



6th Sunday of Easter May 8th & 9th, 2021

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LIVE STREAMED MASS INTENTIONS---May 8th -19th, 2021

Sun. May 9 10am Parishioners
Wed. May 12 9am Special Intentions and The Doucette Family
Sun. May 16 10am Parishioners
Wed. May 19 9am Johnnie O'Connell and of Thanks giving

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 Sunday at 10:00 am. 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.stambrosearmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

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envelope number or personal information for income tax purposes.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society. -St. Francis of Assisi



REFLECTION: Laying Down Your Life Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” [John 15:13](#)

Love is very often understood as a strong feeling or emotion toward another. When someone is strongly attracted to someone or something, they “love it.” But is this love? Is this love in the truest sense? Not really. Love certainly will have an emotional element to it but it will not be based on emotions or feelings. So, what is love? Love is a choice. Specifically, as Jesus identifies in the Gospel passage above, love is a choice to “lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Laying down our lives indicates a number of things. First, it shows that the nature of love is a total self gift. Laying down your life cannot be done half way. Either your life is laid down or not. This reveals that love, in order for it to be love in the truest sense, is a total commitment of 100% of your life. This passage also reveals that love is sacrificial. Laying down your life clearly shows that love requires a sort of death to self. It requires we look to the other first, putting their needs before ours. This requires true sacrifice and selflessness. We lay down our lives for others in many ways. Some small, some big. Most importantly, we must foster an attitude of deep concern for the good of every person. When we do turn our eyes and hearts toward others, we will begin to discover countless ways to lay our lives down for them. Small acts of kindness, words of affirmation, a listening ear, help with a chore, etc. are a few of the small ways we give of ourselves every day. Greater acts may include a heroic forgiveness, love when we do not feel like being loving, giving mercy when it appears undeserved, and going out of our way to be there for a person when we do not have time in our busy schedule. The bottom line is that giving of ourselves until it hurts turns any small or large sacrifice, we give into a blessing for them and a glorious reward for us. Living a sacrificial life is fulfilling on many levels

and is ultimately what we are made for. Reflect, today, upon how well you lay down your life for others, holding nothing back. Do not hesitate to commit yourself to this depth of love. By giving yourself completely away you find yourself and discover the presence of our Divine Lord.

Lord, help me to put others first. Help me to love until it hurts. And in that loving sacrifice, help me to discover the love in Your own divine heart. Jesus, I trust in You.
 – My Catholic Life

MAY 1ST FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER:



In this Year of Saint Joseph we offer a friendly reminder that May 1, this Saturday is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph the Worker. In these days of a global pandemic where work has taken on a different meaning for so many let us

seek the intercession of the faithful Blessed Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus to guide and protect us. We have gathered various devotions and resources on a diocesan Saint Joseph webpage that you will find here: www.halifaxarmouth.org/Saint-Joseph

The Catholic Bishops have also developed a webpage with a variety of material to help renew a devotion to Saint Joseph. Of particular note are a series of reflective video that highlight the qualities of Saint Joseph as explored by Pope Francis in his apostolic letter, *Patris corde*. To view these videos click [here](#).

GLOBAL PRAYER MARATHON:

Pope Francis invites Catholics around the world to take part in a global prayer initiative. The faithful are invited to pray the rosary every day in May to seek Mary’s intercession to end the global pandemic. Thirty Marian shrines from various parts of the world will host a livestreamed recitation of the rosary.

The prayer marathon takes on the theme: “The whole Church was fervently praying to God,” which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). Attached you will find the outline of the liturgy being used as well as the list of participating Marian shrines. Also, the Vatican News will



broadcast the recitation of the rosary at 6 PM Rome time (1:00pm Halifax time) from the various shrines taking part in the initiative. You can view this on the Vatican News YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7E-LYc1wivk33iyt5bR5zQ>

TRI COUNTY PREGNANCY CARE BABY BOTTLE

DRIVE: Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre would like to announce that we are still having our Baby Bottle Campaign, but with a few adjustments! During this time of stay-at-home orders and social distancing, your church can still partner with us in **changing hearts, saving lives and sharing Jesus! We are excited to share that we have Virtual options for our Baby Bottle Campaign!**

We are asking that donations be made through one of three options:

1. Email transfers can be made to tcpcc@ns.aliantzinc.ca
2. Donate Online: [Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre Baby Bottle Campaign](http://www.tricountypregnancycarecentre.ca/evnts)
3. Or mail your donation to:
 Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre
 342 Main St
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Visit the events page on our website to find more information;
<https://www.tricountypregnancycarecentre.ca/evnts> *All cheques and money order should be made out to Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre. Receipts are available for donations over \$20; to get one please clearly write your name and address.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Gerald Rene LeBlanc
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.