



## November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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### MASS INTENTIONS – November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Sat. 4 pm** Anniv. Irene Amirault  
**Sun. 9am** Parishioners  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Donald Baker  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Intentions of Corrine Nickerson & Family  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Lisa Hatt  
**Thurs. 9 am** Mary Reid  
**Fri. 9 am** Chris Latter  
**Sat. 4 pm** Anniv. Mary Cameron  
**Sun. 9am** Donald Parnell  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Parishioners

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

**Sun. 10 am November 23** Geraldine Pothier  
**Sun. 10 am November 30** Vincent Surette

### REFLECTION: Remember Me, My God and King



“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” What powerful words these were. As Jesus hung dying on the Cross for the salvation of the world, He hung between two thieves. These thieves represent all of us. One of them wanted Jesus to save His earthly life by coming down from the Cross and saving him at the same time. The other thief made a prayer for

eternal life, asking Jesus to remember him when Jesus entered His Kingdom. To the latter, Jesus granted his request. Oftentimes we pray for earthly goods and pay little attention to eternal ones. Today, as we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day, we are invited to pray this prayer with the good thief, acknowledging that we are sinners deserving death, but hoping and praying for mercy and a share in the Eternal Kingdom of God. Nothing makes the soul of our Lord more joyful than saving His children. He endured suffering and death out of love. He knew that His death would destroy our death if we cling to Him in hope. On the Cross, Jesus’ gaze was on eternal, not earthly, redemption. He beheld the glorious throne that He mounted. It began with a cross but would end with glory, power and splendor beyond imagination. As we honor Jesus as the great and glorious King of the Universe, we are encouraged to invite Him to establish His kingship in our lives more fully. Though Jesus’ permanent, lasting and visible Kingdom will be established only in the future when He returns at the end of time, His Kingdom must begin now. The Kingdom of God is established here and now every time you allow Him to exercise His kingship in your life. As a King, Jesus desires to order your life. He demands perfect submission of your will to Him. He demands complete obedience. And He demands that you embrace this kingship of His freely, of your own choosing. These are demands of perfect love that bring about a sharing in His eternal Kingdom. How well do you do this? Throughout our world, there are many forms of governments. Democracies are thought by many to be the best form of government because no one person is capable of being the perfect king. Therefore, a democracy is more of a safeguard against tyranny and abusive leadership. But when it comes to the end of time, the governance of humanity will take place by a King—the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the only one Who is capable of governing humanity with justice and love. He is the only one under Whose leadership we will all flourish. He is the only one Who will be able to establish universal peace and harmony. Reflect, today, upon the glorious end of the world when our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, will return in splendor and majesty to

judge the living and the dead and to establish His permanent and unending Kingdom. Though we are not able to comprehend what this Kingdom will be at this time, we must believe in it with faith and have supernatural hope that we will share in it. Reflect, especially, upon your mission to allow that Kingdom of grace and mercy to begin now, within the depths of your own soul. Surrender all to Him. Invite Him to reign over your thoughts, will, body and soul. Do not hesitate. Trust in this one and only glorious King Who is worthy of our total obedience.  
*-My Catholic Life*

**MUSIC CONCERT:** We are pleased to invite you to the spiritual concert that the Choir of the University of Sainte Anne will give on Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Salle Marc Lescarbot. The theme is “Hope”! Admission is free. Your donations will be received at the door. Thank you for your donations! For any contact, please contact Father Hospice Akoffodji at +1-902-748-4040 or aumonerie@usainteanne.ca; Divine Bikuba (President of the Choir of the University of Sainte Anne) at +1-902-307-8041 or divinebikuba.atibuna@usainteanne.ca

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



**CHURCH ROOF FUNDRAISING UPDATE:** Thanks again everyone for generosity giving donations towards our much-needed new roof on St. Ambrose church. We have raised around \$195,000. With the initial \$100,000 that was given in a bequest, that's an incredible \$295,000 we raised. If you haven't given yet or still wish to give more, there are still envelopes available in the pews. Fr. Henry

**LEGACY GIVING:** As Catholics, we believe that our assets are gifts from a generous God, and that we are called to be wise stewards of these blessings. Have you ever thought about leaving a legacy gift to Saint Ambrose? This is a way for you to help in continuing the Church's mission long after you are gone. Please remember St. Ambrose Parish in your will.

**WOMEN’S ADVENT STUDY:** Encountering Emmanuel, a Women’s Advent Study will be held in the Adult Faith Formation room at the St. Ambrose Parish Centre from 9:30-10:30 am every Monday from November 24 to December 22. No registration required. For more information call Liz Richard at 902-307-6456.



**FOOD BANK:** Next weekend, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank.



**CHURCH CLEANING:** Please join us on Monday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am if you are able. Bring a bucket and gloves.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE:** We are collecting our annual dues. You may put your \$35 in an envelope marked CWL dues with your name, address, phone number and email (if available) in the collection on weekends or drop them in the mailbox at the parish office or for pickup call (902)749-7504. **CWL and friends** - Christmas social December 13.



Please welcome into our Christian community Laurence James Cottreau who was baptised on Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Please keep Laurence and this family in your prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
Marie Alma Boudreau, Phyllis Anne Doucette,  
Donald Harry DeCoursey and Marie Hazel Felice  
Azelle Bourque  
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.