



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary  
Time  
February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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**Reconciliation/confession** is available by appointment only at this time please call the office or email Fr. Henry directly for an appointment.

**MASS INTENTIONS--February 6<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b>Sat. Feb. 6</b>	<b>4pm</b> Anniv. Marjorie DeViller and Intentions of Julianna LeBlanc
	<b>Feb. 7 9am</b> Parishioners
<b>Sun. Feb. 7</b>	<b>10am (Melbourne)</b> Georgette Saulnier
	<b>Feb.7 11am</b> Victor McGuire and Darrell Babin
<b>Wed. Feb. 10</b>	<b>9am</b> Martha Surette and Arthur Fitzgerald
<b>Sat. Feb.13</b>	<b>4pm</b> Parishioners
<b>Sun. Feb.14</b>	<b>9am</b> Edward Robicheau and Bob Earle
	<b>Feb. 14 10am (Melbourne)</b> Marc Andre MacInnis
	<b>Feb. 14 11am</b> Brian MacKenzie and Jean Cottreau

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.

**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.stambroseparish.ca](http://www.stambroseparish.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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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** If you remain constant in your faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world and rest forever in the next.  
 – St. Jerome Emiliani

**REFLECTION: When Life is a "Drudgery"** Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again. The funny thing is, as soon as that reading is concluded at Mass, the entire congregation will respond, "Thanks be to God!" Really? Is this reading worth thanking God for? Do we really want to thank God for an expression of such pain? We most certainly do.

Job was clearly expressing feelings that we all face at times. He speaks of a sleepless night. Feelings of a loss of hope. Months of misery. Et cetera. Hopefully these feelings are not an everyday occurrence. But they are real and everyone experiences them at times.

The key to understanding this passage is to look at Job's whole life. Even though he felt this way, it did not direct his decisions. He did not give in to ultimate despair, he did not give up, he persevered. And it paid off! He stayed faithful to God through his tragedy of losing everything precious to him and never lost faith and hope in his God. In his darkest hour even his friends came to him telling him he is being punished by God and that all was lost for him. But he wouldn't listen. Remember his powerful words, "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord!" Job praised God for the good things he received in life, but when they were taken away, he continued to bless and praise God. This is the most central lesson and inspiration of Job's life. He did not give in to the way he felt in the reading above. He did not let the despair he was tempted with deter him from praising and worshiping God. He praised Him in ALL things! The tragedy of Job took place for a reason. It was to

teach us this essential lesson of dealing with the heavy burdens life can throw at us. Interestingly, for those who carry heavy burdens, Job is a real inspiration. Why? Because they can relate to him. They can relate to his pain and learn from his perseverance in hope.

Reflect, today, upon Job. Let his life inspire you. If you are finding a particular burden in life weighing you down, then try to praise and worship God anyway. Give God the glory due His name simply because it due His name and not because you do or do not feel like doing it. In this, you will find that your heavy burden leads to your strengthening. You will become more faithful by being faithful when it's very difficult to do so. Job did it and so can you!

*Lord, when life is hard and the burden is great, help me to deepen my faith in You and my love for You. Help me to love and worship You because it is good and right to do in all things. I love You my Lord and I choose to praise You always! Jesus, I trust in You. ~My Catholic Life*

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

**RULES:** Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from (not eat) meat. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 must also fast on Ash Wednesday meaning you can eat the equivalent of two meals that day. For example, you can choose to eat one normal meal and two other meals that add up to one meal.

**OLD PALM:** If anyone has old palm from last year, you can leave it in the container at the back of the church or you may burn your old palm yourself at home.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** There will be two masses for Ash Wednesday this year. One at 9:00am and one at 6:30pm. If you wish to attend one of these masses, please phone the office on February 15th or 16th between 1:00pm and 3:00 pm. It will be first come first served. You also have the option of doing your own Ash Wednesday service at home. If you are interested in this, someone will be outside after the mass to hand you some ashes and a program.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm executive meeting  
 7:00pm general meeting  
 All members invited.

**NOVA SCOTIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE SCHOLARSHIP (value \$1000.00)**  
 Scholarships are available for Catholic students and who will be attending first year University or Community College next year. Yarmouth Council 2181 will accept applications from students living in the geographic area served by our Council (including the area of the former Wedgeport Council). Scholarships are awarded based on academic standing and volunteer activities. Students applying for a Nova Scotia State Scholarship will also be considered for a Council 2181 Scholarship which is valued at \$500.00. Please consult your school guidance councillor for application forms. Completed applications with supporting documents must be received by Council 2181 Scholarship Chairman Philippe Doucet on or before Friday, March 12, 2021. If you require more information, please call 742-2940 or 748-1592.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
 Mary "Edith" Hannigan  
 Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.