



Epiphany of the Lord January 2nd, 2022

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Reconciliation/confession is held on Wednesday
 after mass from 9:30-10:00 Starting January 5th

MASS INTENTIONS - January 1st- 9th, 2022

Sat. Jan. 1 9am Parishioners Livestreamed only
Sun. Jan. 2 9am Parishioners Livestreamed only
Wed. Jan. 5 9am Special Intentions
Sat. Jan. 8 4pm Helen, Doug and Ronnie Melanson
Sun. Jan. 9 9am Parishioners
Sun. Jan. 9 9am Agnes Hurlburt and Paul Fitzgerald

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.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Alice Marie Fitzgerald, Aleta Adele Gauthier and
 Terrance Roderick Fardy
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let
 perpetual light shine upon them.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9 am and on the weekend at the Sunday at 9:00 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.stambroseymouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be. ~St. John Berchmans



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REFLECTIONS: The Way Has Been Prepared...Are You Ready?



John said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." [John 1:23](#)
 John the Baptist is alive! Yes, he is alive in Heaven receiving his eternal reward. But he's also alive in another way. He's alive in his ongoing proclamation, calling us to repentance and calling us to prepare the way for the Lord in our lives.

His message is just as relevant for us today as it was some 2,000 years ago. At the time he walked the Earth, he preached so as to prepare the immediate way for Christ. He prepared the way for the Messiah to physically enter into our world and present us with the gift of eternal salvation. But St. John continues to prepare the way for the Lord, if we are willing to listen.

We learn from St. John that the first step to a life of holiness is to "make straight the way of the Lord." How do we do this? How do we make straight the way of the Lord? We do it by humbly admitting those sins which get in the way of Jesus coming to us and transforming our lives. Reflect, today, upon the year that is past as well as the year to come. What is it that you need to let go of from the past and what is it that you need to

focus on for the coming year. Make a clear resolution to identify any obstacle to the coming of Christ into your heart and let yourself discover the new life that awaits you this coming year.
Lord, You came into this world out of perfect love for me. You came to save me from all sin and You came to deliver me from all evil. Help me to see that which has kept me from You this past year and to surrender it to You. Help me also to have hope and vision for all that awaits and to all which You are calling me. May I heed the words of the Baptist and make the road ahead straight so that I can follow Your perfect will. Jesus, I trust in You.
 ~My Catholic Life

FOOD BANK: Even though we cannot hold our usual food bank collection, we would like to remind parishioners that the food bank still needs our help. This weekend of January 1st and 2nd would normally be a food bank collection time. Please consider making a donation during the next few weeks. The food bank is only collecting donations of money at this time. You can make a donation in one of the following ways:



1. You can place your donation in an envelope marked FOOD BANK and drop it off at the Parish Centre mail slot between the hours of 9:30 to 1:00.
2. You can mail your donation directly to the food bank treasurer, Art McPhee at 4624Hwy 1, Woodvale NS, B5A 5B1.

OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed for Monday January 3rd and reopen for business as usual on Tuesday January 4th.



LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS: The Living Faith quarterly prayer booklets are late arriving but they are on the way; we will let you know as soon as they arrive.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting: Tuesday January 11th, 2022 **6:00pm** executive meeting, **7:30pm** general meeting. All members invited. **4th Degree Meetings** will resume March 15th, 2022.



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, should have on them **St. Ambrose Parish**. This money goes into the one account but is kept track of separately for each church. We now going to one parish account starting January 1st, 2022, all checks for our cemeteries now must be written out to **St. Ambrose Parish** with a notation on the memo line for the intended cemetery. If it is intended for Our Lady of Calvary Cemetery or Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery in Melbourne, then it will be added to their account. -Fr. Henry

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS: Healing and Reconciliation Marriage is a lifetime commitment; however, separation and divorce can occur resulting in wounds of stress and pain. The Catholic Church seeks to reach out to divorced people in an effort to help heal the wounds, while affirming its teaching on the permanence of marriage. Anyone interested can contact the marriage tribunal in the diocese where one lives. For more information, please view our website at www.halifaxymouth/marriage-tribunal or contact: Cathy Targett: ctargett@halifaxymouth.org or 902-429-9800 ext. 321.

IN PERSON MASSES: We are aiming to reopen the masses to 50 people starting this Wednesday January 5th. This mass will be a first come first served. The weekend masses will have to return to a lottery system and we will contact you if your name has been drawn. With the constant changes of COVID 19 restrictions this is subject to change. Please check our website main page in case masses have to be cancelled. www.stambroseymouth.ca

ELECTRONIC DOOR OPENER: We are pleased to tell you we now have an electronic door opener on one of the church doors. The door will only be operational during the times when the church is open. If you wish to use the door it is the one located to the left of the main entrance doors when facing the church.