



May 5th, 2024 6th Sunday of Easter

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MASS INTENTIONS –May 4th– 12th, 2024

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Adele Doucette
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am George Sapp
Tues. 6:30 pm Anniv. George Cottreau
Wed. 6:30 pm Anniv. Arthur Surette
Thurs: 9am Anniv. Troy Comeau
Fri. 9 am Janice Surette Leslie
Sat. 4 pm Anniv. Victor Boudreau
Sun. 9am Shawn Fowler
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am May 5 Agnes Doucette
Sun. 10 am May 12 Edith LeBlanc

REFLECTION: Friendship with God “I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one

another.” Just prior to the passage quoted above, Jesus says, “You are my friends if you do what I command you.” Is that the measure of true friendship? That we do what our friend commands us to do? That depends upon which friend we are speaking about. There are many images we use for God. We call Him Father, Savior, Master, Lord, King, Redeemer, Spirit and Friend. When it comes to God as our divine Friend, it is important to understand the nature of that friendship properly. Jesus’ friendship is not one that simply makes us “buddies.” Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself. Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity. Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It’s a way of relating to another in which a person’s sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one’s own self interests. It’s not a matter of “what do I get out of it?” St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” This is not only the definition of charity; it is also the only foundation for true friendship. When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible. Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we establish with Him. But there is more. When we love God, we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate to Who God

is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we seek to fulfill only God’s interests and rejoice in the Truth of Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship, adoration, surrender, trust and perfect obedience. When it is God, we are loving, the very essence of the Person we love requires these responses. One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we are in a position to receive the very life of God in return. And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely, His very Self. Reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus has offered you to enter into a true friendship with Him. This means that God becomes the center of your life. It means that you seek to give yourself, selflessly and without reserve, to Him Who is deserving of all your love. It means you choose worship and obedience to perfection. The reward of such love is that you are able to enter into a bond that is so holy, so pure and so fulfilling that it completes you, enabling you to become who you were meant to be. *-My Catholic Life*

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: August 4th - 9th



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. **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** If you are able and would like to make a contribution to help, send a youth to camp, please submit your donation into the collection at Mass (with pertinent information) or stop by the parish office. Please mark that you are sponsoring for summer camp.

SHARE A CUP OF LOVE ON MOTHER’S DAY:



CWL members will be selling teacups filled with a variety of little plants as Mother’s Day gifts. The cost is \$10 and proceeds will go to charities that support Moms in our community. May 11 & 12 - \$10 - after masses in the Jubilee room

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: There is no need for us to go abroad on account of the kingdom of heaven, nor to cross the sea for virtue. For the Lord has told us before, the kingdom of God is within you. *-St. Anthony*

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS:



Tuesday May 14th, 5:30pm executive meeting, 6:30pm supper, 7:30pm general meeting. **4th**

Degree Meeting May 21st at 7pm **Annual Baby bottle Fundraiser** will start on Mother’s Day weekend May 11th and 12th. The Knights of Columbus members will be handing out the bottles after all the masses and then collecting them on Father’s Day. These funds are in support of the Tri County Pregnancy Care Centre. **“The Knights of Columbus Council 2181** will be hosting a Memorial Mass in remembrance of deceased members. Spouses, family members and friends are invited for this Mass, which will be held on May 15th, 2024 at Saint Ambrose Co-Cathedral at 6:30 pm. Following the Mass there will a coffee social in the Jubilee Room. All are welcome”.

FOOD BANK: This weekend, May 4th and 5th is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed Friday May 10th to accommodate staff vacation.

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Women’s Cursillo Weekend Clausura/Closing will be held at the St. Ambrose Parish Centre Dining Room at 4pm May 19th. All Cursillistas welcome. Potluck supper will follow. Please note that there will only be general palanca for the candidates on the weekend.



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