



Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe November 21st & 22nd, 2020

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Reconciliation/confession is available by appointment only at this time please call the office or email Fr. Henry directly for an appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS—November 21st -29th, 2020

Sat.	Nov. 21	4pm	Paula Bishara and Lou Lesser
	Nov. 22	9am	William Cottreau and Verna Hazelton
Sun.	Nov. 22	10am (Melbourne)	Linda, Aubrey and David Muise
	Nov. 22	11am	Parishioners
Wed.	Nov. 25	9am	Bert Surette and Bill Rodgeron
Sat.	Nov. 28	4pm	Anniv. Mary Cameron and Donna Lloy
Sun.	Nov. 29	9am	Parishioners
	Nov. 29	10am (Melbourne)	For all fishermen
	Nov. 29	11am	Gregoria Sayat and Eric Geis

Please note we will not be carrying the gifts for the offertory until further notice.

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Conversion is a continuous adventure. Where most people work for degrees after their names, we work for one before our names. ~Mother Angelica

MASS SIGNUP: If you would like to attend mass, we ask you to please call the parish office between the hours of 9:30 to 1:00 Monday to Friday to register. Wednesday masses will be a first come first served.

Please note Mass times for the weekend is Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am and 11:00am. For parishioners who had regularly attended Our Lady of Lourdes' masses in Melbourne and haven't signed up as of yet please contact Alice at 902-663-2386 or Betty at 902-742-4965 if you wish to attend.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am and on the weekend at the Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am or 11:00 am mass on a rotating basis. The next scheduled mass is always posted on our website's main page. If you want to watch, go to our web site at www.stambroseymarmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

EMAIL TRANSFERS: are available. Please send to stambrosemail@gmail.com Please add your envelope number or personal information for income tax purposes. Please notify the office of the password if one is used.

MISSALS: The Living Faith yearly missals are ready for pickup at the parish office for \$5.00 each. For those who may have forgotten to order we have extras available. The word Among us daily missals are also available for November and December for \$3.00 each.

REFLECTIONS: The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Happy Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! This is the last Sunday of the Church year which means we focus on the final and glorious things to come! It also means that next Sunday is already the First Sunday of Advent. When we say Jesus is a king, we mean a few things. First, He is our Shepherd. As our Shepherd He desires to lead us personally as a loving father would. He wants to enter our lives personally, intimately and carefully, never imposing Himself but always offering Himself as our guide. The difficulty with this is that it's very easy for us to reject this kind of kingship. As King, Jesus desires to lead every aspect of our lives and lead us in all things. He desires to become the absolute ruler and monarch of our souls. He wants us to come to Him

for everything and to become dependent upon Him always. But He will not impose this sort of kingship upon us. We must accept it freely and without reservation. Jesus will only govern our lives if we freely surrender ourselves over. When that happens, though, His Kingdom begins to become established within us! And through us in the world. Additionally, Jesus does wish for His Kingdom to begin to be established in our world. First and foremost, this takes place when we become His sheep and thus become His instruments to help convert the world. However, as King, He also calls us to establish His Kingship by seeing to it that His truth and law is respected within civil society. It's Christ's authority as King that gives us the authority and duty as Christians to do all we can to fight civil injustices and bring about a respect for every human person. All civil law ultimately gains its authority from Christ alone since He is the one and only Universal King.

But many do not recognize Him as King, so what about them? Should we "impose" God's law upon those who do not believe? The answer is both yes and no. First, there are some things we cannot impose. For example, we cannot force people to go to Mass each Sunday. This would hinder one's freedom to enter into this precious gift. We know Jesus requires it of us for the good of our souls, but it must still be embraced freely. However, there are some things that we must "impose" upon others. The protection of the unborn, poor and vulnerable must be "imposed." The freedom of conscience must be written into our laws. The freedom to practice our faith openly (religious liberty) within any institution must be "imposed" also. And there are many other things we could list here. What's important to point out is that, at the end of all time, Jesus will be returning to Earth in all His glory and He will then establish His permanent and unending Kingdom. At that time, all people will see God as He is. And His law will become one with "civil" law. Every knee will bend before the great King and all will know the truth. At that time, true justice will reign and every evil will be corrected. What a glorious day that will be!

Reflect, today, upon your own embrace of Christ as King. Does He truly govern your life in every way? Do you allow Him to have complete control over your life? When this is done freely and

completely, the Kingdom of God is established in your life. Let Him reign so that you can be converted and, through you, others can come to know Him as Lord of all!

Lord, You are the sovereign King of the Universe. You are Lord of all. Come reign in my life and make my soul Your holy dwelling place. Lord, come transform our world and make it a place of true peace and justice. May Your Kingdom come! Jesus, I trust in You. ~ My Catholic Life

COVID-19 MASK WEARING: Some parishioners have been asking what is the appropriate mask that one should wear to attend mass in the church. The following link:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/masks/#Choosing> has the information for what kind of mask and how it should be worn. Please note that face shields are not recommended unless also worn with a non-medical mask. The following link regards the use of face shields.
<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/masks/#:~:text=Your%20mask%20can%20be%20a,the%20spread%20of%20COVID%2D19>.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES: We will have the 2021 collection envelopes ready to go. Starting **Monday, November 23rd** you may pick them up at the parish office. If you wish to call ahead, we'll have them ready for you.

FOOD BANK: the weekend of December 5th & 6th is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.

CHEQUES TO THE CHURCH: When writing a check out to the church for the special collections i.e. Tabitha Centre, please make them out to **St. Ambrose Parish** otherwise we will not be able to deposit them. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: the Christmas mass schedule for this year has yet to be determined. We will let you know as soon as one is available!