



## January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Epiphany of the Lord

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### MASS INTENTIONS —January 7<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

#### St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

**Sat. 4 pm Parishioners**  
**Sun. 9am** William Cottreau **and** Raymond Cottreau  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Laura Deveau **and** Neri Deveau  
**Tues. 6:30pm** Holy Souls in Purgatory **and** Polly Merry  
 Metcalf  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** George & Bernice Blades **and** Treva Muise  
**Thurs: 9 am** The Bourque Family **and** Vitaline Jeddry  
**Fri. 9 am** Madeline Vacon **and** Lorraine Surette  
**Sat. 4 pm** William Murphy **and** Florence Murphy  
**Sun. 9 am Parishioners**  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Albert & Sarah Theriault **and** Francis  
 Chisholm

#### Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

**Sat. 6 pm Jan. 7** Roland Surette  
**Sat. 6 pm Jan. 14** Audrey Muise

**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. *Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.* -My Catholic Life

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** There is a very special place where Jesus actually resides where you can go and be alone with him. Quiet your soul in prayer or in



silence with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He is literally waiting for you in our little Adoration Chapel.

If you want a radical change in your life, this may be what you are looking for. This is an opportunity to be still and hear the voice of God.

If interested, please call Debbie Murphy-Payie at 902-740-2005

**COLLECTION ENVELOPES:** Just a reminder to pick up your collection envelopes at the Parish Centre office after the weekend of January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.



Also, if your civic address or telephone number has changed in the last year or two, please contact the office so that we can update your information on our database and to be able to issue tax receipts.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** It seems to me that we do not pay enough attention to prayer, for unless it arises from the heart, which ought to be its centre, it is no more than a fruitless dream. Prayer ought to carry over into our thoughts, our words and our actions. -St. Marguerite Bourgeoys.



**LECTORS NEEDED:** We are in need of people to read at mass. As Christian disciples we are called to give the three T's of TIME, TALENT and TREASURE. Please consider becoming a lector. If you are interested, please call the office. We will be doing some training sessions after each mass once we have a few new people. Thank you for your generosity in giving back to the parish. Fr. Henry

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** We are hoping to soon be going back to having altar servers again at all of the masses. If you are a youth who has received first Communion and would like to help in this ministry, please contact the office.



**OLD PALM:** If anyone has old palm from last year, you can leave it in the container at the back of the church starting next week or you may burn your old palm yourself at home.



**PARISH LIBRARY:** Did you know we have a parish library in the Parish Center? We have many good books to choose from. Books on saints, spirituality, biographies and many other topics. Come and check out what we have and borrow one!



**THANK YOU!** Just a word of thanks to all those who put in hard work in the different ministries to make Christmas a joyous occasion. All your (often unseen) hard work helps to make Christmas season a blessed and prayerful time. Also, thank you for your well wishes, cards, gifts. May the New Year through the grace of God bring you good health, comfort and Peace. Fr. Henry, Fr. Pat & Fr. Wieslaw

**SCENT FREE PLEASE!** Please help us to accommodate those who are sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, cologne, scented hand lotions, scented hair products or other scented products!



**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, all members invited **6:00pm** executive meeting (No Supper)**7:00pm** general meeting



**COFFEE SOCIALS:** Next Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, the coffee socials will be held after all the masses in the Jubilee Room Come join us for a cup.



**ST. AMBROSE SKI TRIP:** After a two-year break, we are happy to say that the annual to Martock is coming up on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$30.00 a person. We have a limited number of spots so it will be first come first served. The event is for youth and families ages 8 and up. For more information, please contact the parish office 902-742-7151.



**WEEKDAY MISSALS:** Beginning in February we will have both The Word Among Us Missals and the Living with Christ Missals available for purchase in the entrance of the church. The cost is \$3.00 a copy.

