



Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord April 17th, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS – April 16th – 24th 2022

Sat. 8 pm Easter Vigil -Parishioners
Sat. 8pm Easter Vigil (Melbourne) Anne LeBlanc
Sun. 9am Special Intentions
Sun. 11am Special Intentions
Mon. 6:30 pm Kenneth Ryan **and** Int. Neil & Janice Bourque
Wed. 9am Marion Surette **and** Blaine & Ryan Anthony
Fri. 9am Terry Muise **and** Richard Moulaison
Sat. 4pm Frank & Sharon Sweeney **and** Sharon Rodgeron
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 10 am (Melbourne) Donald Surette
Sun. 11am Rose Purdy **and** J. Alyre Comeau
Sun. 3pm Devine Mercy Sunday Service


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:

4th Degree meeting: Tuesday April 19th at 7pm. All members invited. All members invited. At request of the faithful navigator, all members who have new uniforms are to please wear them.

EMAIL TRANSFERS: are available. Please send to stambrosemail@gmail.com Please add your envelope number or personal information for income tax purposes.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9 am and on the weekend at the Saturday 4pm and Sunday at 11 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

REFLECTION: Happy Easter! Alleluia! He is Risen!

 Saying those words is like drinking a tall glass of cold water after being out in the desert all day. Lent is over and

it is now time to celebrate the great joy of Easter! At the Easter Vigil, the Exsultet is sung as Mass begins in darkness, illumined only by candles throughout the church. The Exsultet is a beautiful hymn of rejoicing in Christ's triumph over sin and death. One-part states:
 O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer! This line stands out because it calls the sin of Adam "necessary" and refers to it as "O happy fault." At first, this may seem strange. Why is it that we refer to the sin of Adam, Original Sin, as "necessary" and "happy?" The answer is Easter. It's because God, in His perfect wisdom and love, took sin and the consequence of sin (death) and used them as the means of the salvation of the world. That's what Easter is all about!

This may be hard to comprehend so it's worth thinking about more deeply. Without Adam's sin, there would be no Jesus. God would not have had to become one of us. So even though the original sin of Adam, as well as all future sin, is evil and wrong, God in His perfect power and love chose to use it as the very means of the salvation of the world. How? By allowing the sins of the world to persecute Him and crucify Him, and then, by turning that suffering and death into the very means of salvation. Jesus destroyed sin by destroying the consequences of sin which is death. Death loses in the Resurrection! Jesus' Resurrection takes away the effects of all sin for those who cling to Him. Easter is a time when we must do just that. We must "cling" to our resurrected Lord! We must cling

to Jesus who is alive and well. We must cling to His Resurrection and strive to share in it. How do we cling to our Resurrected Lord? There are many ways. Here is one.

Take joy in everything. Start with whatever it is that burdens you the most. Whatever it is that makes you angry, sad or depressed. Whatever that is, it can potentially become one of your greatest sources of grace and joy. Seriously, it can. If the brutal Crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, can turn out to be the greatest event in all of human history, then your personal suffering, your burden, or even your sin can very much become a source of great joy as long as you let God transform it into part of His Resurrection!

This is the meaning of Easter! Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Sure, at times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Agony of the Garden and the *Via Dolorosa* (the Way of the Cross), but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. This is Easter!

Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives! Happy Easter! ~My Catholic Life

HOMELES IN YARMOUTH Some time ago, our Archbishop put out the message that he wants parishes in the diocese to help with homelessness. You may have heard about the tiny shelters that were put up around the city. We have been looking into the situation around Yarmouth to see what we can do and it was decided we would start by helping with some of their needs. Most people are able to stay at places like cheap motels but don't have much left over since Welfare doesn't give much. If you want to help, here is a list of things needed that they often don't have money for. You can drop these items off at the parish center or leave them at the back of the church after weekend mass. Fr. Henry.

Personal hygiene: shampoo, soap, body wash, deodorant, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, combs, sanitary pads/tampons.


Clothing: socks, underwear. Basic cleaning: all-purpose cleaner, dish detergent, bathroom cleaner, laundry soap.

Miscellaneous: toilet tissue, Kleenex, vouchers for a cup of coffee or a slice of pizza.

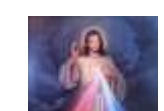
QUOTE OF THE WEEK: We must in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but his grace transforms us and makes us new. ~Pope Benedict XVI



ADORATION CHAPEL REOPENING:

 Our Adoration Chapel will reopen on Monday April 4th. All previous adorers should have received a call by now about the new passcode and review of their date and time of weekly visits. If you did not receive a call let us know. The passcode should not be shared with anyone. If you are interested in becoming a new adorer, please call Deb Murphy Payie at 902-740-2005 to be registered, and to receive orientation. Jesus loves company!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

 The first Sunday after Easter (April 24th) is Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be a Divine Mercy Service at 3:00pm 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.

ST. GABRIEL CEMETERY: There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping to maintain the cemetery and adjoining properties on April 20th, 2022 at 6:30 at the Comeau's Hill Hall.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Ernest Joseph Robichaud, Johannes "Hans" Weidenfeld, Albert Leon Beriault and Stephen Donald Gehue
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.