



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 20th, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS — Nov. 19th –27th, 2022

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Betty Landry and Frances Cottreau
Sun. 11:15 am Richard Thibeau and Jeanne Dukeshire
Tues. 6:30pm Petronella Vanderdonk Muise and Bob Earl
Wed. 6:30 pm Wendy DeViller and Special Intentions
Thurs: 9 am Wayne Comeau and Beatrice Johnson
Fri. 9 am Caroline LeBlanc and Eugénie Doucet
Sat. 4 pm Bert Surette and Chris Latter
Sun. 9 am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Anniv. Lawrence Muise and Jean Cottreau

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am Nov. 20 Gertrude Surette
Sun. 10 am Nov. 27 For all fishermen

REFLECTION: Christ is King! Happy Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! This is the last Sunday of the Church year which means we focus on the final and glorious things to come! It also means that next Sunday is already the First Sunday of Advent.

When we say Jesus is a king, we mean a few things. First, He is our Shepherd. As our Shepherd He desires to lead us personally as a loving father

would. He wants to enter our lives personally, intimately and carefully, never imposing Himself but always offering Himself as our guide. The difficulty with this is that it's very easy for us to reject this kind of kingship. As King, Jesus desires to lead every aspect of our lives and lead us in all things. He desires to become the absolute ruler and monarch of our souls. He wants us to come to Him for everything and to become dependent upon Him always. But He will not impose this sort of kingship upon us. We must accept it freely and without reservation. Jesus will only govern our lives if we freely surrender ourselves over. When that happens, though, His Kingdom begins to become established within us! And through us in the world. Additionally, Jesus does wish for His Kingdom to begin to be established in our world. First and foremost, this takes place when we become His sheep and thus become His instruments to help convert the world. However, as King, He also calls us to establish His Kingship by seeing to it that His truth and law is respected within civil society. It's Christ's authority as King that gives us the authority and duty as Christians to do all we can to fight civil injustices and bring about a respect for every human person. All civil law ultimately gains its authority from Christ alone since He is the one and only Universal King.

But many do not recognize Him as King, so what about them? Should we "impose" God's law upon those who do not believe? The answer is both yes and no. First, there are some things we cannot impose. For example, we cannot force people to go to Mass each Sunday. This would hinder one's freedom to enter into this precious gift. We know Jesus requires it of us for the good of our souls, but it must still be embraced freely. However, there are some things that we must "impose" upon others. The protection of the unborn, poor and vulnerable must be "imposed." The freedom of conscience must be written into our laws. The freedom to practice our faith openly (religious liberty) within any institution must be "imposed" also. And there are many other things we could list here. What's important to point out is that, at the end of all time, Jesus will be returning to Earth in all His glory and He will then establish His permanent and unending Kingdom. At that time, all people will see God as He is. And His law will become one with "civil" law.

Every knee will bend before the great King and all will know the truth. At that time, true justice will reign and every evil will be corrected. What a glorious day that will be!

Reflect, today, upon your own embrace of Christ as King. Does He truly govern your life in every way? Do you allow Him to have complete control over your life? When this is done freely and completely, the Kingdom of God is established in your life. Let Him reign so that you can be converted and, through you, others can come to know Him as Lord of all!

Most solemn Lord, You are the sovereign King of the Universe. You are the Lord of all. Come reign in my life and make my soul Your holy dwelling place. Lord, come transform our world and make it a place of true peace and justice. May Your Kingdom come! Jesus, I trust in You. -My Catholic Life

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: The Book of Remembrance will be in the church for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones. They will be prayed for throughout the month of November.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: **Community Breakfast** will be Sunday November 27th. \$10 Adults and Children 12 and under \$7.

COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials are being held in the Jubilee Room after all the masses this weekend. Come join us for a cup.

ENVELOPE USERS: For those of you who have not picked up your box of donation envelopes 2023, you may do so as you enter the church.

Envelope user 335, would you please contact the office so we can register your envelope for income tax purposes?

ADVENT CANDLES: The parish office has limited numbers of Advent Candles. Anyone wishing to purchase them may do so at the parish office between the hours of 9:30 and 1:00 Monday to Friday.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: If you ever feel distressed during your day -call upon our Lady- just say this simple prayer: "Mary, Mother of Jesus please be a mother to me now. "I must admit -this prayer has never failed me. -St. Teresa of Calcutta

BLESSING OF THE BOATS: This year's Blessing of the Boats will be held Friday November 25th, 2022 in Pinkney's Point at 10:00am and Comeau's Hill at 11:00am. All are welcome!

SATURDAY MASS MUSIC MINISTRY: Do you read music and play the keyboard or guitar? The Knights of Columbus choir are in need of an accompanist for the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass every 2nd week. If interested or know of someone that would be interested, phone Gary Surette at 902-746-4446.

ULTREYA: The next Yarmouth Area Ultreya will be December 1st at 7pm in the Marian Hall at St. Ambrose. Welcome to all!

EMAIL TRANSFERS: are still available. Please send to stambrosemail@gmail.com Please add your envelope number or personal information for income tax purposes. Please email the office the password to the security question given at the time.

MISSALS: If you are looking for The Living with Christ yearly missals, they are still available in the entrance of the church for \$6.00 each.

WHAT NAME DO YOU PUT ON YOUR DONATION CHECK? Just to remind everyone, we now only have one account for the parish. When writing out a check for donations to any of the churches (St. Ambrose Cathedral/Our Lady of Lourdes), Tabitha Centre or cemeteries (Our lady of Calvary/Our Lady of Lourdes/St. Gabriel's/St. Raphael) please, write them out to St. Ambrose Parish. Please put a note on the memo line the what the donation is intended for and we will make sure it is directed to the proper place.