



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

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### MASS INTENTIONS – April 2<sup>nd</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Sat. 4pm** Anniv. Randy Patten and Lou Lesser  
**Sun. 9am** Parishioners  
**Sun. 10am (Melbourne)** Intentions of Alden Maillet  
**Sun. 11am** Cody Saulnier and Thomas Thibault  
**Mon. 6:30 pm** Paul Hubbard and Debbie Muise  
**Wed. 9am** Victor McGuire and Jerry Cottreau  
**Fri. 9am** Clarence Surette and Dorothy Cook  
**Sat. 4pm** Kenneth Bourque and Francis Martin  
**Sun. 9am** Delby & Louise Saulnier and Albert Holmes  
**Sun. 10am (Melbourne)** Gertrude Surette  
**Sun. 11am** Parishioners

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>, all members invited  
 6:00pm executive meeting  
 7:30pm general meeting

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting:** Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All members invited.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS:



A meeting of the Catholic Women's League will take place Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Jubilee Room. Please bring your stamps, cards and yarn you are not using. You can also bring your smiles and ideas for fundraising.

**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.stambroseyarmouth.ca](http://www.stambroseyarmouth.ca) or go to our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57](http://www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57)

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### REFLECTION: The Wisdom that Comes with Age



"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again, he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders.

This passage comes from the story of the woman caught in adultery when she is dragged before Jesus to see if He would support her stoning. His response is perfect and, in the end, she is left alone to encounter the tender mercy of Jesus.

But there is a line in this passage that is easily overlooked. It is the line that states, "...beginning with the elders." This reveals an interesting dynamic within human communities. Generally speaking, those who are younger tend to lack the wisdom and experience that comes with age. Though the young may find it hard to admit, those who have lived a long life have a unique and broad picture of life. This enables them to be far more prudent in their decisions and judgments, especially when it comes to the more intense situations in life.

In this story, the woman is brought before Jesus with a harsh judgment. Emotions are high and these emotions clearly cloud the rational thinking of those who are ready to stone her. Jesus cuts through this irrationality by a profound statement. "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Perhaps, at first, those who were younger or more emotional did not allow the words of Jesus to sink in. They probably stood there with stones in hand waiting to

start throwing. But then the elders began to walk away. This is age and wisdom at work. They were less controlled by the emotion of the situation and were immediately aware of the wisdom of the words spoken by our Lord. As a result, the others followed.

Reflect, today, upon the wisdom that comes with age. If you are older, reflect upon your responsibility to help guide the younger generation with clarity, firmness and love. If you are younger, do not neglect to rely upon the wisdom of the older generation. Though age is not a perfect guarantee of wisdom, it may be a far more significant factor than you realize. Be open to your elders, show them respect, and learn from the experiences they have had in life.

*Prayer for the young: Lord, give me a true respect for my elders. I thank you for their wisdom stemming from the many experiences they have had in life. May I be open to their counsel and be guided by their gentle hand.*

*Prayer for the elder: Lord, I thank You for my life and for the many experiences I have had. I thank You for teaching me through my hardships and struggles, and I thank You for the joys and loves that I have encountered in life. Continue to pour forth Your wisdom upon me so that I may help guide Your children. May I always seek to set a good example and lead them according to Your Heart. Jesus, I trust in You.* ~My Catholic Life

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Anyone who would like to make a donation towards Easter flowers for **Our Lady of Lourdes Church** in memory of a loved one may do so by either putting your donation in an envelope with your number on it and placing it in the collection basket or at the parish office.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** To keep a lamp burning we have to put oil in it. -St. Teresa of Calcutta



**ADORATION CHAPEL REOPENING:** Our Adoration Chapel will reopen on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>. All previous adorers should have received a call by now about the new passcode and review of their date and time of weekly visits. If you did not receive a call let us know. The passcode should not be shared with



anyone. If you are interested in becoming a new adorer, please call Deb Murphy Payie at 902-740-2005 to be registered, and to receive orientation and the passcode. Jesus loves company!

**UPDATE FROM FR. HENRY:** After 2 years of COVID we are once again under no restrictions. The last few months of restrictions were a kind of blessing in a way because they allowed us to do some notable improvements at St. Ambrose Church. New flooring was installed in the pew area. This was much needed. It was also a huge undertaking. It entailed having to move around like a jigsaw puzzle, big and heavy pews so a section at a time could be done. Re-varnishing the top railing of the pews was also done. The varnish had worn down over the years and the short time of using sanitizer to disinfect the pews because of COVID accelerated this to make it considerably worse. Heat pumps were also installed. This will help with heating costs in the winter, cooling in the summer, and is more environmentally friendly. The kneelers are still being redone to prevent holes in the flooring and to give them more support. A big thank you to Andre (our maintenance man), Tony Bourque who volunteered to put down the flooring for us and all the others who helped in any way. Once we have completed the work on the kneelers, St. Ambrose will once again be back to the normal weekday mass schedule. We are slowly moving back to how things were pre-COVID. Let us pray that our COVID time is over so we can once again worship freely. God bless. FR. Henry.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will be held on every Friday during Lent at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral at 6:30pm. Each week, it will be led by a different group. Please note we will have a recorded one available on our website for the duration of Lent.



**FOOD BANK:** This weekend April 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.



**FISH CHOWDER FRIDAY:** Please call the office by Thursday if you would like to have an order of chowder. Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> will be our last one for lent.