



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 26th & 27th, 2020

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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 September 26th –October 4th, 2020

Sat. 4pm William Edward Deveau and Elsie Deveau
Sun. 10:00am (Melbourne) Geraldine Pothier
10:00am Parishioners
Wed. 9am Gladys Cottreau and Wally Hubbard
Sat. 4pm Parishioners
Sun. 10:00am (Melbourne) Daniel Saulnier
10:00am Odette Nickerson and Jamie McDonnell

Please note we will no be carrying the gifts for the offertory until further notice.

FOOD BANK: Next weekend October 3rd & 4th is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: If God is the centre of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts.
 ~St. Vincent de Paul



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 Saturday at 4:00pm and the following Sunday at 10:00am (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.stambroseymouth.ca or go to my YouTube channel 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 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 20th.



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: Overcoming Obstnacy
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." [Matthew 21:31c-32](#)

These words of Jesus are spoken to the chief priests and elders of the people. They are very direct and condemning words. They are also words spoken so as to awaken the consciences of these religious leaders.

These religious leaders were full of pride and self-righteousness. They held to their own opinions and their opinions were wrong. Their pride kept them from discovering the simple truths that tax collectors and prostitutes were discovering. For that reason, Jesus makes it clear that tax collectors and prostitutes were on the path to holiness whereas these religious leaders were not. This would have been hard for them to accept.

In which category do you find yourself? Sometimes, those who are considered "religious" or "pious" struggle with a similar pride and judgmentalness as the chief priests and elders of Jesus' time. This is a dangerous sin because it leads a person into much obstnacy. It is for this reason that Jesus was so direct and so harsh. He was attempting to break them free from their obstnacy and prideful ways.

The most important lesson we can take from this passage is to seek the humility, openness and genuineness of the tax collectors and prostitutes. They were praised by our Lord because they could see and accept the honest truth. Sure, they were sinners, but God can forgive sin when we are aware of our sin. If we are not willing to see our sin, then it's impossible for God's grace to enter in and heal.

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to seeing the truth of God and, especially, to seeing your own fallen and sinful state. Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God, admitting your faults and failures. Embracing this level of humility will open the doors of God's mercy toward you.

Lord, help me to always humble myself before You. When pride and self-righteousness enter in,

help me to hear Your strong words and to repent of my obstinate ways. I am a sinner, dear Lord. I beg for Your perfect 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 13th, 2020 all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:00pm general meeting. Please note there will be no supper at this time.



OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the church office will be closed for the next three Mondays September 28th, October 5th and the 12th and the next two Fridays October 2nd and 9th. This is to accommodate vacation and holidays. We will however be open Tuesday to Thursday each week for regular hours of operation.

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS



LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS: The Living Faith prayer booklets for October, November and December are now available for pick up at the church office. The price is \$2.00. We also have the monthly Word Among Us missals available for \$3.00. The Living With Christ Yearly Missals for 2020-2021 will be available for sale starting Tuesday October 13th for \$5.00 each. Those who ordered will be honored first. The extras ordered will be available on a first come first served basis for those who may have forgotten to order.

