



On the first day of the week

Easter Sunday April 3rd & 4th, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS---April 3rd -11th, 2021

Sat. April 3 8pm Parishioners
Sun. April 4 8am Special Intentions
April 4 9:30am Special Intentions
April 4 10am (Melbourne) Cecil Fitzgerald
April 4 11am Special Intentions
Wed. April 7 9am Anniv. Robert & Elizabeth Trefry and Anniv. Edwin & Lorraine Harding
Sat. April 10 4pm Delbert d'Entremont and Larry Burke
Sun. April 11 9am Parishioners
April 11 10am (Melbourne) Arthur Muise
April 11 11am Intentions Harland Banks and Intentions Isabelle Sweeney

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.

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.stambroseyarmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel

www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:



The crucifix does not signify defeat or failure. It reveals to us the love that overcomes evil and sin. -Pope Francis

REFLECTION: A New Day has Dawned

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Our Easter celebration has begun! Happy Easter! In many parts of the world, Easter comes in spring. It's the time of year when nature itself brings forth the beginnings of new life. The tulips begin to rise from the cold and dormant earth, the leaves begin to bud on the trees transforming the forest into a sea of green, and the Sun begins to shine with a new radiance, sending warmth at its rising each morning. Creation itself reflects the glory and splendor of the Resurrection of Christ in many ways. The death of winter reflects the death of Christ and the silence of the tomb experienced on Holy Saturday. Everything goes dormant. Vegetation appears to die and even the animals and insects retreat into various forms of hibernation and immobility. However, at the appointed time, as the warmth of the Sun rises anew, nature itself is called forth from the death of winter into the new life of spring. The cold winter would be deeply depressing if it were to remain forever. Just imagine if scientists were to tell us that the forthcoming winter was a unique one in that it would now remain forever. Never again would we see the warmth of spring or summer. Never again would we see the insects, plants and leaves on the trees. What a hopeless situation that would be! But God speaks to us in many and varied ways and one such way is through the cycle of nature. New life is certain! The warmth will return after the winter freeze, nature will rise and the earth will sing again. If the Father in Heaven is so diligent about caring for the natural creation, how much more does He care for the recreation of humanity? How much more would He have cared for the Resurrection of His own divine Son? How much more does He care for our entrance into the new

life won for each of us by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?! Allow the beauty of creation to be a sign to you of a reality that is infinitely greater. Allow yourself to be drawn into the newness of life that is bestowed upon you by your sharing in the Resurrection of Christ. To rise with Him means you are to become a new creation. Reflect, today, upon the above line from the Responsorial Psalm for today's Mass. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in." The "day" we rejoice in is the new life God wants to bestow upon your soul here and now. It's a new day, a glorious one, a transformed one, a resurrected one. New life must begin now and must become continually new and glorious as we journey deeper and deeper into the glory of the Resurrection. Ponder this "new day" and allow our Lord to bestow it upon you through the power of His glorious Resurrection from the dead. *My resurrected Lord, my hope is in You! Alleluia, You are alive and You have conquered all sin, all death, all evil. You bring forth new life to all who turn to You in their need. My Jesus, I do turn to You and abandon myself to You in Your death so that I may rise with You in Your Resurrection to new life. Breathe into me this gift of new life and allow me to begin anew. Jesus, I trust in You.*
 . – My Catholic Life

CANDLES IN THE CHURCH:



Many have been asking if they are able to light candles in the church. Due to COVID 19 we are trying to minimize traffic and contact in the church so we have not been lighting them. If you wish to have candles lit you can place the payment with the number of candles you want to have lit in an envelope. It can be dropped off to the parish office or placed in the collection basket and on each Friday we will light them for you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday April 13th, 2021 all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:30pm general meeting. Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 7:00pm 4th Degree Meeting, all members invited.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The first Sunday after Easter (April 11^h) is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will

be having a Divine Mercy Service at 2:30pm at St. Ambrose Church. Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions that took place over almost eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the prayer for Divine Mercy. Please come join us in praying this prayer.

OFFICE HOURS:



Please note the parish office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday for the holidays. We will also be closing Tuesday April 6th for an extra day off for staff and reopening Wednesday for usual business hours.

Fr. Henry's Easter Message: Once again, this year COVID has put limitations on us as a worshipping community. Watching from home has become the new way to experience church. As good as this might be in some ways, it means not always receiving Jesus in the Eucharist and not always being together as a community. For those who watch these days of Holy Week, we see how Jesus was willing to endure the humility of being a man, how died upon a cross, how he descended into hell, unlocked the gates of heaven, and conquered the darkness of evil and sin. From the hopelessness of the tomb and from the emptiness of the grave, the Son of God has risen, and he comes to us this day with the promise of eternal life. The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world in which God has the last word. These days of Easter also remind us of the beginnings of the Church. It challenges us to continue what Jesus taught. It teaches us to take courage that despite the challenges we face in our world, the Risen Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is present and active in our lives.

As we celebrate Easter, I'd like to thank the many people who have shared their time, talent, and treasure in any of the ministries of the church. Thanks also to all the volunteers who sacrificed over the pandemic to help with cleaning and seating of people. God sees the good work you've done and anything like that is never forgotten by God. May God continue to bless us as a parish and keep us joyful as we continue in the Easter season.

Have a Blessed Easter.

~Fr. Henry