



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

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**Reconciliation/confession** is available by appointment only at this time please call the office or email Fr. Henry directly for an appointment.

**MASS INTENTIONS---March 20<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Mar.27</b>	<b>4pm</b>	Sharon Boudreau and Andrew Deveau
	<b>Mar .28</b>	<b>9am</b>	Gary d'Eon and Deacon Finlay Chisholm
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mar.28</b>	<b>10am (Melbourne)</b>	Anniv. Robert Doucette
	<b>Mar.28</b>	<b>11am</b>	Parishioners
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Mar. 24</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Llyod Hemeon and Marilyn Doucette
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>April 2</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>April 3</b>	<b>8pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>April 4</b>	<b>8am</b>	Special Intentions
	<b>April 4</b>	<b>9:30</b>	Special Intentions
	<b>April 4</b>	<b>10am (Melbourne)</b>	Cecil Fitzgerald
	<b>April 4</b>	<b>11am</b>	Special Intentions

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.


**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be having Stations of the Cross at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral at 6:30pm. This last week will be led by the confirmation class. We will be following safety protocols so it will be a first come first served basis. Please note we will



record the first week and it will be available on our website for the duration of Lent.

**LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE:** We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am 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 [www.stambroseyarmouth.ca](http://www.stambroseyarmouth.ca) or go to our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57](http://www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57)

**EMAIL TRANSFERS:** are available. Please send to [stambrosemail@gmail.com](mailto:stambrosemail@gmail.com) Please add your envelope number or personal information for income tax purposes.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** The crucifix does not signify defeat or failure. It does reveal to us the love that overcomes evil and sin.  
 ~Pope Francis

**REFLECTION: Anointing the Feet of Jesus**  
 Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. [John 12:3](#)  
 What a humble and beautiful act of love toward Jesus. This perfume was worth 300 days' wages. That's a lot of money! It's interesting to note that Judas objected to this act by claiming that he thought it should have been sold and the money given to the poor. But the Gospel states clearly that Judas was really only interested in the money himself since he used to steal from the money bag. Of even greater note is Jesus' response to Judas. Jesus rebukes Judas and states, "Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." If anyone else would have said this it would have sounded self-centered. But it was Jesus who said it and He was perfectly selfless in His love. So, what was this all about? It was about the fact that Jesus knew what Mary needed. And in saying what He did, He revealed what each one of us needs. We need to worship Him, honor Him and make Him the center of our lives. We need to

humble ourselves before Him and serve Him. Not because He needs us to treat Him this way, but because we need to treat Him this way. Honoring Him in our humility and love is what we need to do for our own holiness and happiness. Jesus knew this, so He honored Mary for this act of love. This story invites us to do the same. It invites us to look to Jesus and to make Him the center of our adoration and love. It invites us to willingly pour out all our labor for Him (symbolized by the perfume worth 300 days' wages). Nothing is too costly for Jesus. Nothing is worth more than an act of our worship. Worship of God is right to do. Most importantly, it's an act that will transform you into the person you were made to be. You were made for worship and adoration of God and this is accomplished when you humbly honor our Lord with your whole self. Reflect, today, upon the depth of your own adoration of our Lord. Are you willing to "spill" your whole livelihood upon Him? Is He worth more to you than 300 days' wages? Is He the most central part of your life? Do you daily humble yourself before Him and pour out your heart to Him in prayer? Reflect upon this humble act of worship that Mary offers Jesus and seek to imitate her beautiful example. *Lord, may I follow the example of this holy woman, Mary. Help me to humble myself before You and honor You with my whole life. Dear Lord, nothing in life is more important than You and my total adoration of You. Draw me in, dear Lord, humble me before Your glory and help me to love and worship You with my whole being. Jesus, I trust in You. – My Catholic Life*

**FOOD BANK:** Next weekend April 3<sup>rd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Someone will be on hand before all the masses to receive your donations. Thank you!

**CANDLES IN THE CHURCH:** Many have been asking if they are able to light candles in the church. Due to COVID 19 we are trying to minimize traffic and contact in the church so we have not been lighting them. If you wish to have candles lit you can place the payment with the number of candles you want to




have lit in an envelope. It can be dropped off to the parish office or placed in the collection basket and on each Friday we will light them for you.

**ST. AMBROSE EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:**  
 Below is the schedule for Holy Week from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.  
**Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30**  
**Good Friday Service: April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm**  
**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00pm**  
**Easter Sunday Masses: April 4 at 8:00 am, 9:30am, and 11:00am**  
 Please note that this is not a regular weekend on the mass schedule, you need to call in if you want to attend one of them. Because of the COVID restrictions placed on us, you can attend just one of these celebrations and we have to once more limit attendance to those who are now registered for weekends. To Register, call St. Ambrose office (902-742-7151) Please note: Everything will be Live Streamed on our website so please join us if you cannot be there in person.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Because of COVID, once again there is no scheduled confession service for lent. But don't let this stop you from going to Confession. You can call the office or send an email to me (Fr. Henry) to set up a time for us to meet, or you can ask to go to confession with one of the other priests (Fr. Pat or Fr. Wieslaw) who are often around.





Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
 J. Lester Harris  
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.