



**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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**Reconciliation/confession** is held on Wednesday  
 after mass from 7:00-8:00

**MASS INTENTIONS —February 11<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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

**Sat. 4 pm** Marjorie Smith  
**Sun. 9am** Intentions Harriet Gallant  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Parishioners  
**Tues. 6:30pm** Ernest DeViller  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Wayne Comeau  
**Thurs: 9 am** Nelson Joseph Blanchard  
**Fri. 9 am** Terry Muise  
**Sat. 4 pm** Parishioners  
**Sun. 9 am** Elizabeth Landry  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Wallace DeViller

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

**Sun. 10 am Feb. 12** Evelyn Pothier  
**Sun. 10 am Feb. 19** Ina DeViller

**REFLECTION: The Fullness of Righteousness** Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." The scribes and Pharisees were masters of the Old Law. Now that the Messiah had arrived, they were unwilling to go deeper and move beyond the Old Testament teachings that they often misrepresented. They preferred a black-and-white approach to morality that had been with them for

centuries and did not want to change when presented with Jesus' new and higher calling. Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which began with the Beatitudes. In today's portion of Jesus' sermon, we are taught about anger, adultery and oaths. In every case, Jesus refers to the Law as it was taught in the Old Testament but then elevates it to an entirely new level. The line quoted above makes it clear that the only way to accept these new teachings of Jesus was to surpass the "righteousness" of the scribes and Pharisees. And the dire result of not surpassing their righteousness was the loss of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus begins by recalling the Old Testament commandment, "You shall not kill." But then He takes that commandment further by saying that "whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Of course, killing remains a grave sin. But now Jesus explains that the interior attitude of anger, even if not acted upon, is a sin. He goes on to teach a similar lesson about adultery and swearing oaths.

It is helpful to understand these new teachings in the context of the approach that the scribes and Pharisees took in regard to the Old Testament. About that, Jesus says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Thus, the primary problem with the scribes and Pharisees is not that they failed to teach the Old Testament Law properly. The primary problem is that now that the Messiah has arrived and has ushered in a new time of fulfillment and righteousness, they would not go deeper and would not embrace the fulfillment of the Law of God. They are not willing to grow in holiness and embrace the fulfillment of all that had been taught before.

Reflect, today, upon the calling given to you by our Lord's new and glorious teachings. If you are to truly embrace the Gospel of our Lord and live in His New Law of grace, then you must be willing to go deep, become truly radical in your faith, and allow God to transform every part of your life. The New Law is one of the fullness of love, mercy, surrender, zeal, conversion and transformation. Commit yourself to surpassing the old and limited righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, and God will do glorious things in your life. -My Catholic Life

**LECTORS NEEDED:** We are in need of people to read at mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. As Christian disciples we are called to give the three Ts of TIME, TALENT and TREASURE. Please consider becoming a lector. If you are interested, please call the office. Thank you for your generosity in giving back to the parish. Fr. Henry



**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:**



Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, all members invited **6:00pm** executive meeting (No Supper)**7:00pm** general meeting  
**Nova Scotia Knights of Columbus State Scholarship (value \$1000.00)** Scholarships are available for Catholic students who will be attending first year University or Community College next year. Yarmouth Council 2181 will accept applications from students attending Yarmouth High, Par-en-Bas and Drumlin Heights. Students applying for a Nova Scotia State Scholarship will also be considered for a Council 2181 Scholarship (value \$500). Please consult your school guidance councilor for application forms. Completed applications with supporting documents must be received by Council 2181 Scholarship Chairman Philippe Doucet on or before Friday March 10, 2023. If you require more information, please call 742-2970 or 748-1592.

**COFFEE SOCIALS:** Next Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, the coffee socials will be held after all the masses in the Jubilee Room Come join us for a cup.



**PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS:** Are you new to our Parish? Have you moved from one place to another and forgot to tell us? Have you given us your email address? If this applies to you, please fill out this form in the bulletin (or pick one up at the back of the church) and return it next weekend in the basket at the entrance of the church so we can add or update you in our parish list.

**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. **Ash Wednesday mass times are Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00am and 6:30pm St. Ambrose and 6:30pm Our Lady of Lourdes in Melbourne.**

**COMING THIS LENT ... DIVINE MERCY IN THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER**



**TOLD:** Starting February 23rd, I (Fr. Henry) will be doing a video series on Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy has been called the second greatest story ever told (the Bible being the greatest). The series is "an amazing visual presentation that will challenge and enthrall you." It runs for 5 weeks every Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Jubilee Room. Check out the preview on our main webpage. Please come and join me this lent. Sign-up is not required.

**TURKEY AND SYRIA RELIEF FUND:** Archbishop Dunn invites the faithful to donate to the relief efforts being made in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The best way to give is through organizations that have partners in the affected areas. The following Catholic organizations have begun to collect donation online and we would encourage you to give as you are able.

- Development and Peace Caritas Canada: <https://www.devp.org/en/>
- The Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/>



Please welcome into our Christian community

Dante Morgan Alexie-Banks and  
 Uzziah Quando Troyce Miller  
 who were baptised on Sunday February 5th,  
 2018.

Please keep Dante and Uzziah and their families  
 in your prayers.