

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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**Reconciliation/confession** is held on Wednesday after mass from 7:00 until 8:00 or by appointment if you work and are unable to make this time. To book a time, email Fr. Henry or call the office.

## MASS INTENTIONS - November 21<sup>st</sup> –28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Sat. 4pm Special Intentions and Marie Irene Amirault

Sun. 9am Parishioners

Sun. 10am (Melbourne) All Fishermen

Sun. 11am Andrew Deveau and Henry Deveau

Wed. 6:30 pm Rosalin & Jarvis Saulnier and Jerry LeBlanc

**Thurs. 9am** Adele & Shirley Robicheau **and** Marguerite Thibault

Sat. 4pm Richard Thibeau and Eleanor Brooks

Sun. 9am Florence & Foreman Surette and Seretha MacIsaac

un. 10am (Melbourne) Olive DeViller

Sun. 11am Parishioners

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.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 6:30 pm 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 <a href="https://www.stambroseyarmouth.ca">www.stambroseyarmouth.ca</a> or go to our YouTube channel <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?">www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?</a> view=57

**REFLECTION:** The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of



the Universe: 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!

chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make his spirit, his devotion, his affections, his desires, and his disposition live and reign there. "St. John Eudes

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**FOOD BANK:** the weekend of December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.

<u>CATECHISM CLASSES:</u> Parents have been wondering what is going on with "Sunday school". We are delaying classes until January 9th because of COVID. Registration will take place during the month of November. Please stop by the parish office during office hours to register.

**LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS:** The yearly missals



are available for \$6.00. Advent Reflection booklets are available for \$2.00 and the Word Among us Missals are available for \$3.00.

<u>CATHOLIC</u> <u>WOMEN'SLEAGUE</u> <u>NEWS:</u> CWL members can pay their dues by way of the church collection. Enclose in a plain envelope with CWL marked on the outside, and your information along with \$22.00 inside.

The December meeting will be held on Saturday, December 4th at 1pm. Members are asked to bring homemade cookies that will be used to make Christmas boxes for our sick and shut ins. A small social will also take place during this time.

<u>OFFICE CLOSED:</u> The Parish office will be closed for Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021. You may leave a message on the office answering system and we'll get back to you the next day.

MASS TIME CHANGES: Please note that the Wednesday morning mass at 9am has been changed to Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm followed by Adoration and reconciliation from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. We will also add a Thursday morning mass at 9am.



Please welcome into our Christian community -Louise Kay Rodda who was baptised on Sunday November 14, 2021.

Please keep Louise and her family in your prayers.