



May 17th, 2026 Ascension of the Lord

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MASS INTENTIONS – May 16th – 24th 2026

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Fedelis Moulaison
Sun. 9am Trevor Hill-Deveau
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Eric Warner
Wed. 6:30 pm Anna LeBlanc
Thurs. 9 am Johnnie O’Connell
Fri. 9 am Carol Maillet
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Anniversary Nelson Blanchard
Sun. 11:15 am Jean Cottreau

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am May 17 Michael, Velma & Wayne Doucette
Sun. 10 am May 24 Jennie Cottreau

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: The Hour of Glory Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all

people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him.” The entirety of Chapter 17 of John’s Gospel is traditionally referred to as Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer. This prayer concludes the Last Supper Discourse, which we have been reading for the past two weeks. It marks a transition from the conclusion of Jesus’ public ministry to His Passion and glorification. With His teaching completed, Jesus begins His prayerful offering of His life to the Father. The prayer can be divided into three sections: 1. Verses 1–11a: Jesus’ intimate prayer to the Father focuses on their mutual glorification through the completion of His sacrifice. This “hour” of sacrifice and glory is now at hand. 2. Verses 11b–19: Jesus prays for the disciples who accompanied Him during His earthly ministry, asking for their protection, sanctification, and perseverance in their mission. 3. Verses 20–26: Jesus’ prayer extends to all future believers, the Church throughout time, including us today. He prays for unity among believers, rooted in the love of the Father and the Son. Today, in liturgical Year A, we read the first section of this prayer, when Jesus speaks of His divine mission and His imminent return to the glory He shared with the Father before creation. This prayer highlights a central theme in John’s Gospel: Jesus’ “hour.” The theme of the “hour” was introduced at the wedding at Cana, the beginning of Jesus’ signs. When the Blessed Mother intercedes for the couple, saying, “They have no wine,” Jesus replies, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come”. From that moment, Jesus references the concept of His “hour” throughout His ministry, pointing to the appointed time for His Passion and glorification. In today’s High Priestly Prayer, Jesus makes His final and definitive reference to His hour: “Father, the hour has come...”. The hour of His sacrifice, the pinnacle of His earthly mission, has now arrived. Though Jesus was fully aware of the suffering He was about to endure, He did not enter into that suffering with dread or fear. Rather, He did so with eager resolve, knowing that everything He had done throughout His life and public ministry pointed to this moment, which had finally come. Jesus’ human disposition while praying at this pivotal moment offers us an invitation to approach His Sacrifice in the way He did. His “hour” continues in our lives every time we

are invited to embrace His Cross. Therefore, every opportunity for sacrifice—no matter how small—must be prayerfully embraced in union with Jesus’ prayer. Jesus’ prayer teaches us that sacrifice is not something to resist or begrudge. Instead, every sacrifice becomes an opportunity to glorify God and receive a share in His glory. When we embrace sacrifice with generosity and trust, we unite ourselves to Jesus’ perfect Sacrifice, participating in His work of redemption and giving glory to the Father. Reflect today on the interior disposition Jesus manifested as He faced His imminent suffering and death. He did not cower or hesitate. He looked at His Cross with divine eyes, seeing His Sacrifice as the pinnacle of His life’s mission and the source of glory for Him and His Father. As we strive to embrace our own sacrifices, turn to Christ in prayer, asking for His grace and strength to offer His prayer as He offered it to the Father. -My Catholic Life

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: August 9th - 14th 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 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.

MEN’S RETREAT WITH FR. MARK CHERRY: Father’s Day weekend Men’s Retreat, June 19th-21st 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 Wednesday May 27th 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: 4th Degree



Meeting: Tuesday May 19th, starting with a healing rosary at 6:30 pm followed by a general meeting at 7:00 pm. **Marian Procession:** "Sunday May 17th, a procession will be held from the church entrance to the statue of Mary, in front of the parish hall at 12:30 pm. A rosary will be recited at the statue of Mary", please join us in reciting the rosary. **Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast:** Sunday May 24th at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. The profit will go to the St. Ambrose youth summer camp.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note the office will be closed on Monday May 18th for Victoria Day holiday and Friday May 22nd for staff vacation.

ENVELOPE USERS: Would the persons using envelope number 107 and 182 please call the office to register? We will not be able to give you an income tax receipt at the end of the year.

COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will take place this weekend May after all the masses in the Jubilee Room. Please join us for a cup.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Richard “Dick” Gordon Stewart and Noah Lawrence Cottreau
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.