2020 income tax receipts can be picked up at the Parish Centre Office Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:30-1:00.

CANDLES IN THE CHURCH: Many have been asking if they are able to light candles in the church. Due to COVID 19 we are trying to minimize traffic and contact in the church so we have not been lighting them. If you wish to have candles lit you can place the payment with the number of candles you want to have lit in an envelope. It can be dropped off to the parish office or placed in the collection basket and on each Friday we will light them for you.

ST. AMBROSE EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:
 Below is the schedule for Holy Week from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper April 1st at 6:30
Good Friday Service: April 2nd at 3:00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: April 3rd at 8:00pm
Easter Sunday Masses: April 4 at 8:00 am, 9:30am, and 11:00am

Please note that this is not a regular weekend on the mass schedule, you need to call in if you want to attend one of them. Because of the COVID restrictions placed on us, you can attend just one of these celebrations and we have to once more limit attendance to those who are now registered for weekends. To Register, call St. Ambrose office (902-742-7151) starting on March 22nd until March 25th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. **Please do not call early.** Who gets to come to what will be based on who called first to register. Those who are not signed up may call in to be put on a waiting list. Please note: Everything will be Live Streamed on our website so please join us if you cannot be there in person.



CONFESSION SERVICE: Because of COVID, once again there is no scheduled confession service for lent. But don't let this stop you from going to Confession. You can call the office or send an email to me (Fr. Henry) to set up a time for us to meet, or you can ask to go to confession with one of the other priests (Fr. Pat or Fr. Wieslaw) who are often around.

LENTEN PRAYER: Father help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.