



May 24th, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

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MASS INTENTIONS – May 23rd – 31st 2026

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Anniversary Nelson Blanchard
Sun. 11:15 am Jean Edward Cottreau
Tues. 6:30 pm Lisa Hatt
Wed. 6:30 pm Anniversary Laura Letteney
Thurs. 9 am Dan Hockley
Fri. 9 am Special Intentions
Sat. 4 pm Llyod Emin
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Carrie Cottreau

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am May 24 Jennie Cottreau
Sun. 10 am May 31 Marion Pothier

REFLECTION: The Wind and Fire of Pentecost *Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."* Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, which took place fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead. Today's Gospel recounts Jesus' first appearance to the Apostles as a group—Thomas being absent—on the evening of the

Resurrection. During this appearance, Jesus conferred on them the authority to forgive sins, a power foundational to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This gift anticipates the fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when the Apostles were empowered to carry out their mission with boldness and divine strength. By breathing on the Apostles, Jesus recalls the creation account in Genesis, when God breathed life into Adam. Now Christ, the New Adam, breathes new life—the divine life of grace—into His Apostles. While this breathing conveys the Holy Spirit in an anticipatory manner, Pentecost represents the full bestowal of the Spirit upon the Church, sanctifying and empowering the Apostles and all disciples. Our knowledge of Pentecost comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke's continuation of his Gospel in which he details the beginning of the Church: "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them". When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles at Pentecost, there were physical manifestations. God often accompanies significant biblical actions with visible signs to reveal the invisible reality of His presence and activity. Though the transforming reality of Pentecost was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the accompanying signs teach us about the Spirit's nature and work. The "strong driving wind" that "filled the entire house" symbolizes the ongoing, life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit. Like the wind, the Spirit is unseen yet powerful, moving where He wills and producing visible effects in the lives of believers. Though we understand the natural causes of wind today, its mystery and uncontrollable nature remain, reflecting the Holy Spirit's divine origin and unstoppable work in the world. He comes from God's hidden presence, unseen but active, bringing about a new creation in the Church and in every soul He touches. The "tongues as of fire" signify the Spirit's purifying and transforming action, burning away sin and igniting hearts with zeal for God's mission. Together, these signs reveal the Spirit as the powerful, life-giving, and sanctifying presence of God, animating the Church and guiding her to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Before Pentecost, the disciples hid in the Upper

Room, fearful and uncertain. Though Jesus had taught them, performed miracles, and revealed His perfect love, their hearts were not yet fully transformed. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came as a divine fire, emboldening them to become fearless witnesses. When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the same gift bestowed upon the disciples at Pentecost. We might not feel a strong driving wind or see tongues of fire descend from Heaven, but the reality is the same. The signs at Pentecost were not only for the disciples, they were also for us, revealing the Holy Spirit's workings and power in our lives. Reflect today on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Have you experienced the Spirit's presence in your life? Like the first disciples, have you allowed the Holy Spirit to fill you with power from on high, emboldening you, purifying you, and setting you on fire with zeal to fulfill the mission God has entrusted to you? The Holy Spirit will transform us—if we let Him—setting our feet on the path to eternal glory. -My Catholic Life

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: August 9th - 14th at



Johnston Christian Park, South Range, Digby County. \$225.00 early bird fee by June 30th. After this it will be \$250.00. It's for youth ages 10 to 14 and you can get a registration form at the Parish office or on the website. **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** If you are able and would like to make a contribution to help, send a youth to camp, please submit your donation into the collection at Mass (with pertinent information) or stop by the parish office.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP: We will be hosting a Praise



and Worship Evening on Wednesday May 27th 2026 with Jesse and Kathleen LeBlanc leading the event! There will be mass at 6:30 pm followed by Praise and Worship along with the usual Adoration and a chance for those who wish to participate in reconciliation. This is not only a youth event but an event for all ages. Please come out for an amazing experience.

PARKING LOT YARD SALE: On June 6th, 2026 8:00 am – 1:00pm, St. Ambrose will be holding Treasure In Your Trunk yard sale. Bring your used treasures and leave with some new ones. For \$10.00 a stall,

you can reserve a spot(s) to sell your treasures. Proceeds from stall fees will be allotted to the building fund. There will be hotdogs and drinks for sale as well. For more information or to reserve a spot call Donald MacIsaac at 902-774-1851.

ENVELOPE USERS: Would the persons using envelope number 107 and 182 please call the office to register? We are not able to give you an income tax receipt at the end of the year if it's not registered.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Knights of



Columbus Community Breakfast: Sunday May 31st at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. The profit will go to the St. Ambrose youth summer camp.

ULTREYA: Clausura/Invasion- 96th Yarmouth and



Area Women's Cursillo is being held this weekend May 21-24, 2026. All Cursillistas are invited to attend the Clausura, which will be held in the dining hall at St. Ambrose Parish Centre at 4:00pm on Sunday May 24th Please be reminded that we no longer have personal Palanca, but you are invited to send Palanca for the group candidates or the team. DeColores! **The Yarmouth and Area Thanksgiving Ultreya** will be held on Thursday, June 4th in Marian Hall at 7 pm. All Cursillistas are encouraged to attend to welcome the new Cursillistas. We hope to see you there. DeColores!



God's abundant blessings upon Neil Lucas Mullen and Michelle Bagsarsa Bayocot who were married on May 16th, 2026 at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

As you begin your married life together, may you trust and rely on God's Holy Presence for guidance, direction and strength.