



27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 3rd & 4th, 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 October 3rd –October 11th, 2020

Sat. October 3 4pm Parishioners
Sun. October 4 10:00am (Melbourne) NO MASS
 10:00am Odette Nickerson and Jamie McDonnell

Wed. October 7 9am Petronella Muise and Victor Doucette

Sat. October 10 4pm Jane R. Muise and Delmer Muise
Sun. October 11 10:00am (Melbourne) NO MASS
 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: This 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: Since God often sends us his inspirations by means of his angels, we ought frequently to offer him our aspirations through the same channel. Call on them and honour them frequently, ask their help in all your affairs, temporal as well as spiritual. ~ St Francis de Sales

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 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 in October except for Sunday October 18.

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: The Reality of Evil Intent
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
 "Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him." [Matthew 21:37-39](#) This passage from the Parable of the Tenants is shocking. If it were to have happened in real life, the father who sent his son to the vineyard to collect the produce would have been shocked beyond belief at the fact that the evil tenants killed even his son. Of course, had he known this would have happened, he would never have sent his son into this evil situation. This passage, in part, reveals the difference between rational thinking and irrational thinking. The father sent his son because he presumed that the tenants would be rational. He presumed a basic respect would be offered, but instead came face to face with evil. Being confronted with extreme irrationality, which is grounded in evil, can be shocking, despairing, frightening and confusing. But it's important that we not fall into any of these. Instead, we must strive to be prudent enough to discern evil when we encounter it. Had the father in this story been more discerning of the evil he was dealing with, he would not have sent his son. So, it is with us. At times, we must be ready to name evil for what it is rather than attempt to confront it with rationality. Evil is not rational. It can not be reasoned with or negotiated with. It simply must be opposed and opposed with much force. That's why Jesus concludes this parable saying, "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death" ([Matthew 21:40-41](#)). Reflect, today, upon any situation in which you find yourself where you come face to face with evil. Learn from this parable that there are many times in life where rationality wins out. But there are some times when the powerful wrath of God is the only answer. When evil is "pure" it must be confronted in a direct way with the strength and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Seek to discern between the two and don't be afraid to name evil for what it is when it is present. *Lord, give me wisdom and discernment. Help me to seek rational resolutions*

with those who are open. Give me also the courage I need to be strong and forceful with Your grace when it is Your will. I give my life to You, dear Lord, use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You.


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 two Mondays October 5th and the 12th and next Friday October 9th. This is to accommodate vacation and holidays. We will however be open Tuesday to Thursday next week for regular hours of operation.

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.



Please welcome into our Christian community

Jasmine Aleia Muise

who were baptised on Sunday September 27th, 2020.

Please keep Jasmine and her family in your prayers.