



August 6th, 2023 Transfiguration of the Lord

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MASS INTENTIONS –August 5th–13th 2023

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Joseph L., Michael J. and Joseph W. Maloney
Sun. 11:15 am Lois Armstrong
Tues. 6:30 pm Larry Burke
Wed. 6:30 pm Deceased Members of the Ferguson Family
Thurs: 9 am Martha Domingo
Fri. 9 am Adeline Cook
Sat. 4 pm Sandy and Gene Keddy
Sun. 9 am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Anniv. Alyre Comeau

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sat. 6 pm August 5 Arthur Muise
Sat. 6 pm August 12 Special Intentions

REFLECTION: **Transfiguration of the Lord** After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one

for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." All three of the Synoptic Gospels record the event of the Lord's Transfiguration. Just prior to the Transfiguration, all three Gospels also record Jesus' trip to Caesarea Philippi with His disciples, located about thirty miles north of the Sea of Galilee. Caesarea Philippi was a primarily pagan Greek town occupied by the Romans. The Greek god Pan was worshiped there in a cave thought to be bottomless and often referred to as the gate to the netherworld because of its association with the pagan god. It was there that Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was. Peter declared, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus then blessed Peter and announced His intent to build His Church upon Peter, declaring that "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail again.

After this significant exchange, Jesus began revealing to His disciples His impending fate—His journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Peter resisted this revelation, to which Jesus responded sternly, correcting Peter's human thinking with divine wisdom. This is the context of the Feast of the Transfiguration we celebrate today. First, Jesus proclaimed the triumph of His Church over evil. Second, He informed them that this victory would be achieved through His own suffering and death. Although the first message is encouraging, the second one is challenging to accept. According to the Gospels, Jesus allowed His disciples about a week to grapple with these teachings, a period that must have been tough for them. Understanding their struggle, Jesus took His three closest companions, Peter, James, and John, up a high mountain. There He was transfigured before them, radiating pure white light, conversing with Moses and Elijah, and being affirmed in His identity by the Father. This event was likely meant to reinforce His disciples' faith after a week of pondering Jesus' foretold suffering and death, along with His exhortation that they must follow Him. The Transfiguration affirmed Jesus' divinity and His relationship with the revered figures of Moses and Elijah. Furthermore, the Father in Heaven confirmed Jesus as His divine Son with whom He

was well pleased. After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, these three Apostles shared their experience of the Transfiguration, fortifying others in the faith. This story is still shared today to strengthen us as we bear our own crosses. The Feast of the Transfiguration is strategically placed forty days before the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. Thus, the Transfiguration should be seen as a preparation for both the Cross of Christ and our participation in that triumph. According to the Gospel, we are called to take up our crosses and follow Jesus for the glory of the Father, the fulfillment of His will, and the good of the Church, which will always prevail against the gates of hell. As you celebrate the Transfiguration today, look at this event as a foretaste of the reward awaiting you, and a source of encouragement to endure all sufferings for the final victory of Christ. The Christian life, as stated by Jesus Himself, is about suffering and dying out of love and with unwavering hope. By uniting our trials with Christ's Cross, we share in His glorious victory for all eternity. -My Catholic Life.

FRIENDS OF MARY: The Friends of Mary are collecting greeting cards for Yarmouth Life Skills. They use the cards to make gift tags. You can help by saving your cards. We will collect them a few times a year. Look for a notice in the fall for our first collecting date.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Are you a non-Catholic interested in the Catholic faith? Are you thinking you might want to become Catholic? Are you a Catholic adult who never celebrated your 1st Communion and/or Confirmation? Then RCIA is for you. RCIA will be starting this fall at St. Ambrose. If you are interested then please contact the office for a form you can fill out to sign up. Come and join us this fall!

FROM THE ARCHIVES: **St. Ambrose a 100 Years ago,** From Catholic Women's League Letter dated April 1923 to the Yarmouth Mayor and Town Council: "If at any time women are appointed to the Board of School Commissioners, the Yarmouth sub division of the Catholic Women's League would ask that it might be represented, as four sevenths

of the population of the Town are Catholics Therefore the following names are respectfully submitted: Mrs. J Rene Comeau, Mrs. C J O Hanley Jr., Mrs. A E Geele."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday August 8th, all members invited
6:00pm executive meeting, 7:30pm
general meeting

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Anyone who seeks the truth seeks God whether or not the realize it.
-St. Teresa Benedicta of the cross



ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be held August 3rd 2023 at Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!



FOOD BANK: This weekend, August 5th- 6th, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be on hand before all the masses to receive the donations.



COFFEE SOCIALS: are being held after all the masses the weekend of August 19th and 20th in the Jubilee Room. Come join us for a cup.



THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for organizing and supplying the food for our parish picnic. It was a fun day! This has become an annual event. If you missed it this year, please think about joining us next year. Fr. Henry

FR. HENRY GONE THIS WEEKEND: If you are wondering where I am this weekend, I am celebrating masses in Digby, Annapolis Royal and Weymouth for the priest who is away in that area. I will see you next weekend. Fr. Henry

OFFICE HOURS: The office and church will be closed on Monday August 7th in observance of the Natal day holiday. The office will also be closed Monday August 14th and Friday August 18th for staff to attend the Catholic Summer Camp. It will be opened Tuesday to Thursday for regular hours of operation.