



**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of**  
**Easter**

**Pastor:** Fr. Henry Smolenaars  
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**Confession/Adoration** Wednesday 7:00-8:00

**MASS INTENTIONS – May 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):**

**Sat. 4 pm** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**Sun. 9am** Parishioners  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Special Intentions  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Edward Comeau  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Russell Rodgeron Sr.  
**Thurs. 9 am** Gertrude Doucette  
**Fri. 9 am** Elizabeth Robicheau  
**Sat. 4 pm** Fedelis Moulaison  
**Sun. 9am** Trevor Hill-Deveau  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Parishioners

**Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):**

**Sun. 10 am May 10** Arthur Fitzgerald  
**Sun. 10 am May 17** Michael, Velma & Wayne Doucette

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS** in the offertory procession at a weekend Mass (if you are a family member of the person the Mass is for) please see the greeters **at least 20 minutes before Mass begins.**

**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.

**REFLECTION: Members of God's Family** *"I will not*



*leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live*

*and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you."* The feeling of being an orphan—of longing for belonging—reflects a deeper spiritual reality Jesus addressed with His disciples in today's Gospel. Those with close families are truly blessed, as a supportive family fosters personal growth and a sense of identity. When one is orphaned, the absence of these natural bonds can leave a lasting sense of loss. Yet even the strongest earthly family relationships point to a greater truth: our ultimate belonging is found in God's family. Jesus understood the sense of loss His disciples would feel after His Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension. When He said, "In a little while the world will no longer see me..." He was preparing them for His physical departure through the Ascension. But He reassures them: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you...you will see me, because I live and you will live." Initially, the disciples struggled to grasp the meaning of these words. Only after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit did they begin to understand. The same promise Jesus made to them applies to us today. Though we were not among those who witnessed His earthly presence, we too have a longing for His nearness—a longing to belong, to be loved, and to find our place within a family. This longing is fulfilled supernaturally through the gift of faith and our incorporation into God's divine family, the Church. Faith is the key to this relationship. It is more than intellectual belief; it is the acceptance of a personal revelation from God and a choice to live according to that revelation. Jesus promises that those who love Him and obey His commandments will experience His presence and that of the Father. This experience begins through faith, which is a gift by which God communicates Himself to us, revealing His love and will. It is both certain and mysterious, a knowledge that leads us to divine hope and sustains us in the pursuit of God's will. Faith also unites us with one another. Through faith, we are no longer orphans but brothers and sisters in Christ. Our natural longing to belong finds its ultimate fulfillment in God's glorious family, which begins on earth and is perfected in Heaven. Reflect today on the desire in your heart to belong, to be loved, and to be part of a family. Recognize that this longing finds its ultimate fulfillment in the family of God. Though we

await the fullness of this communion in Heaven, we can experience it even now. Commit yourself to respond to Jesus' invitation by embracing your place in His family through prayer, the sacraments, and daily acts of love. Recognize that He is in the Father, we are in Him, and He is in us. Embrace this reality, allowing the gift of faith to draw you more deeply into the divine family to which we are called. *My revealing Lord, deep within my soul I long for You and desire to be one with You and Your Father through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Please reveal Yourself to me so that I can know You, live according to Your commandments, and flourish in Your grace. May my membership in Your family of faith, through the Church, begin now and become perfected in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.*  
-My Catholic Life

**CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: August 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>** at



Johnston Christian Park, South Range, Digby County. \$225.00 early bird fee by June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**CURSILLO:** 96th Women's will be held May 21 to



24, 2026. Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "short course" in Christianity. It is not a retreat but an encounter with oneself, with Christ and with others. If you, or someone you know might be interested in learning more, please call Agnes Robicheau at 902-746-9881, [agnes.robicheau@yahoo.com](mailto:agnes.robicheau@yahoo.com) or if you would like further information about Cursillo contact <https://cursillocanada.org>.

**MEN'S RETREAT WITH FR. MARK CHERRY:** Father's

Day weekend Men's Retreat, June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> at Between the Hearts Renewal Center, Amherst, N.S. The theme is, "And he will turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to the fathers..." (Mal.4:6). The Retreat will focus on the fatherhood of God and His heart for men. We will unpack how we as men are called to reflect His

fatherhood in our families, communities and workplace. Come and be strengthened in your identity as fathers (natural and spiritual) and empowered to live out your unique calling as men in the Church and world. Cost is \$265.00 on-site (accommodations, all sessions and 5 meals). Off-site \$165.00. Call Rhonda-Lynn to register and for more information at 902-448-3660.

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP:** We will be hosting a Praise



and Worship Evening on May 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 with Jesse and Kathleen LeBlanc leading the event! There will be mass at 6:30 pm followed by Praise and Worship along with the usual Adoration and a chance for those who wish to participate in reconciliation. This is not only a youth event but an event for all ages. Please come out for an amazing experience.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Share a cup of Love-



CWL members will be selling teacups filled with a variety of little plants as Mother's Day gifts on May 9 & 10 - after masses in the Jubilee room for \$10.

**MEAL TRAIN FOR MOMS AND BABIES:** Are you

expecting a baby, or do you currently have a newborn? The ladies of St. Ambrose would like to bring you a few meals to ease your burden. We are also looking for people to join this initiative and cook for postpartum moms. Please email Leila at [leila.mcmann@gmail.com](mailto:leila.mcmann@gmail.com) or text 902-307-5966.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** Everything may be done by



the help of God, provided we have a sincere goodwill. -St. Benedict Joseph Labré

**COFFEE SOCIALS:** The coffee socials will take place



next weekend May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> after all the masses in the Jubilee Room. Come join us for a cup.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting**



at the Knights of Columbus Hall Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>, all members invited. (6:00 pm executive meeting and 7:30 pm general meeting. **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting:** Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> starting with a healing rosary at 6:30 pm followed by a general meeting at 7:00 pm.