



April 5th, 2026 The Resurrection of the Lord

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MASS INTENTIONS – April 5th-12th, 2026

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 8 pm Easter Vigil Special Intentions
Sun. 9am Mass of Thanksgiving
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Evelyn Muise
Wed. 6:30 pm George Atkins
Thurs. 9 am Clifford Muise
Fri. 9 am Anniversary J. Donald Surette
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Anniversary Richard Robicheau
Sun. 11:15 am Anniversary Dwayne Murphy

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sat. 8 pm April 4 Mary Ellen Saulnier
Sun. 10 am April 12 Jerry & Evangeline Saulnier

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.**

REFLECTION: Understanding the Resurrection

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the

Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." Have you ever misunderstood something, even when your intentions were good? We all experience moments when we act with love but still get things wrong. Even our good actions are rarely perfect. On that first Easter morning, before the sun rose, Mary Magdalene offers an example of this. She got some things right—her love and devotion to Jesus were sincere—but she did not yet understand the full reality of what she witnessed. Though the other Gospels mention other women at the tomb, John highlights Mary. Saint Augustine suggests that this is because she was “undoubtedly the most fervent in love” with Christ. When Mary Magdalene saw the stone rolled away, her love compelled her to act immediately. Saint John Chrysostom says she “ran to the disciples with all the speed of love.” Her fervor drove her to tell Simon Peter and John what she had seen, showing us how love urges us to seek God without delay. Despite her deep love, Mary misunderstood the meaning of the empty tomb. Her emotional response— “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him”—reveals her struggle to grasp the mystery unfolding before her. Like many of us, she was driven by emotion rather than a deeper trust in God. Jesus was certainly not displeased with her misunderstanding, as Scripture identifies her in as the first to whom He appeared. When she encountered the risen Christ, she initially mistook Him for the gardener, indicating that her understanding of the Resurrection was still unfolding. Despite that, Jesus met her where she was and guided her toward deeper faith. This reminds us that our emotions, though good, must be purified by faith, allowing love to mature into greater trust and understanding. Reflect today on Mary Magdalene’s experience on Easter morning. Like her, we are called to seek our Lord with fervor, even when our understanding is incomplete. And like her, we can trust that Jesus will meet us where we are, gently leading us into deeper faith. As we celebrate the Resurrection, pray that your love, with all its emotions, may be more fully purified by grace, so that you, too, will encounter Christ with renewed understanding and joy. *My resurrected Lord, I love You deeply but acknowledge that my love must be further purified by faith so that I will*

understand You and Your will more clearly. As I grow in understanding of the many divine mysteries You reveal to me, help my love to grow so that I may more perfectly imitate the pure love You desire of me. Jesus, I trust in You.
-My Catholic Life

FR. HENRY'S EASTER MESSAGE:



Just like countless witnesses down through the centuries past and like those who will come after us until the end of time, we all proclaim together: "He has been raised! For this is the day the Lord has made." The message of the Easter Season is an old one, but still new to each of us. There is a newness to it each Easter we enter into the season. The first Easter morning reminds us that death does not have the final word. Yet the experience for many people today is of hopelessness. For the young especially, the world can feel fearful. Our lives can appear dark and empty. Bad things confront us each day. This is also not a new thing but something every generation experienced. In this broken and conflicted world, Easter doesn't offer us an escape but a way forward. We can focus on our problems or what we don't have in life. But when it comes down to it, the most important thing we could have is what Jesus gave us. That at the end of our short time on this earth, when we go to meet our Lord, we can be welcomed into heaven because of what He did these past few days 2000 years ago. To Jesus Christ, who destroyed death by His death and rose from the tomb, be glory, power, and honour. Christ is risen! Truly, he is risen! Alleluia! Fr. Henry

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:



The first Sunday after Easter (April 12th) 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 in praying this prayer.

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.

FOOD BANK:



Next weekend, April 11th & 12th, 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.

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ULTREYA:



The Yarmouth and Area Ultrereya will be held April 9th 2026 at Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!

OFFICE CLOSED:



The office and church will be closed on Monday April 6th. We will reopen on Tuesday April 7th for regular hours of operation.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:



By being made partaker of our mortality, Christ made us partakers of his divinity. — St. Augustine



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Gerald Joseph Leon Deveau
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.