



May 18th, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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MASS INTENTIONS –May 17th- 25th, 2025

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Anniv. Llyod Emin
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15am Eugénie Doucet
Tues. 6:30 pm Anne & John Deveau
Wed. 6:30 pm Anniv. Johnnie O'Connell
Thurs: 9 am Intentions of Kay Olsen
Fri. 9 am Seretha MacIsaac
Sat. 4 pm Laura Letteney
Sun. 9am Sister Margaret Bourque
Sun. 11:15am Parishioners

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am May 18 Cecil Fitzgerald
Sun. 10 am May 25 Ina DeViller

RFLECTION: **Eternal Glory** When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once.” If the life we



live here and now is all we will ever have, then it makes sense to believe that death is our worst enemy. But as we know, this life is but a grain of sand in the ocean in comparison to eternity.

For that reason, we must see death as our passing into the glories that await. The death of a loved one is difficult for sure. And when we face our own death, there are many temptations we might experience toward fear of the unknown. But if the Son of God chose to endure death itself, then we must work to see death differently. Today's Gospel passage speaks of Jesus' coming death as His glorification. “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.” Jesus spoke these words right after Judas left the Last Supper to betray Him. From an earthly perspective, it is unlikely that anyone would consider their betrayal and brutal death as the moment when God is glorified. But from a heavenly and eternal perspective, Jesus' death was the greatest glorification He could offer to the Father. This only makes sense when we put on the mind of God. As we continue to celebrate our Easter Season, we look beyond the suffering of Christ to see the fruit of His suffering. We see that death was defeated and that Jesus will now forever live in His glorified and resurrected body in Heaven. He will forever carry the marks in His hands, feet and side, and those marks will forever glorify the Father. The Resurrection of Christ changes everything, including death. For that reason, we must continually work to put on the mind of God and see our human lives as He sees them. What is it that you live for in this life? What are your goals and ambitions? If you find that you focus excessively upon immediate pleasures, material wealth, selfish objectives and passing ambitions, then it is time to ponder the lesson of Jesus' glorification. By facing His own death as an opportunity to glorify the Father, Jesus made it possible for us to do the same. And though there will always be a healthy sorrow associated with the passing of a loved one, the hope of Heaven and eternal glory must become the lens through which we see all things in this life. When you look at your life, it is essential to see the cross that God has given to you. That is because your cross is the gateway to this eternal glory. Each person's cross will be different. A cross is not simply our suffering; it's our call to live sacrificially. This is love. It's the calling we are given to lay our lives down for others. To serve others. To forgive every wrong, to love every sinner, to show mercy and compassion toward those in need. And to do all of this in response to God's

perfect will. The crosses in our lives are opportunities for love in its purest form. This is how Jesus saw His Cross and this is how we must see ours. Reflect, today, upon death, but try to look at it as a calling to give of yourself sacrificially out of love. The best way to prepare yourself for a glorious death is to live in the love of God here and now. To the extent that you can do that, God will be glorified as you share in the glory given to Christ. -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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: A 4th Degree



meeting postponed until Tuesday May 27^h at 7.00 pm; all 4th Degree Knights are encouraged to attend. Community

Breakfast Fundraiser:

This month's Community Breakfast will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm May 25th. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for ages 12 and under. Proceeds will be given to the St Ambrose Youth Summer Camp ~ Please come support this worthy cause.

SPRING CONCERT: with St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral



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

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.

OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed Monday May 19th for Victoria Day holiday, Friday May 23rd and Monday May 26th to accommodate staff vacation. It will be open Tuesday to Thursday May 20th, 21st and 22nd for normal hours of operation.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: God's love calls us to move



beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope, and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit. -Pope Francis

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be



held June 5th, 2025 in Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!