



November 2nd, 2025 All Souls Day

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MASS INTENTIONS – November 1st- 9th, 2025

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Irene Polsen
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Deceased Parishioners of the past year
Tues. 6:30 pm Anniv. Albani DeViller
Wed. 6:30 pm Larry Saunders
Thurs. 9 am Kay & Edward Robicheau
Fri. 9 am Marie Atkinson
Sat. 4 pm Donald Doucette
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Anniv. Jadon Robinson

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am November 2 Nicole Murphy
Sun. 10 am November 9 Paul Surette

REFLECTION: Commemorating All Souls “For this is



the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.” Yesterday’s Solemnity of All Saints gave us an opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in the fact that there are countless people who have gone before us who are now enjoying the glories of Heaven. These faithful souls lived lives that were grounded in God’s grace and have been fully purified of all sin. They now gaze at our good

God face-to-face. Today, we commemorate the fact that many who die in a state of grace are not immediately ready to stand before the glorious throne of God and see Him face-to-face. The only way this is possible is if every sin and every attachment to sin is purged from our souls. We must have nothing but pure charity alive within us if we are to enter the eternal glories of Heaven. But how many people die in such a state? The Church, in her wisdom and holiness, has taught clearly through the centuries that when a person passes from this world to the next while still attached to less serious sin, they need to be fully purified in order to enter Heaven. This is Purgatory. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (#1030–31a). For some, Purgatory can be a frightening and even confusing thought. Why doesn’t God, in His infinite mercy, simply take all our loved ones who followed Him straight to Heaven? The answer is simple. He does! And the path for them to Heaven is this incredible mercy of their final purification. Purification of all attachment to sin within our soul is a mercy beyond what we can imagine. Through this final purification, God prepares the holy souls who have died for an eternity of joy. But this purification is necessary because God, in His love, does not want any soul to live eternally with even a minor attachment to sin. God wants us all free. The truth is that every sin on our soul, even the smallest one, is reason enough for us to be excluded from Heaven. So, Purgatory must be seen as a final mercy from God by which He lifts every last burden that keeps us from perfect love, so that our eternity will be one of utmost freedom and ecstasy. God wants us to be filled only with the purity of love forever. Thus, upon our death, we are graced to enter into a final and intense purification of every minor sin, so that when we see God in all His glory, we will see Him with the perfection to which we are called. Purgatory is a gift, a grace, a mercy. It will be painful to go through in the same way that overcoming any

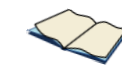
sin is painful. But the good fruit of freedom from sin makes every final purification we must endure worth it a hundredfold and more. Reflect, today, upon the spiritual truth that God wants you to be a saint. If you are among those few who die in a state in which you are purified from every sin, then be assured that you have already completed your purgatory on earth. But if you or your loved ones are among the many who still hold some minor attachment to sin at the time of death, then rejoice that God is not done with you yet. Anticipate with much gratitude the final purification that awaits and look forward to the freedom that ultimately comes from that purification. *-My Catholic Life*

FOOD BANK: This weekend, November 1st & 2nd, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.



ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be held on November 6, 2025 in Marion Hall at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you all there. The 95th Men’s Cursillo scheduled for November 6-9 has been postponed until the Spring of 2026.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: At the start of November, our Book of Remembrance will be in the church for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones. They will be prayed for throughout the month of November.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: There will be a mass of remembrance for parishioners that have passed away in the last year at **Our Lady of Lourdes** on November 2nd. Mass of remembrance at **St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral** will be November 5th at 6:30 pm.

IN REMEMBRANCE: On November 8th the Legionares will be placing flags on the graves of the Vetrans at Pinkney’s Point Cemetery at 9:30am, Melbourne Cemetery at 10:15am and Comeau’s Hill cemetery 11:00. With a service and lunch following. Everyone is welcome to come out.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK: - It is a loving act to show sadness when our dear ones are torn from us, but it is a holy act to be joyful



through hope and trust in God’s promises. -St. Paulinus of Nola

CHURCH CLEANING: Please join us on Monday November 24th at 9:00am if you are able. Bring a bucket and gloves. Many hands make light work. Fr. Henry



ALL SAINTS’ PARTY: This Sunday November 2nd after the 11:15am Mass we will be having a children's All Saints' party in the Jubilee Room. Children of all ages can dress up as saints and say a word or two about their chosen saint (you can come without a costume as well). Everyone is invited. Light snacks will be served. Contact

COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will be held *Coffee Social* after all the masses the weekend of November 15th and 16th. Come join us in the Jubilee Room for a cup.



Please welcome into our Christian community Hestia Tresa Jojin, Pearl Blossom Ambasing and Ryker Drew Pereira who were baptised on Sunday October 26th, 2025.

Please keep Hestia, Pearl, Ryker and their families in your prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Doris Mary Thibeau and Agnes Marie Cottreau
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.