



May 25th, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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MASS INTENTIONS –May 24th-June 1st, 2025

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Laura Letteney
Sun. 9am Sister Margaret Bourque
Sun. 11:15am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Anniv. Rick Muise
Wed. 6:30 pm Stephen Harding

Thurs: 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION

Fri. 9 am Billy Gordon
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Lucille Deveau
Sun. 11:15am Anniv. Tingy & Lyman Jackson

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am May 25 Ina DeViller
Sun. 10 am June 1st Rebecca LeBlanc

RFLECTION: **Loving the Trinity** Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word,



and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” The Father and the Son are One. Their unity is perfect in every way. They share one divine nature. Yet they are distinct Persons. They are not only perfectly united as One God, they

are also able to be in a loving communion of unity with each other. The mystery of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is a mystery so deep that we will never fully comprehend Them. They are the “unknowable God” Whom we seek to know. Thus, our relationship with God is an ongoing journey by which we plunge ourselves into this mystery more deeply every day and through eternity. Today’s Gospel gives us a glimpse into the glorious unity of God, but it goes further. It also reveals the desire in the Heart of God to come and dwell within us. If we love God and keep His Word, the Trinity will come to us and dwell within us. “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” This invitation given to us to share in the unity of God is also a mystery too deep for words. In reality, there is only one thing that will help to fully reveal God’s very Self to us. What is that one thing? It is exactly what Jesus spoke about: Loving obedience to the Word of God. Obedience to the Word of God is the best expression of love we can offer to God. This is because God’s Word is Truth in its fullness. When we understand this Truth and live by it, then this is love. Furthermore, this form of loving obedience will result in something that is unimaginable. It will result in the indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity in our souls: “...and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” Though this language is clouded and mysterious, when the Most Holy Trinity comes to dwell within a person, the cloud begins to be lifted and the mystery begins to become known. Therefore, the only way to begin to discover this incomprehensible mystery of the life of the Most Holy Trinity is to allow the Trinity to dwell within you. And the only way to invite God to do so is through love of Him. And the only way to love Him is through obedience to the Word of God. Jesus is the Word of God. We especially come to know Him as the Word of God through our reading of the Scriptures and by living the message it proclaims. Reflect, today, upon the most central calling you have been given. That mission is to become a dwelling place for God. And that is only accomplished by your love of God which is expressed through obedience to His Word. Ponder obedience. Tell God you will obey His every command of love. Look at your actions and consider any ways that you fail in obedience to all that our

Lord has commanded. Where you see any deviation, know that correcting that deviation is the pathway not only to a deeper love but also the pathway to a fuller unity with the Triune God Who seeks to unite Himself to you from within.
-My Catholic Life

FR. WIESLAW CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD: On June 2, Father Wieslaw Papuga will have been ordained 35 years. In thanksgiving to God, on Monday, June 2, he will celebrate a mass at Stella Maris Church in Meteghan at 6:30 p.m.. Please come and join us in honouring him.



FOOD BANK: Next weekend May 31st and June 1st, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be on hand before all the masses to receive the donations.

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!

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.

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.

OFFICED CLOSED: The office is closed on Monday May 26th for staff vacation. We will reopen on Tuesday May 27th for regular hours of operation.



Please welcome into our Christian community Jakai Russell Renouf who was baptised on Sunday May 18th, 2025.

Please keep Jakai and his family in your prayers.