



## June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Ascension of the Lord

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### MASS INTENTIONS –May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Sat. 4 pm** Parishioners  
**Sun. 9am** Lucille Deveau  
**Sun. 11:15am** Anniv. Tingy & Lyman Jackson  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Don Majcher  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Donald Baker  
**Thurs. 9 am** Mary Ann Doucet  
**Fri. 9 am** Liz Robicheau  
**Sat. 4 pm** Arnold & Agnes Porter  
**Sun. 9am** Parishioners  
**Sun. 11:15am** Ann Pennell

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

**Sun. 10 am June 1<sup>st</sup>** Rebecca LeBlanc  
**Sun. 10 am June 8<sup>th</sup>** Liturgy of the Word

**RFLECTION:** **Witnessing to the Gospel** Jesus said to his disciples: “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” And with that, the

earthly mission of Jesus was completed and He ascended into Heaven. Or was it? Was His mission completed? Yes, but only in the sense that our Lord’s work of destroying death and offering new life was accomplished by His life, death and resurrection. Human nature was now invited to share in a new life of grace. Prayerfully imagine standing on the mountain of the Ascension with our Lord. As you gaze upon Him, imagine that you were also present with Him throughout His public ministry. Imagine witnessing His many miracles, the way that He converted the hardest of hearts, the authority with which He spoke, His arrest, torture, death and then His Resurrection. Imagine seeing His hands and feet, once pierced, now radiating glory from those wounds. As you see our Lord in this way, imagine Him looking at you with love and saying to you that He has chosen to send you forth to the world to be a witness to Him and to all that you have seen and encountered. You are to go forth sharing the Good News of His life, death and resurrection with all whom you come in contact with. First, our Lord has, indeed, shared His entire life with you. By reading the Gospels, you become a firsthand witness to all that Jesus did and accomplished. His Word is alive, and it reveals His very Person to you, just as it did to His first followers. Second, Jesus does call you to go forth and to share this living Gospel with the world. Therefore, it is important to ponder how you can do such a thing. How can you give witness to the Resurrection of Christ? How can you change lives? How can you continue the mission of Jesus Himself? The promise given by our Lord to the disciples on the mountain of the Ascension is also a promise given to you. He is promising to send the Holy Spirit upon you so as to clothe you “with power from on high.” Only by receiving that power and using it fully will you be able to accomplish the mission that our Lord has given to you. Therefore, will you open yourself to the Holy Spirit and commit yourself to the continuation of Christ’s mission? If we were to fully understand the mission we have received from Jesus, it would fill us with a holy fear. But too often the realization of what God wants of us fills us with an unholy fear instead. We think about evangelizing others, sharing our faith, witnessing to the truth by our actions, loving our enemies and living for the Gospel alone, and it can appear overwhelming. If

that is the case with you, then know that this form of unholy fear can be dispelled so that the gift of holy fear can take its place. Holy fear is a gift of the Holy Spirit that inspires us to sense the awesomeness of God and the mission we are given by encountering it firsthand. It motivates us, encourages us and leaves us with wonder and awe. From there, this and every other gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to fulfill the unending mission of Christ. Reflect, today, upon the particular mission that God has given to you. Prayerfully look at Jesus as He stands on the mountain of the Ascension and looks at you. As He does, let Him reveal to you not only His very Person but also your particular sharing in His ongoing mission of sharing the Good News to the ends of the earth. Receive that mission with courage, joy and holy fear. Reverence it, savor it, ponder it and accept it. Commit yourself to this glorious sharing in the life of Christ by committing yourself to become a witness to Christ until the end of your life on earth. -My Catholic Life

**CHALICE:** Chalice is coming to St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral! At the June 21-22 Masses, Canada’s largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. These are children in extreme poverty who need your support to excel in their education and fulfill their God-given potential. Please visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.

**THANK YOU:** Fr. Wieslaw would like to thank everyone who has held him in prayer, sent well wishes, visits and cards during the last few months of his recovery.

**WEEKDAY MASS IN MARIAN HALL:** Because of the construction happening on Saint Ambrose Church during the daytime, for safety reasons, mass on Thursday and Friday morning will be held in Marian Hall until further notice. (Just on those two days, all other masses will be in the church.) Fr. Henry

**NEW CHANGE AT MASS:** In the past, at the end of prayers of the faithful there has always been a prayer put in for people's own personal intentions. However, these prayers are really

meant to be general intercessions for the whole church. Because we are following diocesan guidelines with this, we will no longer be adding this prayer to the General Intercessions. However, there is a time in the mass when you should mention your own intentions for that mass. When the priest says at the beginning of mass "Let us pray", he will pause for a moment before he does the opening prayer. This is the time for you to recall your personal intentions for that mass. Fr. Henry

**ULTREYA:** The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be held June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!  
The **50th anniversary of Cursillo** in the valley will be held June 7th from 1-4 with mass to follow at St. Joseph’s church in Kentville. There will be a lunch followed by talks and social time. If you want to attend, contact the organizers at [rooster50@gmail.com](mailto:rooster50@gmail.com).

**ST. AMBROSE ROOF FUNDRAISER:** There will be a yard sale/silent auction fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus Hall on June 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00am to 2:00pm. A sign-up sheet is at the entrance for anyone who can volunteer their time on Friday June 20 for setting the yard sale up or Saturday June 21 to help with the sale/clean up. We are also looking for donations of items in good condition. For collection services or if you have any questions, please contact Kelley Kelly at 902-740-9490.

**COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, all members invited 6:00 pm executive meeting and 7:30 pm general meeting. **4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting** will be held on Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights are encouraged to attend.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
William “Billy” Leo Cottreau  
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.