



**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary  
Time  
September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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**Reconciliation/confession** is available every Saturday 11 am-noon at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

**MASS INTENTIONS September 19<sup>th</sup> –September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Sat. 4pm Parishioners**  
**Sun. 10:00am (Melbourne) No Mass**  
**10:00am** Intentions of Sister Evangeline Poirier and Stanley Comeau  
**Wed. 9am** Intentions of Carol & Kerry Bourque and the residents & staff of 55 Forest Street  
**Sat. 4pm** William Edward Deveau and Elsie Deveau  
**Sun. 10:00am (Melbourne) Geraldine Pothier**  
**10:00am Parishioners**

Please note we will no 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.

**FOOD BANK:** October 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.



**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** How many people are hidden martyrs for Christ each day, confessing the Lord Jesus with their deeds!  
-St. Ambrose



**MASS SIGNUP:** If you would like to attend mass, we ask you to please call the parish office between the hours of 9:30 to 1:00 Monday to Friday to register. With social distancing in place we will be using a lottery system to choose who will attend the mass each weekend. Wednesday masses will be a first come first served for the time being., if it becomes necessary to do the lottery then we will implement it at that time.

**LIVE MASS WITH FR. HENRY:** I (Fr. Henry) do a live mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am and this Sunday at 10:00am and the following Saturday at 4:00pm (unless there are technical difficulties and then it will be put on after it has been recorded.). The masses will be streamed live from St. Ambrose Church. If you want to watch, go to our web site at [www.stambroseyarmouth.ca](http://www.stambroseyarmouth.ca) or go to my YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/channel/UC1CwQV-c8xpu57fbCsu0fLg/videos?view=57&flow=grid](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1CwQV-c8xpu57fbCsu0fLg/videos?view=57&flow=grid) (Copy and paste this link into your web browser if you would like to follow along.)

**EMAIL TRANSFERS:** are now available please send to [stambrosemail@gmail.com](mailto:stambrosemail@gmail.com) please add your envelope number in the message box if you have one or a mailing address for an income tax receipt.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH:** for parishioners who had regularly attended and if you haven't received a call, contact Alice at 902-663-2386 or Betty at 902-742-4965. Please note there will be no Mass on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?** *Are you a non-Catholic interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith? Are you a Catholic adult who has never celebrated 1st Communion and/or Confirmation? Are you a Catholic wishing to update your faith?* If you answered "yes" to any one of these questions, then maybe RCIA is for you. Interested in finding out more? Phone the Parish Office at 902-742-7151.



**REFLECTIONS: It's Never Too Late** "Going out about five o'clock, he found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired

us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'" [Matthew 20:6-7](#)  
This passage reveals the fifth time in one day that the owner of the vineyard went out and hired more workers. Each time he found people idle and hired them on the spot, sending them to the vineyard. We know the end of the story. Those who were hired late in the day, at five o'clock, were paid the same wage as those who worked all day long.

One lesson we can take from this parable is that God is exceptionally generous and it is never too late to turn to Him in our need. Too often, when it comes to our life of faith, we sit around "idle all day." In other words, we can easily go through the motions of having a faith life but fail to actually embrace the daily work of building up our relationship with our Lord. It's much easier to have an idle faith life than one which is active and transforming.

We should hear, in this passage, an invitation from Jesus to *get to work*, so to speak. One challenge that many face is that they have spent years living an idle faith and do not know how to change that. If that is you, this passage is for you. It reveals that God is merciful to the end. He never shies away from bestowing His riches on us no matter how long we have been away from Him and no matter how far we have fallen.

Reflect, today, upon the level of commitment with which you are living your faith. Be honest and reflect upon whether you are more idle or hard at work. If you are hard at work, be grateful and remain committed without hesitation. If you are idle, today is the day our Lord invites you to make a change. Make that change, get to work, and know that our Lord's generosity is great.

*Lord, help me to increase my commitment to living my life of faith. Allow me to hear Your gentle invitation to enter into Your Vineyard of grace. I thank You for Your generosity and seek to receive this freely given gift of Your mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**CATECHISM CLASSES:** Please note we will not be having in person classes for the 2020-2021 school year. We will have programs available for pick up at the church office for you to follow for this year. For those who are due to make their First reconciliation

or First Holy Communion we will send links for preparation. **If your child is receiving First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation and you have not received an email please call the office to register.**

**CONFIRMATION:** The grade 9 Confirmation classes will take place online via Zoom for 2021. If you are planning to participate in the classes please call the office to register. More information will be sent out at a later date.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:00pm general meeting. Please note there will be no supper at this time.



Please welcome into our Christian community  
Tanner Aubrey Martin and Lennox Lee Ann  
MacDonald  
who were baptised on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>,  
2020.  
Please keep Tanner, Lennox and their families in  
your prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and  
friends of  
Ryan Joseph Saulnier  
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual  
light shine upon him.