



Epiphany of The Lord January 2nd & 3rd, 2021

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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--January 2 nd – 10 th , 2021			
Sat.	Jan. 2	4pm	Parishioners
	Jan. 3	9am	Clifford & Helen Hipson and Intentions of Harriet Gallant
Sun.	Jan. 3	10am	(Melbourne) NO MASS
	Jan.3	11am	Ann Pennell and Edward Dorrian
Wed.	Jan. 6	9am	Intentions Pat Goudey and Intentions Gert & Ken Doucette
Sat.	Jan. 9	4pm	Parishioners
Sun.	Jan. 10	9am	Stanley Muise and Harold Doucette
	Jan. 10	10am	(Melbourne) Audrey Muise
	Jan. 10	11am	William Murphy and Florence Murphy

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.

CURSILLO: The Yarmouth and Area Cursillo Secretariat would like to wish all the present and future Cursillistas a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are all praying for a time when Ultreyas and Cursillo Weekends can resume. In the mean time we continue on our pilgrimage and to journey to the Father through Christ, with the help of Mary and all the saints, bringing your brothers and sisters along with you. De Colores.

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 9:00 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.stambrosearmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

REFLECTION: A Manifestation to the World When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in



Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them. These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So, when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey. God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling. In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to

send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times, when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship. Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

THANK YOU: There is no doubt that COVID makes everything much more work. Without the cleaners, greeters and seaters, we couldn't have mass. I'd like to personally thank all those who put in the hard work and dedication in helping to do these things over the past months and into the next few months. Your work is greatly appreciated by me! I also like to thank the people who helped make Christmas a joyous occasion and a blessed and prayerful time through their various ministries. Finally, thank you for your well wishes, cards, gifts. May the child Jesus enter into each one of your hearts and give you the love and peace He brings, especially now in these difficult times we are living in. Fr. Henry



NEW HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN: One of the duties I (Fr. Henry) had for the past few years was the hospital phone which was used for emergencies or when someone was in need of the Sacrament of the Sick. This duty has now been given by the diocese to Père Wieslaw Papuga. You may have seen him at mass the last few months. Welcome Father to our Parish. In case of emergency or when you need someone for Sacrament of the Sick, you can call this number 902-746-8233.



FOOD BANK: this weekend January 2nd & 3rd is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Isaiha Joseph Mark Surette, Marjorie Elizabeth McEachern and Lawrence Ray Miller
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

FAKE EMAIL TO FR. HENRY: Once again, someone is trying to contact people on my behalf with a fake email saying, "I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message." Please do not answer these and do not send money because you think it is me. I would contact you in person if there is a need. Fr. Henry

ST. AMBROSE CHOIRS SINGING SILENT NIGHT:



Check out our website to listen to Silent Night done by all our choirs together through the magic of computers. Even your own Pastor has a part!

COMMUNITY GRIEF SESSION: If you or someone you love is grieving, there is a free session on loss in Yarmouth with Bertha Brannen, Grief recovery specialist. Topics include, understanding the journey, how children grieve and questions and answers. It will be taking place Thursday January 7, 2021 from 6-8 pm. Preregistration is required. Text or call 902-740-2146.

WHAT NAME DO YOU PUT ON YOUR DONATION CHECK?



The question was asked recently about what name should we put on the check for donations. All checks for the parish whether you are at mass at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral or a donation for Tabitha Centre, should have on them **St. Ambrose Parish**. This money goes into the one account but is kept track of separately for each of the churches and Tabitha Centre.