



April 20th, 2025 Easter Sunday

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MASS INTENTIONS –April 19th - 27th, 2025

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 8 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Special Intentions
Sun. 11:15am Special Intentions
Tues. 6:30 pm Anniv. Ryan & Blaine Anthony
Wed. 6:30 pm Sharon Rodgerson
Thurs: 9 am Special Intentions
Fri. 9 am Janice (Surette) Leslie
Sat. 4 pm Anniv. Fedelis & Madeline Moulaison
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15am Anniv. Maureen Hubbard

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sat. 8 pm Apr. 20 Nicholas Clegg
Sun. 10 am Apr. 27 Evelyn Pothier

THREAT TO OUR STATUS AS A CHARITY: There is a plan by Liberal government to revoke the charitable status of Canadian religious organizations. The Standing Committee on Finance, issued a report in December with 462 recommendations. Among them, two clauses directly address this issue. Clause 429 proposes to revoke the charitable status of "anti-abortion organizations" and clause 430 says that "all religious organizations" would no longer have charitable status. This means you

would no longer receive a tax receipt for your donations, which would have a huge impact on giving to the church, thus making our ability to survive financially very difficult. "Until now, the government reimbursed part of the donations made by individuals to these organizations in order to encourage charitable activities within Canadian society," Benjamin Boivin said. On February 21, Cardinal Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, wrote a letter to Finance Minister Dominic Leblanc, voicing the Catholic Church's concern, remarking that religious charitable organizations strengthen the very fabric of our nation through their dedicated service, outreach efforts, and care for those in need. Cardinal Leo also condemned the proposal as "utterly deplorable and unacceptable," arguing that if pro-life and religious organizations were to lose their charitable status, it would go against Canada's long-standing recognition of the irreplaceable role of faith, worship, and religion in society.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Next Sunday (April 27th) is



Divine Mercy Sunday. We will be having a Divine Mercy Service at **3pm** 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.

EASTER MESSAGE: The first greeting of the risen



Christ to His apostles was, "Peace be with you." They were living in fear in the Upper Room, fearful of their enemies, the Jews and the Romans. They were also feeling the guilt of betraying their Lord, allowing Him to die abandoned by them. They were not at peace. We can often feel like this in our world. Life gets busy and we can forget to pray or move away from Him through sin. We have sometimes betrayed Him and maybe even abandoned Him. In spite of this, He died for us anyway. In the past few days of Holy Week, we saw how Jesus was willing to suffer and die on a cross for us. And just when everyone thought it was all finished and over ... the resurrection happened. This is where our peace comes from, in the knowing He has won the battle for us and that we can also have eternal life with Him. My prayer

this Easter is that each one of us moves closer to Him and that you might also be resurrected from whatever struggle you might be experiencing. This Easter season, may you feel the peace that the risen Lord can give. Fr. Henry

FEDERAL ELECTION: As the federal election approaches, just after Easter, you may be looking for guidance to help you discern who to vote for. As with previous Canadian elections, the online resource *Catholic Conscience* offers Canadian Catholics a non-partisan Catholic guide to the approaching election. This resource can be found on their website: <https://catholicconscience.org/canada/federal/2025federal/>. Type in the link or go to our website and click on the link there.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office and church will be closed on Monday April 21st. We will reopen on Tuesday April 22nd for regular hours of operation.



ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be held May 1st, 2025 in Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!



FOOD BANK: The weekend of May 3rd and 4th, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be on hand before all the masses to receive the donations.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Community Breakfast Fundraiser: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on April 27th. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for 12 and under. We appreciate your support!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: CWL, parishioners & friends – join us **Thursday, April 24 from 6:30-7:30** in the Jubilee room, as we welcome Janine Muise who will talk about the Red Cross. Light refreshments will follow. Our **Share a cup of Love** on Mother's Day teacup little plants sale will take place on May 10 & 11 after masses.



THANK YOU! The youth who are attending Steubenville Atlantic would like to thank everyone who supported us in the Fish Chowder Fridays during lent. Thank you to those who came out every week to peel, chop and prepare items needed. A special than you to Midge Rodgerson who cooked the delicious chowder we got to enjoy.

COFFEE SOCIALS: Please note that there are no coffee socials for the month of April. We see you all next month.

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: August 10th - 15th 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. Please mark that you are sponsoring for summer camp.



Please welcome into our Christian community Gladys Rita Chandler who was baptised on Saturday April 12th, 2025.

Please keep Gladys and her family in your prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of

Dwayne James William Murphy
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.